always, that no such annual Allowance or Sum shall, in any Case, exceed Two Thirds of the annual Salary to which such Officer shall have been entitled at the Time of his Discharge as aforesaid: Provided further, that if any Officer for whom any such Compensation shall be presented shall at any Time afterwards be nominated or appointed to any Office or Employment in or relating to any of the Gaols of the County and Borough which shall be Parties to such Agreement, or of either of them, the Salary and Emolument of which Office or Employment shall be equal to or exceed the Amount of Salary and Emoluments of which such Officer was in receipt at the Time of his Discharge as aforesaid, then and in such Case the Compensation so hereby provided for every Person so nominated or appointed shall cease and determine from the Day of such Nomination or Appointment; and provided further, that if any such discharged Officer who shall be so nominated or appointed as aforesaid shall decline or refuse to accept such Office or Employment, his or her Compensation under this Act shall cease and determine.

CAP. LXIX.

An Act to render more effectual the Police in Counties and Boroughs in *England* and *Wales*. [21st *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Ninety-three), "for the Establishment of County and "District Constables by the Authority of Justices of the Peace," which Act was amended by an Act passed in the Session holden in the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-eight: And whereas a Police Force has been established under the Authority of the said Acts in several Counties and Parts of Counties in *England* and *Wales*: And whereas by the Act of the Session holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth (Chapter Seventy-six), "to provide for the Regulation of "Municipal Corporations in *England* and *Wales*," Provision is made for the Appointment of Constables in all Boroughs in *England* and *Wales* which are subject to that Act: And whereas, under the said secondly-mentioned Act, Power is given to Justices of Counties and Councils of Boroughs to agree for the Consolidation of the County and Borough Police Establishments: And whereas, for the more effectual Prevention and Detection of Crime, Suppression of Vagrancy, and Maintenance of good Order, it is expedient that further Provision should be made for securing an efficient Police Force throughout *England* and *Wales*:' 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:

2 & 3 Vict. c. 93.

3 & 4 Vict. c. 88.

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76.

Where a Constabulary is not already established for the whole of a County, the Justices in General or Quarter Sessions to cause the same to be established; if already established in Part of a County, then for the Residue of such County.

I. In every County in which a Constabulary has not been already established for the whole of such County under the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, or either of them, the Justices of such County at the General or Quarter Sessions holden next after the First Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, shall proceed to establish a sufficient Police Force for the whole of such County, or where a Constabulary is already established in Part of such County, then for the Residue of such County, and for that Purpose shall declare the Number of Constables they propose should be appointed, and the Rates of Pay which it would be expedient to pay to the Chief and other Constables, and shall report such their Proceedings to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and upon the Receipt from the Secretary of State of such Rules as are mentioned in Section Three of the said Act of the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty, all the Provisions of the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty shall take effect and be applicable in relation to such County, in like Manner as by the said Acts provided, upon the Adoption of such Acts for any County by the Justices thereof, and the Receipt of such Rules as aforesaid from the Secretary of State, subject nevertheless to the Amendments contained in this Act.

Not to apply to Counties where Parties have sent to Secretary of State a Report as required by 2 & 3 Vict. c. 93. for the Establishment of Police.

II. Provided always, That the Enactment herein-before contained shall not apply to any County where, before the said General or Quarter Sessions holden next after the said First Day of *December*, the Justices of the Peace of such County have sent to the Secretary of State such Report as is required by the said Act of the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty, in order to establish a Police Force for the whole of such County, or for such Residue thereof as aforesaid, (as the Case may be,) and the Proceedings upon and in relation to such Report, and consequent thereupon, shall and may be had and continued according to the said Acts as amended by the Enactments herein contained.

Where Constabularies have been established in Divisions of a County, such Establishments to be consolidated into One County Police Force.

III. In any County where, after the Establishment, under the said Acts of Her Majesty or either of them, of a Constabulary for any Division or Divisions thereof, Constables have been or shall be appointed under such Acts and this Act, or any of them, for the Residue of the County, or for Divisions constituting together such Residue, there shall be One General County Police Establishment, and any Divisional Police Establishment or Establishments which may have been constituted in such County shall be consolidated with and form Part thereof, and a Chief Constable shall be appointed for such County, in like Manner and with the like Powers as in any Case where a Police Force is established for the whole County in the first instance.

Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, require separate Police Districts to be constituted in Counties.

IV. In case it appear to Her Majesty in Council, upon the Petition of Persons contributing, or who, on the Establishment of a Constabulary under the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, or this Act, will be liable to contribute, to the Police Rate of any County, that a Distinction should be made in the Number of Constables to be appointed to keep the Peace in different Parts of such County, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by the Advice of Her Privy Council, to order and require the Justices of such County to exercise the Powers given by the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, for the Division of such County into Police Districts; and the said Justices shall thereupon, in manner directed by such Act, and subject to such Approval as therein mentioned, divide such County into such Police Districts as shall appear to them most convenient, and declare the Number of Constables which ought to be appointed for each Police District; and the Extent of such Districts, and the Number of Constables appointed for each, may be altered as in the said Act provided; and the Expenses to be defrayed by each such Police District shall be ascertained in the Manner provided by the said last-mentioned Act, and the Police Rates assessed and levied therein accordingly: Provided, that Notice of every such Petition, and of the Time when it shall please Her Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by Her Privy Council, shall be published in the *London Gazette* One Month at least before such Petition shall be considered.

Her Majesty in Council, on Representations from Boroughs, may arrange Terms of Consolidation with Counties.

V. In case it be represented to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State by the Council of any Borough, that Application has been made by such Council to the Justices of any County in or adjoining to which such Borough is situate, to consolidate the Police of such County and Borough in the Manner provided by the Fourteenth Section of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, and that such Consolidation has not been effected, it shall be lawful for such Principal Secretary of State to inquire into the Terms of Consolidation proposed, and to report thereon to Her Majesty in Council; and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to fix the Terms and Conditions and Date upon and from which such Consolidation shall take effect, and thereupon the Provisions of such last-mentioned Act shall become applicable as if such Consolidation had been effected by an Agreement made under the said Section, save so far as such Provisions relate to the Determination of such Agreement; and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, at any Time and from Time to Time to vary the Terms of any such Consolidation, or at any Time to determine such Consolidation upon such Terms as to Her Majesty in Council may seem just.

Power to Her Majesty to vary such Terms from Time to Time.

County Constables to have the like Powers, &c. in Boroughs as

VI. The Constables of every County appointed under the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty or either of them, or this Act, shall have in every Borough situate wholly or in part within such County, or within any County or Part of a County in which they have Authority, all such Powers and Privileges and be liable

liable to all such Duties and Responsibilities as the Constables appointed for such Borough have and are liable to within any such County, and shall obey all such lawful Commands as they may from Time to Time receive from any of the Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction within any such Borough in which they shall be called on to act as Constables, for conducting themselves in the Execution of their Office.

Borough Constables have in the County.

VII. The Constables acting under the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth, and this Act, or any of the said Acts, shall, in addition to their ordinary Duties, perform all such Duties connected with the Police in their respective Counties or Boroughs as the Justices in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, or the Watch Committees of such respective Counties or Boroughs, from Time to Time direct and require.

Constables to perform Duties connected with the Police as directed by Justices or Watch Committees.

VIII. It shall not be lawful for any Constable acting under the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, and the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth, and this Act, or any of the said Acts, (other than a local Constable appointed under the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty,) to receive to his own Use any Fee for the Performance of any Act done by him in the Execution of his Duty as such Constable; but this Enactment shall not extend to prevent the Receipt by any such Constable of any Fee or other Payment legally payable which he may be liable to account for and pay over to the Treasurer of the County or Borough, or otherwise for the Use of the County or Borough, or which may be payable to, or applied in aid of, any Police Superannuation Fund established or to be established in any Borough, under the Provisions of the Act of the Session holden in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Fourteen, or of any Local or other Act of Parliament.

Constables not to receive to his own Use Fees for Performance of his Duties.

