In the Subject Index, under CIRCUITS 1. Assizes and 2. Goods, will be found complete references respectively to all the Assize Commissions issuing for each of the six circuits, or for one or more counties in them; and to each Commission that issued for the delivery of a Gaol in the circuit. Similarly, references to all the Assize Commissions concerning a particular county and to all the Gaol Delivery Commissions concerning 'a particular Gaol will be found in the Index, respectively under the name of the county or the Gaol; the county entries cross-refer to all the Gaols in the county. The following Tables are designed to show only the salient details of circuit commissioners.

**Assizes.** The names of the commissioners are followed by the date of the Commission and (within brackets) its entry number in the Calendar. Cancelled and vacated Commissions are ignored; abortive Commissions are indicated in footnotes only where relevant. Commissions 'for one turn only' are indented and denoted by an asterisk (*); but 'one turn' Commissions for one or two counties only are ignored. The resultant tabulation gives broadly the commissioners who acted during the periods indicated; but where there were three or more in the commission, the names of those who in fact sat for the sessions of each county can be ascertained only from the assize rolls or files, and these sometimes make precision impossible by naming only one commissioner 'and his fellows'.

**Gaol Delivery.** There were, of course, no such instruments as circuit Gaol Delivery Commissions; but here, and in the Index, Commissions of even date to assize commissioners for delivery of a county Gaol in each county of the circuit are treated as 'circuit' Gaol Delivery Commissions. Their date (and entry number in the present Calendar) follows the details of the relative Assize Commission. When Gaol Delivery Commissions issued to the assize commissioners for one or more of the county gaols at different dates, the entry numbers only of such Commissions are given (within brackets) after the relative Assize Commission: unless such Commissions issued within a few days of each other, when the boundary dates are given.

It is not possible to codify succinctly and circuit-wise all the Commissions for the delivery of county Gaols in which justices of the peace, and perhaps colleagues from other circuits, were joined with one or more of the circuit assize commissioners; nor the many Commissions for minor Gaols, some of which, like a few for county Gaols, did not include a circuit assize commissioner. Many things helped to make the pattern of Gaol Delivery Commissions much less neat than that of Assizes; and both the number and sort of persons commissioned are often not closely related to those who actually sat.