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An Act to extend the Powers of an Act, passed in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the better securing to Constables and others the Expences of conveying Offenders to Gaol, and for allowing the Charges of Poor Persons bound to give Evidence against Felons*; and for allowing to High Constables, in that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, their Charges in certain Cases. [27th *June* 1801.]

WHEREAS by an Act made in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, *An Act for the better securing to Constables and others the Expences of conveying Offenders to Gaol, and for allowing the Charges of poor Persons bound to give Evidence against Felons*, it is enacted, That when any Person, not having Goods or Money within the County where he is taken, sufficient to bear the Charges of himself and of those who convey him, is committed to Gaol or the House of Correction, by Warrant from any Justice or Justices of the Peace, then on Application by any Constable or other Officer who conveyed him to any Justice of the Peace (Preamble. 27 Geo II, Cap. 3.)

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for the ſame County or Place, he ſhall upon Oath examine into and aſcertain the reaſonable Expences to be allowed ſuch Conſtable or other Officer, and ſhall forthwith without Fee or Reward, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, order the Treaſurer of the County or Place to pay the ſame, which the ſaid Treaſurer is hereby required to do as ſoon as he received ſuch Warrant; and any Sum ſo paid ſhall be allowed in his Accounts: And whereas it is expedient, in certain Caſes, that Conſtables ſpecially appointed by Juſtices of the Peace to execute any Warrant or Warrants, ſhould be paid the reaſonable Charges and Expences incurred by them, as well in reſpect of ſearching for and apprehending Offenders, as in conveying ſuch Offenders to Gaol: And whereas it is alſo expedient that High Conſtables ſhould, in certain Caſes, be allowed the extraordinary Charges and Expences by them incurred; may it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted and declared by the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That, from and after the paſſing of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Two Juſtices of the Peace for any County, City, Diviſion, Riding, or Place, within that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, when any Perſon or Perſons ſhall have been nominated or appointed a ſpecial Conſtable or ſpecial Conſtables, for the Purpoſe of executing any Warrant or Warrants in any Caſe or Caſes of Felony, to order, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands, ſuch proper Allowances to be made to ſuch ſpecial Conſtable or ſpecial Conſtables, for his or their Expences, Trouble, and Loſs of Time in executing or endeavouring to execute ſuch Warrant or Warrants, as to him or them ſhall ſeem reaſonable and neceſſary; which Orders ſhall be afterwards laid before and ſubmitted, on the Oath of ſuch Special Conſtable or Conſtables, to the Conſideration of the Juſtices aſſembled at the next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for ſuch County, City, Diviſion, Riding, or Place, as the Caſe may be; and the Juſtices ſo aſſembled at ſuch General Quarter Seſſions may allow or diſallow the Whole or any Part or Parts of ſuch Allowances ſo ordered by ſuch Juſtices iſſuing ſuch Warrant or Warrants, and ſhall and may thereupon then order and direct the Treaſurer for ſuch County, City, Diviſion, Riding, or Place, to pay ſuch Sum or Sums of Money to ſuch Special Conſtable or Special Conſtables, as to the ſaid Juſtices ſo aſſembled ſhall ſeem reaſonable and neceſſary; and ſuch Treaſurer ſhall, and he is hereby authorized and required forthwith to pay the Sum and Sums of Money ſo ordered and directed to be paid to the Perſon or Perſons empowered to receive the ſame; and ſuch Treaſurer ſhall be allowed the ſame in his Accounts.

When Special Conſtables ſhall be appointed in *England* to execute Warrants in Caſes of Felony, Two Juſtices may order proper Allowances to be made for their Expences and Loſs of Time, which Order ſhall be ſubmitted to Quarter Seſſions.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Two Juſtices of the Peace within their reſpective Juriſdictions, to order and direct, by any Writing or Writings under their Hands, ſuch reaſonable and neceſſary Allowances to be made to any High Conſtable or High Conſtables for any County, City, Diviſion, Riding, Hundred, or Place, within that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, for any extraordinary Expences incurred by him or them in the Execution of their reſpective Duties, in any Caſe or Caſes of Tumult, Riot, or Felony; and ſuch Orders ſhall be laid before and ſubmitted, on the Oath of ſuch

Two Juſtices in like Manner may order Allowances to be made to High Conſtables for extraordinary Expences incurred in the Execution of their Duties in Caſes of Riot or Felony, *etc.*

ſuch High Conſtable or Conſtables, to the Conſideration of the Juſtices aſſembled at the next General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for ſuch County, City, Diviſion, Riding, or Place, as the ſame may be; and the Juſtices ſo aſſembled at ſuch General Quarter Seſſions may allow or diſallow the Whole or any Part or Parts of ſuch Allowance ſo ordered, and ſhall and may then order and direct the Treaſurer for ſuch County, City, Diviſion, Riding, or Place, to pay ſuch Sum or Sums of Money to ſuch High Conſtable or High Conſtables as to the ſaid Juſtices ſo aſſembled ſhall ſeem reaſonable; and ſuch Treaſurer ſhall, and he is hereby authorized and required forthwith to pay the Sum or Sums of Money ſo ordered and directed to be paid, to the Perſon or Perſons empowered to receive the ſame; and ſuch Treaſurer ſhall be allowed the ſame in his Accounts.

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