

Law, 91; see *Evans v. Rees*, 12 A. & E. 55. In *Ex-parte Williams*, 13 Price, 693, the Court refused to relieve an infant of sixteen years of age, who had entered into a recognizance to prosecute on a criminal charge. And in 1 Harrison's Dig. 2163, it is said to be the practice in some counties, where a child is a witness and has no one to enter into a recognizance for his appearance, for the constable or police officer to enter into the recognizance and to take the child to the assizes, he being allowed all expenses, &c., and \*in a case where the child was taken away and the constable 374 could not bring her to the assizes, the judge respited the constable's recognizance that he might bring the child to the next assizes. In a note to this Statute, Sir W. D. Evans has some strong observations on the subject, and he mentions having read an account of Lord Kenyon expressing a decided opinion of the illegality of the practice of committing a *feme covert* or infant under such circumstances. It has been held, too, that a magistrate has no right to issue a warrant in the first instance for the apprehension of a person to attend to find bail for his appearance at Court as a witness, although he be a material witness, and has refused to obey a summons previously issued to give evidence before the justice, *Evans v. Rees supra*.

## STATUTES

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### CAP. X.

An Act to take Examination of Prisoners suspected of any Manslaughter or Felony.

Where in the last Parliament holden at *Westminster*, amongst other Things it was enacted, That such Justices of the Peace as have Authority to Bail any Prisoner brought before them for any Manslaughter or Felony, before any Bailment or Mainprise, should take the Examination of the said Prisoner, and Information of them that bring him, of the Fact and Circumstances thereof, and the same, or as much thereof as shall be material to prove the Felony, shall put in Writing before they make the same Bailment; (2) which said Examination, together with the said Bailment, the Justices shall certify at the next General Gaol-delivery to be holden within the