IX. No Head or other Constable already appointed or hereafter to be appointed for any Borough, under the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth, except Special Constables, shall, during the Time he continues to be such Constable, or within Six Calendar Months after he has ceased to be such Constable, be capable of giving his Vote for the Election of any Person to any Municipal Office in such Borough, or for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for such Borough or any County in or to which such Borough is situate, either wholly or in part, or adjoins, or for any Borough within any such County, nor shall any such Constable, by Word, Message, Writing, or in any other Manner, endeavour to persuade any Elector to give or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for the Choice of any Person to hold any Municipal Office in such Borough, or to be a Member to serve in Parliament for any such Borough or County; and if any such Constable shall offend therein he shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered in any Court of competent Jurisdiction, by any Person who shall sue for the same within Six Months after the Commission of the Offence, and One Half of the Sum recovered shall be paid to the Person suing for the same, and the other Half to the Treasurer of the Borough: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall subject any Constable to any Penalty for any Act done by him at or concerning any of the said Elections in the Discharge of his Duty.

Borough Constables disqualified from voting at certain Elections.

X. It shall be lawful for the Justices of any County in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, if they think fit, upon the Recommendation of the Chief Constable, and upon his certifying that any Constable belonging to the Police Force of the County, who has not served so long as Fifteen Years, is incapable from Infirmity of Mind or Body to discharge the Duties of his Office, to order that such Constable shall receive out of the Superannuation Fund mentioned in the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty such Sum in gross as a Gratuity upon his Retirement as to the said Justices may seem proper.

Power to grant out of the Superannuation Fund, Gratuities to incapacitated Constables who have not served Fifteen Years.

XI. If at any Time the Superannuation Fund mentioned in the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty be insufficient (otherwise than by reason of any Default of any Treasurer or other Person entrusted with the Custody or Management thereof) to pay the Superannuation or Retiring Allowances and Gratuities payable thereout, the Amount which such Fund shall from Time to Time be insufficient to pay shall be defrayed by the Police Rate, and, where the County is divided into Police Districts, shall be defrayed

Deficiency in Superannuation Fund to be made up out of Police Rate.

by the several Districts as Parts of the Local Expenditure thereof, rateably in proportion to the Number of Constables appointed for each such District respectively.

Gratuities may be granted to Officers superseded by the County Police.

XII. It shall be lawful for the Magistrates in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, if they so think fit, to grant Gratuities to such Officers as may be removed from their Appointments in consequence of the Duties of such Officers being transferred to Persons belonging to the Police Establishment.

Power to grant Superannuations to Chief Constables, to be paid out of the Police Rate.

XIII. It shall be lawful for the Justices of any County in General or Quarter Sessions assembled, if they see fit, to grant to any Chief Constable of the County, on his ceasing to be such Chief Constable, such annual Sum by way of Superannuation Allowance as they think fit; and such Superannuation Allowance shall be paid out of the Police Rate of the County, and shall, in the Case of a County which is divided into Police Districts, be deemed Part of the general Expenditure, and be defrayed accordingly: Provided always, that no such Allowance shall be granted to any Chief Constable under Sixty Years of Age, unless the said Justices be satisfied that he is incapable from Infirmity of Mind or Body to discharge the Duties of his Office; and Section Eleven of the said secondly-recited Act, as to the proportionate Amount of the Superannuation Allowance of any Petty Constable, shall apply to the Superannuation Allowance to be granted to any Chief Constable.

Annual Statement as to Crime in Counties and Boroughs to be furnished to Secretary of State.

XIV. The Justices of every County and the Watch Committee of every Borough shall, in the Month of *October* in every Year, transmit to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State a Statement, in such Form as One of the said Secretaries of State may from Time to Time direct, for the Year ending the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* then last, of the Number of Offences reported to the Police within such County or Borough respectively, the Number of Persons apprehended by the Police, the Nature of the Charges against them, the Result of the Proceedings taken thereupon, and any other Particulars relating to the State of Crime within such County or Borough which such Justices or Watch Committee may think it material to furnish, and a classified Abstract of all such Reports and Returns shall be annually prepared and laid before Parliament.

Power to Her Majesty to appoint Inspectors for inquiring into State and Efficiency of the Police in Counties and Boroughs, &c.

