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An Act to alter the Distribution of the Constabulary Force in *Ireland*, and to make better Provision for the Police Force in the Borough of *Belfast*.

[29th *June* 1865.]

WHEREAS the Lords Justices of *Ireland* did, on the Third Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, issue their Warrant to certain Commissioners, directing them to hold a Court of Inquiry at *Belfast*, and to report upon the existing local Arrangements for the Preservation of the Peace of that Borough, the Magisterial Jurisdiction exercised within it, and the Amount and Constitution and Efficiency of the Police Force usually available there, and other Matters relating thereto: And whereas the said Commissioners, having duly inquired into the said several Matters as directed by the said Warrant, have made their Report thereon, dated the Eighth Day of *March* last: And whereas it is expedient to provide for the more effectual Preservation of the Peace of the said Borough, and to alter the Distribution of the Constabulary Force now maintained in the several Counties and Towns in *Ireland*, and for that Purpose to amend an Act passed in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Seventeen, intituled *An Act to amend the Act of the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of Her* 20 & 21 Vict. c. 17.

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Majesty, Chapter Seventy-two, so far as relates to the Distribution of the Constabulary Force in Ireland: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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, as follows:

Present Police Force in Belfast shall cease to exist.

1. From and after the Commencement of this Act, it shall not be lawful for the Town Council of the Borough of *Belfast* to appoint or maintain any Police Force; and all Persons who have been appointed Chief Constables, Inspectors, Constables, or other Officers of the said Force, shall cease to hold their Offices, and shall severally discontinue acting in such Offices accordingly; and the Constabulary Force in the Town of *Belfast* shall have and discharge all Powers and Duties now lawfully had and discharged by the Police Force of the Town.

Borough of Belfast constituted a distinct District.

2. The Municipal Borough of *Belfast* shall for the Purposes of this Act be constituted a distinct District, herein-after called the Town of *Belfast;* and all and every the Provisions of the several Acts relating to the Constabulary Force in *Ireland* shall apply to the said Town of *Belfast.*

Distribution of Constabulary.

3. Whereas it is expedient to alter the Distribution of the Constabulary Force in the several Counties and Towns in *Ireland,* and to allot to the Town of *Belfast* a just Proportion thereof: Be it therefore enacted, That the Schedule to this Act annexed, and the Distribution of the Constabulary Force therein provided, shall be substituted for the Schedule annexed to the Act of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Seventeen: Provided always, that the total Number of Constables and Sub-Constables to be distributed shall not exceed the Number fixed by the said recited Act, and that the Number allotted to the Town of *Belfast* shall not be less than One hundred and thirty Constables and Sub-Constables.

Lord Lieutenant to add any Number of Men, not exceeding 320, to the Constabulary Force of Belfast.

4. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant to add to the Constabulary Force which shall be allotted to the Town of *Belfast* under the Provisions of this Act any Number of Men, not exceeding Three hundred and twenty, which the Lord Lieutenant may think fit to provide for the more effectual Preservation of the Peace of the said Town, and such additional Number of Men, together with the One hundred and thirty herein-before mentioned, shall constitute the ordinary Constabulary Force of the said Town.

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As to Expenses of additional Force.

5. The Expense of the said additional Force, save as to the additional Pay herein-after mentioned, shall, in the first instance, be advanced and defrayed in like Manner as the Expense of the Force appointed under the Constabulary Acts is to be advanced and defrayed; One Moiety of the Monies so advanced shall be repaid by the Town Council of the Borough of *Belfast* by means of Rates, to be applotted and levied in the same Manner as the Monies hitherto raised and applied or which may be applicable in the said Town of *Belfast* to the Maintenance of a Police Force.

Inspector General shall transmit to Town Council of Belfast Half-yearly Accounts.

6. The Inspector General of Constabulary shall, with the Assistance of the Receiver, twice in each Year, ascertain the Amount of the Monies chargeable under the Provisions of this Act to the said Town of *Belfast*, and shall make out a Certificate thereof under his Hand, specifying the Force or Service in respect whereof such Charge may have been incurred, and transmit the same, when signed by the Receiver and approved and certified by the Chief or Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, to the Town Clerk of the Borough of *Belfast*, who shall lay the same forthwith before the Town Council, and thereupon the Town Council shall forthwith make and levy a Rate sufficient for the Payment thereof, and shall thereout, or out of any Monies in their Hands, pay the Amount mentioned in such Certificate to the Paymaster General's Department in *Ireland*.

Provision as to Officers of the Constabulary Force in Belfast, and their Salaries, &c.

