

XVIII. And to the Intent no Person may avoid his Trial at the Assizes, or general Gaol Delivery, by procuring his Removal before the Assizes at such time as he cannot be brought back to receive his Trial there; (2.) Be it enacted, That after the Assizes proclaimed for that County where the Prisoner is detained, no Person shall be removed from the common Gaol upon any Habeas Corpus granted in pursuance of this Act, but upon any such Habeas Corpus, shall be brought before the Judge of Assize in open Court, who is thereupon to do what to Justice shall appertain.

XIX. Provided nevertheless, That after the Assizes are ended, any Person or Persons detained may have his or her Habeas Corpus, according to the Direction and Intention of this Act.

XX. And be it also enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Information, Suit, or Action, shall be brought or exhibited against any Person or Persons, for any Offence committed against the Form of this Law, it shall be lawful for such Defendants to plead the General Issue, that they are not Guilty, or that they owe Nothing, and to give such special Matter in Evidence to the Jury, that shall try the same, which Matter being pleaded, had been good and sufficient in Law to have discharged the said Defendant or Defendants against the said Information, Suit, or Action, and the said Matter shall then be as available to him or them, to all Intents and Purposes, as if he or they had sufficiently pleaded, set forth, or alleged the same Matter in Bar, or Discharge of such Information, Suit, or Action.

XXI. And because many times Persons charged with Petty-Treason or Felony, or as Accessories thereunto are committed upon Suspicion only, whereupon they are bailable or not, according as