XV. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual, to appoint during Her Majesty's Pleasure Three Persons as Inspectors under this Act, to visit and inquire into the State and the Efficiency of the Police appointed for every County and Borough, and whether the Provisions of the Acts under which such Police are appointed are duly observed and carried into effect, and also into the State of the Police Stations, Charge Rooms, Cells, or Lock-ups, or other Premises occupied for the Use of such Police; and each of the Inspectors so appointed shall report generally upon such Matters to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, who shall cause such Reports to be laid before Parliament; and such Inspectors shall be paid, out of such Money as may be provided by Parliament for the Purpose, such Salaries and Allowances as shall be determined by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

On Certificate of Secretary of State that an efficient Police has been established in any County or Borough, One Fourth of the Charge for Pay and Clothing to be paid by the Treasury;

XVI. Upon the Certificate of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that the Police of any County or Borough established under the Provisions of the said Acts and this Act, or any of them, has been maintained in a State of Efficiency in point of Numbers and Discipline for the Year ending on the Twenty-ninth of *September* then last past, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to pay from Time to Time, out of the Monies provided by Parliament for the Purpose, such Sum towards the Expenses of such Police for the Year mentioned in such Certificate as shall not exceed One Fourth of the Charge for their Pay and Clothing, but such Payment shall not extend to any additional Constables appointed under the Nineteenth Section of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty; provided that before any such Certificate shall be finally withheld in respect of the Police of any County or Borough, the Report of the Inspector relating to the Police of such County or Borough shall be sent to the Justices of such County, or to the Watch Committee of such Borough, who may address any Statement relating thereto to the Secretary of State; and in every Case in which such Certificate is withheld, a Statement of the Grounds on which the Secretary of State has withheld such Certificate, together with any such Statement of the Justices or Watch Committee as aforesaid, shall be laid before Parliament.

XVII. No

but not where Population does not exceed 5,000, and not consolidated with Police of a County.

XVII. No such Sum as aforesaid shall be paid towards the Pay and Clothing of the Police of any Borough, not being consolidated with the Police of a County under the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, or this Act, the Population of which Borough according to the last Parliamentary Enumeration for the Time being does not exceed Five thousand.

Provisions relating to Borough Police to be applicable to the Police in the Places referred to in Section 20 of 3 & 4 Vict. c. 88. until discontinued.

XVIII. Until the Constables or Watchmen appointed in and for any Parish, Town, or Place under the Act passed in the Session holden in the Third and Fourth Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Ninety, or under any Local Act authorizing the Appointment of Constables or Watchmen, and authorizing Rates to be made and levied for the Purpose of defraying the Expenses of such Constables or Watchmen, are discontinued as a separate Force in manner provided by Section Twenty of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty and by this Act, all the Provisions of this Act applicable to the Constables of any Borough acting under the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth shall be applicable to the Constables or Watchmen appointed under the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of King *William* the Fourth, or under such Local Act as aforesaid, in and for such Parish, Town, or Place, and until such Discontinuance all the Provisions of this Act applicable to the Watch Committee of a Borough shall be applicable to the Inspectors, Commissioners, or other Persons having the Appointment of Constables or Watchmen in and for such Parish, Town, or Place, and the Police of such Parish, Town, or Place shall be visited and inquired into by the Inspectors under this Act; and the Provision in this Act enabling the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to make Payment towards the Expenses of the Police of a Borough having a Population exceeding Five thousand, shall, until such Discontinuance, extend to the Police of such Parish, Town, or Place as aforesaid having the like Population.

The separate Police in such Places (having a Population of 15,000) not to be superseded without the Authority of the Secretary of State.

XIX. Provided, That where any such Parish, Town, or Place, having such Constables or Watchmen as aforesaid, contains, according to the last Parliamentary Enumeration, a Population of Fifteen thousand Persons or upwards, the Chief Constable of the County in which such Parish, Town, or Place is situate shall not give Notice, under the said Section Twenty of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, that he is ready to undertake the Charge of such Parish, Town, or Place, without the previous Authority of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State; and Notice of the Intention of the Chief Constable to apply to the Secretary of State for such Authority shall be published by such Chief Constable in such Parish, Town, or Place, in manner directed by the said Section Twenty respecting the Publication of the Notice therein mentioned, Fourteen Days at least before such Application is made.

As to Agreement under 3 & 4 Vict. c. 88. s. 14.

XX. No Agreement made under Section Fourteen of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty shall be put an end to without the Sanction of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

3 & 4 Vict. c. 88. s. 24. repealed.

XXI. Section Twenty-four of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty shall be repealed.

Power to Justices to purchase Station Houses or Strong Rooms provided under 3 & 4 Vict. c. 88. and cause the same to be paid for out of the County Rates.

