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An Act for the Prevention of the holding of unlawful Fairs within the Limits of the Metropolitan Police District. [31st *July* 1868.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to give further Powers for the Prevention of the holding unlawful Fairs within the Metropolitan Police District:

Be it 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 Metropolitan Fairs Act, 1868." Short Title.

2. Where any Fair is holden or Notice is given of any Fair proposed to be holden on any Ground within the Metropolitan Police District other than that on which a Fair has been holden during each of the Seven Years immediately preceding, it shall be competent for the Commissioner of Police to direct One of the Superintendents of the Metropolitan Police Force to summon the Owner or Occupier of the Ground upon which such Fair is holden to appear before a Magistrate forthwith, or at a Time to be specified in the Summons, to show his Power to summon Owner and Occupier of Ground on which Fair is held.

Right and Title to hold such Fair; and if such Owner or Occupier do not attend in pursuance of such Summons, or does not show to the Magistrate who hears the Case sufficient Cause to believe that such Fair is lawfully holden, the Magistrate shall declare in Writing such Fair to be unlawful, and the Commissioner shall give Notice of such Declaration by causing Copies thereof to be affixed on and near the Ground where such Fair is holden or proposed to be holden; and after such Notice has been affixed for the Space of Six Hours the Commissioner of Police may direct any Constable to remove every Booth, Standing, and Tent, and every Carriage of whatsoever kind, conveyed to or being upon the Ground for the Purpose of holding or continuing such Fair, and to take into Custody every Person erecting, pitching, or fixing, or assisting to erect, pitch, or fix, any such Booth, Standing, or Tent; and every Person hiring, accompanying, or conveyed in every such Carriage, and every Person resorting to such Ground with any Show or Instrument of Gambling or Amusement, and every Person convicted before a Magistrate of any of the Offences aforesaid, shall be liable to a Penalty of not more than Ten Pounds.

Service of Summons.

3. A Summons under this Act may be served on the Owner or Occupier of any Ground personally or by leaving the same at his usual or last known Place of Abode, or, if the Name of such Owner or Occupier or his Place of Abode is not known to the Police, by putting up such Summons in a conspicuous Place on the Ground where the Fair is holden or proposed to be holden, and it shall not be necessary to name the Owner or Occupier in the Summons, but he may be described as the Owner or Occupier of the Ground.

Act cumulative.

4. All Powers conferred by this Act shall be deemed to be in addition to, and not in derogation of, any other Powers conferred by any other Act of Parliament, and any such other Powers may be exercised as if this Act had not passed.

Construction of Act.

5. This Act, so far as is consistent with the Tenor thereof, shall be construed as one with the Acts relating to the Metropolitan Police.

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