

the Chief Justice of the Common or Civil Pleas shall not be vacant, and during any vacancy of the office of the said Chief Justice of the Common or Civil Pleas, such writs and process shall be tested in the name of the then senior Puisn es Justice of the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas, and that the said Chief Justice, when present in any division of the said Court of Common Pleas, shall preside therein.

VII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall be competent to the Justices of either division of the Court of Common or Civil Pleas, hereby erected, or the quorum thereof, in any case or cases which shall appear to them to be cases of importance and difficulty to state in writing, any question or questions of Law arising on such cases, and to require the opinions of the Justices of the other divisions to be given thereupon, and such Justices of such other divisions are hereby required, and shall be bound at all times to give and communicate their opinions, in writing, upon any and every such question or questions either as a collective body or as individual Judges, to the Justices of the division of the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas, requiring such opinions.

VIII. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Orders and Rules of Practice, and the forms of proceeding and process shall be the same in each of the said divisions of the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas hereby erected, and shall be made, established, and declared by the Justices of the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas, or any six or more of them, under their signatures; and such alterations as shall appear to be necessary or expedient to be made in any order or Rule of Practice, or in any form of proceeding or process, which shall be so made, established and declared, shall in like manner be made, established and declared by the Justices of the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas, or any six or more of them, under their signatures.

IX. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Sheriffs, Prothonotaries and all other the ministerial officers of the present Courts of King's Bench (the Clerk of the Crown excepted) from and after the passing of this Act, severally and respectively, and in their several and respective stations, shall become and be officers of the division of the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas, of and for the District in which they shall act as such officers as aforesaid, at the time of the passing of this Act, and in such divisions of the said Court of Common or Civil Pleas respectively, such officers and their successors in office shall severally and respectively have, hold and exercise the same offices, powers, authorities, rights, privileges and immunities, as at the time of the passing of this Act, they severally