XXII. Where a Station House or Strong Room shall have been provided under the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, Section Twelve, for any Police District or Division within any County in which the Provisions of the said Act of the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty have not been put in force throughout the whole of such County before the passing of this Act, and the Cost of such Station or Strong Room has been incurred out of or now remains wholly or in part chargeable on the Police Rate for such Police District or Division, the Justices of the Peace for the County wherein such Police District or Division is situate, at any Quarter Sessions to be held after the passing of this Act, shall or may purchase such Station House or Strong Room for such Sum of Money as may be determined by such Justices, and hold the same for and on behalf of the County or Riding for the Purposes of this Act, and pay the Purchase Monies for the same out of the General County Rate for the said County; and where the Cost of erecting such Station House or Strong Room shall at the passing of this Act be chargeable by way of Mortgage either wholly or in part on the Police Rates for such Police District or Division, it shall be lawful for the said Justices to transfer such Charge from the Police Rates leviable in such Police

Police District or Division to and continue such Charge upon the County Rate of the County in which such Police District or Division shall be situate; and the Police Rates of the said Police District or Division shall be thenceforth discharged from all future Payments in respect of the said Station House or Strong Room; and all Mortgages or other Instruments then operating by way of Charge on the said Police Rates in respect of such Station House or Strong Room shall be thereafter deemed to be Charges on the General County Rate of the said County, in the same Manner as if the same had been originally charged on such County Rate, and such Station House or Strong Room shall thenceforth be the Property of the said County for the Purposes of this Act.

Provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. for Purpose of Purchases of Station Houses, &c. by Justices, incorporated with this Act.

XXIII. For facilitating the Purchase of Lands and Tenements for the Purposes mentioned in Section Twelve of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, the Provisions of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," except the Provisions with respect to the Purchase and taking of Lands otherwise than by Agreement, shall be incorporated with the said Act of the Third and Fourth Year of Her Majesty and this Act; and the Expression "the Promoters of the Undertaking," in the said Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, shall for the Purposes of such Incorporation mean the Justices of the Peace of any County in General or Quarter Sessions assembled; and the Powers of providing Station Houses and Strong Rooms contained in Sections Twelve and Thirteen of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty and this Act shall extend to authorize the providing of such Station Houses and Strong Rooms within any Borough lying within or adjoining to the County for which the same may be provided.

Provisions of 7 G. 4. c. 18. as to Disposal of unnecessary Station Houses, &c. extended to this Act.

XXIV. The Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Eighteen, "to authorize the Disposal of unnecessary Prisons in *England*," shall extend to and include all Station Houses, Lock-up Houses, Strong Rooms, and the Sites thereof, and all other Lands and Tenements whatsoever which may at any Time be vested in the Justices of the Peace of any County, or in any Persons in trust for them, for the Purposes of the Police, and which in the Judgment of such Justices shall for any Reason whatever have become unnecessary.

Powers of 15 & 16 Vict. c. xxxi. to continue in force in the County of Chester until Police shall be established under this Act.

XXV. 'And whereas in the County of *Chester* a Constabulary Force is now maintained 'and regulated under "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852:"' The said *Cheshire* Constabulary Force shall continue to act in their respective Appointments, and shall be subject to the same Authorities as heretofore; and "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852," shall continue in force until a Day to be notified by the Chief Constable to be appointed for the said County of *Chester* by Writing under his Hand to the Justices for the said County in General Quarter Sessions assembled, as that on which he will be ready to take the Charge of the said County, which Notice shall be published within the said County in such Manner as shall seem fit to the said Justices; and upon the Day so named the said *Cheshire* Constabulary Force shall be discontinued, and the Powers and Provisions of "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852," shall cease and determine: Provided always, that any Rate authorized by "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852," and duly made previously to the Day on which the Chief Constable shall undertake the Charge of the County of *Chester* as aforesaid, shall be levied and collected in the same Manner as if this Act had not been passed; and all Sums of Money collected and received and not then applied, and to be collected and received as and for Rates levied under the Powers and Authorities of "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852," shall be applied, after defraying all Charges to which the same shall be liable, in and towards Payment of the Police Rates to be levied under this Act and the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, upon the respective Townships and Places within the Hundreds or Divisions of Hundreds in the said County of *Chester*, by which Hundreds or Divisions of Hundreds such Sums of Money shall have been respectively contributed, and shall be apportioned as nearly as may be rateably according to the Proportions thereof respectively contributed by such Townships or Places; and the Application of such Moneys by the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Chester*, certified and allowed by any Two Justices of the County, shall be binding and conclusive: Provided also, that in case the Rates levied and collected under "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852," within any such Hundred or Division, shall be insufficient to defray the Charges to which the same shall be liable, the Deficiency shall be paid out of the Rates

to be levied within the said County of *Chester* under this Act and the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty.

