The primary research question that this thesis is concerned with is whether or not London can be accepted as being significantly statistically different from other areas in the United Kingdom, specifically Surrey and Sussex. It is the case, based on available data from John Beattie in *Crime and the Courts in England 1660-1800* and from the *Proceedings of the Old Bailey Online*, that in the majority of circumstances the data shows no distinction need be made whether a case was heard at the Old Bailey or in one of the Surrey and Sussex Quarter Sessions/Assizes. There are, however, certain exceptions which must be explored in which the data reveals serious discrepancies with the ways that individuals were handled or how the cases were resolved.