

of Assize and Nisi Prius, or Oyer and Teminer or General Gaol Delivery, or other Court, it shall and may be lawful for the Court before whom such Prisoners shall be required to attend, in its discretion, to make order upon the Sheriff, Gaoler or other person having the custody of such Prisoner, to deliver such Prisoner to the person named in such order to receive him, which person shall thereupon instantly convey such Prisoner to the place where the Court issuing such order shall be sitting, there to receive and obey such further order as to the said Court shall seem meet; Provided always, That no Prisoner confined for any debt or damages in any civil suit shall be thereby removed out of the District where he shall be confined.

be tried at
Assizes.

Proviso.

XII. And be it enacted, That all persons, who, after the passing of this Act, shall be held to bail or committed to prison for any offence against the Law, shall be entitled to require and have on demand (from the person who shall have the lawful custody thereof and who is hereby required to deliver the same,) copies of the examinations of the witnesses, respectively, upon whose depositions they have been so held to bail, or committed to prison, on payment of a reasonable sum for the same, not exceeding three pence for each folio of one hundred words: Provided always, that if such demand shall not be made before the day appointed for the commencement of the Assize or Sessions at which the trial of the person on whose behalf such demand shall be made, is to take place, such person shall not be entitled to have any copy of such examination of witnesses unless the Judge or other person to preside at such trial, shall be of opinion that such copy may be made and delivered without delay or inconvenience to such trial, but it shall, nevertheless, be competent for such Judge or other person so to preside at such trial, if he shall think fit, to postpone such trial on account of such copy of the examination of witnesses not having been previously had by the party charged.

Prisoners entitled to copies of depositions against them.

See also 14 & 15 V. c. 96, s. 19.

XIII. And be it enacted, That all persons under trial shall be entitled, at the time of their trial, to inspect without fee or reward all depositions (or copies thereof) which have been taken against them, and returned into the Court before which such trial shall be had.

Persons under trial may inspect all depositions.

XIV. And be it enacted, That if any person, whatever, being arraigned upon any Indictment for Treason, Felony, or Piracy, shall plead thereto a plea of "not guilty," such person shall, by such plea, without any further form, be deemed to have put himself or herself upon the Country for trial, and the Court shall, in the usual manner, order a Jury for the trial of such person accordingly.

A plea of "not guilty" shall put the prisoner on his trial by Jury.

XV. And be it enacted, That if any person, being arraigned upon or charged with any Indictment or information for Treason, Felony, Piracy, or Misdemeanor, shall stand mute of malice, or will

If he refuse to plead, the Court may order a plea of