If Two Chief Constables appointed in Cheshire, s. 25. to apply to District of each.

XXVI. Provided further, That in case Two Chief Constables shall be appointed for the said County of *Chester* under Section Four of the said Act of the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty, the last preceding Section of this Act shall be read and construed as applicable to the separate District of each of such Two Chief Constables, and as if the same had been specially enacted with reference to such separate District instead of the whole County.

Provision as to Superannuation Fund under 15 & 16 Vict. c. xxxi.

XXVII. The Superannuation Fund formed under "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852," shall (after Repayment thereout to such Officers of the said *Cheshire* Constabulary Force who may not be appointed Officers under this Act, and the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, of such Sums of Money as shall have been deducted from their respective Salaries or contributed by them respectively to such Superannuation Fund, which Repayments shall be made by the Treasurer of such Fund accordingly,) form Part of the Superannuation Fund to be formed in the said County of *Chester* under the Provisions of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty; and any Allowance which the Justices of the said County of *Chester* have, by virtue of the said *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852, ordered to be paid out of the Superannuation Fund under that Act, shall thereafter be paid out of the Superannuation Fund to be formed under the Provisions of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty.

As to Superannuations to Police Officers under 15 & 16 Vict. c. xxxi. and appointed under this Act.

XXVIII. The Service of any Officer in the said *Cheshire* Constabulary Force who shall be appointed an Officer under this Act and the said Acts of the Second and Third and Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, shall be considered an Equivalent to a Service under such Acts, for the Purpose of estimating the Allowance to be paid to any such Officer out of the Superannuation Fund to be formed in the said County of *Chester* under the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty.

Police Rates in Cheshire liable to Annuity paid to the Widow of an Officer who died in the Execution of his Duty.

XXIX. An Allowance which the Justices of the said County of *Chester* have, by virtue of "The *Cheshire* Constabulary Act, 1852," ordered to be paid to the Widow of a Constable who died in the Execution of his Duty, out of the Rates to be levied and made on the Hundred of *Wirral* under that Act, shall be paid out of and be chargeable on the Rates to be levied within the said County of *Chester* by virtue of this Act and the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, or on such One of the said Rates, if such there are, as the Justices of the said County in General Quarter Sessions assembled shall from Time to Time order and direct.

Interpretation of certain Terms.

XXX. The Word "County" shall in this Act have the same Meaning as is assigned to such Word in the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, except as to the Soke or Liberty of *Peterborough* in the County of *Northampton*, which for all Purposes of this and the several recited Acts shall be deemed and taken to be a County of itself; and the several Provisions in this Act and the said recited Acts shall apply and operate in, for, and concerning the said Soke or Liberty accordingly; and the Word "Borough" shall mean any City, Borough, or Place incorporated under the Provisions of the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth, or which has otherwise become subject to the Provisions of the same Act; and every Part of the Cinque Ports, Two ancient Towns of *Winchelsea* and *Rye*, and their several Members and Liberties, which is not within the Municipal Boundaries of a Place named in One of the Schedules (A.) and (B.) to the last-mentioned Act, shall for the Purposes of the said Acts of Her Majesty and this Act be deemed to form Part of the County in which the same is situate, and shall be dealt with, under the said Acts of Her Majesty and this Act, as a Liberty which, under the said Acts of Her Majesty, forms Part of a County, notwithstanding it may be a Member or Liberty of a Place named in One of the said Schedules.

Recited Acts and this Act to be as One.

XXXI. The said Acts of the Second and Third and of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty and this Act shall be construed together as One Act.

Extent of Act.

XXXII. Nothing in this Act shall extend to any Part of the Metropolitan Police District or to the City of *London*.