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## BILL.

An Act to define the jurisdiction of Justices in  
General and Quarter Sessions.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the powers of Jus- Preamble.  
tices in General and Quarter Sessions of the  
Peace, with respect to the trial of offences, be better  
defined: Be it therefore enacted, &c.,

5 That after the time when this Act shall come into force, Justices of the  
the Justices of the Peace acting in and for any District Peace and  
County or Union of Counties in this Province, or the Recorder's  
Recorder's Court of any City, shall not, at any Session Courts not to  
of the Peace, or of such Recorder's Court, or at any ad- offences.  
10 journment thereof, try any person or persons for any  
treason, murder, or capital felony, or for any felony which,  
when committed by a person not previously convicted of  
felony is punishable by imprisonment in the Penitentiary  
15 for a greater period than three years, or for any of the  
following offences, that is to say:

1. Misprision of treason ;
2. Offences against the Queen's title, prerogative,  
person, or Government, or against either House of Par-  
liament ;
- 20 3. Offences subject to the penalties of *præmunire* ;
4. Blasphemy, and offences against religion ;
5. Administering or taking unlawful oaths ;
6. Perjury, and subornation of perjury ;
7. Making or suborning any other person to make a  
25 false oath, affirmation, or declaration, punishable as per-  
jury, or as a misdemeanor ;
8. Forgery ;
9. Unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to crops of  
30 corn, grain, or pulse, or to any part of a wood, coppice,  
or plantation of trees, or to any heath, gorse, furze, or  
fern ;
10. Bigamy, and offences against the laws relating to  
marriage ;