7. The Officers of the Constabulary Force in the Town of *Belfast* shall consist of One Inspector, who shall rank as a County Inspector of Constabulary, and be called "the Inspector of Constabulary for the Town of *Belfast*," and Two or more Sub-Inspectors, who shall be provided from the Number of Sub-Inspectors mentioned in the Schedule annexed to the Act of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Seventeen. The Inspector shall be appointed in like Manner as Constabulary Officers now are, and his Salary shall be Four hundred Pounds a Year, and shall be wholly defrayed by the Town Council of the Borough, and shall be included in the Certificate to be furnished by the Inspector General of Constabulary, under the Sixth Section of this Act, and be raised and paid in the Manner therein directed.

Inspector General to appoint Constables for Night Watch, who shall receive extra Remuneration for Night Duty.

8. The Inspector General of Constabulary shall fix the Number of Men, not exceeding One hundred and fifty, who shall discharge the Duties of a Night Watch; and for each of the said One hundred and fifty Men there shall be charged the Sum of Sixpence *per Diem*, to be wholly defrayed by the Town Council of the Borough of *Belfast*, and such Sum shall be included by the Inspector

Inspector General of Constabulary in the Certificate to be furnished by him, under the Sixth Section of this Act, and shall be raised and paid in manner therein directed; and it shall be lawful for the said Inspector General, with the Approval of the Lord Lieutenant, to apply such Sum to remunerate the Constabulary Force stationed in *Belfast*, for discharging the Duties of a Night Watch.

Restrictions as to Age.

9. Notwithstanding any Regulations requiring Persons entering the Constabulary Force to be unmarried, or to be under a certain Age, the Inspector General of the Constabulary Force in *Ireland* shall admit into the said Force any Constable of the said Local Police Force whose Age shall not exceed Forty Years, and who, within One Calendar Month after such Notification in the "*Dublin Gazette*" as aforesaid, shall apply to be admitted, and who in other respects shall be eligible according to the said Regulations.

Superannuation, &c. of Constabulary.

10. It shall be lawful for the Council of the said Borough (if they shall so think fit) to grant to any Head Constable, Inspector, or Constable belonging to the present Police Force of said Borough, whose Office shall cease or become unnecessary by means of the Provisions of this Act, such an adequate Compensation, by way of yearly Allowance or other Gratuity, as shall to them seem just: Provided always, that any such Compensation shall be wholly charged on and defrayed by the local Funds which the said Council may have Authority to levy.

Provisions as to Rates applicable to Support of Police Establishment to continue in force.

11. The several Provisions of the Local Acts in force within the Borough relating to the Applotment, Levy, Collection, Recovery, and Receipts of Rates applicable wholly or in part to the Support of the Police Force and Establishment in the Police District of *Belfast* shall continue in force notwithstanding the passing of this Act.

This Act and Acts relating to Constabulary Force to be construed as One.

12. This Act and the several Acts now in force relating to the Constabulary Force in *Ireland* shall be construed as One Act, so far as is consistent with the Tenor hereof, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the Lord Lieutenant of any Power now vested in him in relation to the said Constabulary Force.

Interpretation of Terms.

13. The Expression "Lord Lieutenant" in this Act shall mean the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*.

Commencement of Act.

14. This Act shall come into operation from and after a Day to be fixed by the Lord Lieutenant, and notified in the "*Dublin Gazette*,"

Gazette," and not being less than Twenty-one Days after such Notification.

15. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as the "Constabulary (*Ireland*) Amendment Act, 1865." Short Title.

SCHEDULE.

County Inspectors	-	35
Sub-Inspectors	-	262
Head Constables	-	375

} For the whole of Ireland.

Counties and Ridings.	Constables and Sub-Constables.		Counties and Ridings.	Constables and Sub-Constables.	
Antrim	200		Limerick	387	
Armagh	175		Londonderry	120	
Carlow	140		Longford	191	
Cavan	290		Louth	188	
Clare	398		Mayo	347	
Cork—			Meath	284	
East Riding	454	748	Monaghan	175	
West Riding	294		Queen's	254	
Donegal	326		Roscommon	347	
Down	260		Sligo	201	
Dublin	231		Tipperary—		
Fermanagh	181		North Riding	320	784
Galway—			South Riding	464	
East Riding	329	657	Tyrone	210	
West Riding	328		Waterford	219	
Kerry	264		Westmeath	280	
Kildare	220		Wexford	270	
Kilkenny	355		Wicklow	199	
King's	309				
Leitrim	251		Total		9,461

Counties and Ridings	9,461
Cities and Towns—	
Belfast	130
Carrickfergus	10
Cork	100
Drogheda	40
Galway	65
Kilkenny	50
Limerick	80
Waterford	70
Total	10,006

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