

AN ACT for the more effectual Administration of Justice in those Parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England and Ireland, by the issuing of Writs of *Habeas Corpus ad testificandum*, in certain cases.

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WHEREAS it is expedient, for the more effectual administration of justice in those parts of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England and Ireland, that further provisions should be made for the issuing of writs of *habeas corpus ad testificandum*, in certain cases:

It shall be lawful for any Judge of His Majesty's Courts of King's Bench or Common Pleas of England and Ireland respectively, or any Baron of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer of the Degree of the Coif in England, or any Baron of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer in Ireland, or any Justice of Oyer and Terminer or gaol-delivery, being such Judge or Baron as aforesaid, at his discretion, to award a writ or writs of *habeas corpus* for bringing any prisoner or prisoners detained in any gaol or prison before any of the said Courts, or any sitting of Nisi Prius, or before any other Court of Record in the said parts of the said United Kingdom, to be there examined as a witness or witnesses, and to testify the truth before such Courts, or any grand, petit, or other jury, in any cause or causes, matter or matters, civil or criminal, whatsoever, which now are or hereafter shall be depending or to be inquired into or determined in any of the said Courts.

Any Judge of the superior Courts in England or Ireland may award writs of *habeas corpus* for bringing prisoners before Courts of Record to be examined as witnesses.