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CAP. CII.

An Act to alter the Qualifications of the Electors in Places in *Scotland* under the "General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862," or under the Act Thirteen and Fourteen *Victoria*, Chapter Thirty-three, and to amend the said Acts in certain other respects. [31st *July* 1868.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to alter the Qualifications of the Electors in *Scotland* under the "General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862," or under the Act Thirteen and Fourteen *Victoria*, Chapter Thirty-three, and to amend the said Acts in certain other respects:

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:

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as the "General Police and Improvement (*Scotland*) Act, 1862, Amendment Act." **Short Title.**

2. The recited Acts and this Act shall be read and construed together. **Recited Acts and this Act to be as One.**

3. The

Meaning of "Householder" in recited Acts.

3. The Word "Householder" in the recited Acts shall no longer have, for the Purposes of those Acts, the Meaning assigned to it in the Third Clause of the first-recited Act and the Second Section of the second-recited Act, but shall for the Purposes foresaid mean "a Male Occupier of Lands or Premises of the yearly Value of "Four Pounds and upwards as appearing on the Valuation Roll."

Amendment of Sect. 27 and 12. of recited Acts.

4. The Twenty-seventh Clause of the first-recited Act and the Twelfth Section of the second-recited Act shall be read and construed as if the following Provisions were inserted therein: "Pro-"vided farther, that not more than Six Partners of any Com-"pany or Copartnership shall be entitled to vote in respect of the "Lands or Premises occupied by such Company or Copartnership."

Conditions of Voting.

5. No "Householder" shall be entitled to have or give more than One Vote at any Meeting or Election under the said recited Acts: Provided always, that no Householder shall be entitled to vote at any such Meeting or Election who shall have been exempted from Payment of the whole or any Part of his Rates or Assessment under the recited Acts on the Ground of Poverty or Inability to pay, or who shall not have paid all Rates or Assessments due and payable by him under the recited Acts at the Time of so voting; and any Vote given contrary to the Provisions of this Section shall be null and void.

Provision as to dividing Burghs into Wards.

6. The Commissioners of any Burgh, having a Population exceeding Ten thousand according to the Census last taken at the Time, in which the Provisions of either of the recited Acts have already been adopted in whole or in part, not being a Royal or Parliamentary Burgh, and not being already divided into Wards for the Purposes of such Act, may from Time to Time apply to the Sheriff to divide such Burgh into Wards for the Purposes of such Act, so far as adopted as aforesaid, and of this Act; and the Sheriff may, upon considering the Matter, divide such Burgh into such Number of Wards as he may find proper, and define the Boundaries thereof, and fix the Number of Commissioners to be elected for each Ward; and thereafter, and except as respects the Number of Commissioners, all the Provisions with respect to the Election and Rotation of Commissioners for Burghs originally divided into Wards, which are contained in the Act whose Provisions have been adopted as aforesaid in such Burgh, shall apply to the Election and Rotation of Commissioners for such Burgh when divided into Wards by the Sheriff under the Powers hereby conferred on him; provided always, that the Commissioners in Office at the Time of such

such Division shall remain in Office until the Expiration of the Year of Office then current, and no longer.

Police Commissioners of Galashiels to remain in Office till Election of Town Council.

7. The Commissioners and Magistrates of Police of *Galashiels* elected under the first-recited Act, and holding Office at the passing of this Act, shall continue to hold and exercise their respective Offices, and to perform the whole Duties and Functions thereof, until the first *Tuesday* of *December* next One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, when the whole Duties and Functions foresaid shall vest in and devolve upon the Magistrates and Town Council of said Burgh of *Galashiels*, and the said Magistrates and Council as Commissioners, and the said Magistrates as Magistrates of Police, shall thenceforth have all the Powers, Privileges, and Jurisdiction of Commissioners and Magistrates of Police respectively under the said first-recited Act.

Certain Proceedings under first-recited Act to be valid.

8. Whereas Doubts have been entertained as to the Validity of the Proceedings at certain Meetings held with the view of adopting the Provisions, in whole or in part, of the first-recited Act, or of electing Commissioners of Police under the said Act: Be it enacted, That, except in so far as the Validity of any such Proceedings has at the passing hereof been submitted to the Consideration of any Court of Law, all Proceedings at any Meetings which have been held with the view of adopting the Provisions, in whole or in part, of the first-recited Act, or of electing Commissioners of Police under the said Act, and all Proceedings which have followed thereon, shall be held to be valid and effectual, and not subject to Challenge on the Ground of Want of Compliance with the Provisions of the said first-recited Act.

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