

A BILL

To restrain repeated Hearings before Justices.

(Presented by DR. DOUGLASS, 24 October, 1860)

WHEREAS it is expedient to restrain the undue interference of Preamble.
Courts of Petty Sessions with the decisions of each other Be it
therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with
the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly
5 of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the
same as follows :—

1. Every matter of which a Court of Petty Sessions has cognizance Matters for Petty Sessions to be entered &c. in Court of District where matters arise.
shall be originated heard examined into and determined or otherwise
disposed of in some Court of Petty Sessions within the Police District in
10 which such matter arises and not in any Court of Petty Sessions in any
other District unless as hereinafter provided.

2. No Court of Petty Sessions nor any Justice or Justices of the Matters disposed of not cognizable by other Justices unless by authority of Attorney General.
Peace shall hear or inquire into any such matter as aforesaid after the
same shall have been inquired into and in some way disposed of by some
15 other Court of Petty Sessions except under an authority in writing under
the hand of the Attorney General.

3. Every Clerk of Petty Sessions upon any such matter being Clerk to give certificate that matter disposed of.
disposed of shall on demand by the defendant therein and on payment of
a fee of give to such defendant a certificate in writing under
20 his hand that such matter if the fact is so has been inquired into and
disposed of by the Court of which he is Clerk And such certificate shall
in any other Court of Petty Sessions be a bar to further inquiry respecting
the same matter except upon production of such authority as aforesaid
from the Attorney General.

25 4. It shall be lawful for the Attorney General upon any case laid Attorney General may give authority to re-hear.
before him accompanied by the proceedings or certified copies of the pro-
ceedings relating to any matter disposed of in any Court of Petty Sessions
to authorize in writing under his hand if he see fit to do so a further

inquiry into such matter in and by any other Court of Petty Sessions who may receive further and other evidence subject to the effect of its comparison with the depositions taken on the first hearing.

Penalties on violation of Act.

5. Any person commencing proceedings in any matter in any Court of Petty Sessions after disposal of such matter in any other such Court without such authority as aforesaid shall be liable to a penalty of one hundred pounds recoverable by any person who shall sue for the same in the District Court of the District in which such matter shall have arisen. 5

Short Title.

6. This Act shall be styled and may be cited as the "Justices " Re-hearings Restraining Act of 1860."

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