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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

CAP. XLIV.

An Act for improving the Police in and near the Metropolis. [19th *June* 1829.]

WHEREAS Offences against Property have of late increased in and near the Metropolis; and the local Establishments of Nightly Watch and Nightly Police have been found inadequate to the Prevention and Detection of Crime, by reason of the frequent Unfitness of the Individuals employed, the Insufficiency of their Number, the limited Sphere of their Authority, and their Want of Connection and Co-operation with each other: And whereas it is expedient to substitute a new and more efficient System of Police in lieu of such Establishments of Nightly Watch and Nightly Police, within the Limits herein-after mentioned, and to constitute an Office of Police, which, acting under the immediate Authority of One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, shall direct and controul the whole of such new System of Police within those Limits: Be it therefore enacted 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 it shall be lawful for His Majesty to cause a new Police Office to be established in the City of *Westminster*, and by Warrant under His Sign Manual to appoint Two fit Persons as Justices of the Peace of the Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Hertford*, *Essex*, and *Kent*, and of all Liberties therein, to execute the Duties of a Justice of the Peace at the said Office, and in all Parts of those several Counties, and the Liberties therein, together with such other Duties as shall be herein-

His Majesty may establish a new Police Office for the Metropolis and the surrounding District, and may appoint Two Persons as Justices, to

conduct the Business of the Office, under the Directions of a Secretary of State.

herein-after specified, or as shall be from Time to Time directed by One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, for the more efficient Administration of the Police within the Limits herein-after mentioned; and His Majesty may remove either of the said Justices, if he shall see Occasion so to do, and may, upon any Vacancy in the said Office by Death, Removal, or otherwise, appoint another fit Person as a Justice of the Peace of the Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Hertford*, *Essex*, and *Kent*, and of all Liberties therein, to execute the Duties aforesaid, in lieu of the Person making such Vacancy; and it shall be lawful for His Majesty to appoint any Person to be a Justice of the Peace by virtue of this Act, and for such Person, during the Continuance of his Appointment, to execute the Duties of a Justice of the Peace for the several Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Hertford*, *Essex*, and *Kent*, and for all Liberties therein, although he may not have any such Qualification by Estate as is required by Law in the Case of any other Person being a Justice of the Peace for any County: Provided always, that no such Person shall act as a Justice of the Peace at any Court of General or Quarter Sessions, nor in any Matter out of Sessions, except for the Preservation of the Peace, the Prevention of Crimes, the Detection and Committal of Offenders, and in carrying into execution the Purposes of this Act.

The Justices need not have any Qualification of Estate.

Proviso.

Oath to be taken by the Justices.

II. And be it enacted, That every Person to be appointed a Justice of the Peace by virtue of this Act shall, before he shall begin to execute the Duties of his Office, take the following Oath before some Justice or Baron of One of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; (that is to say,)

'I *A. B.* do swear, That I will faithfully, impartially, and honestly, according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge, execute all the Powers and Duties of a Justice of the Peace, under and by virtue of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for improving the Police in and near the Metropolis.*'

Salary of the Justices.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty to direct that an annual Salary, not exceeding the Sum of Eight hundred Pounds, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to each of the Justices to be appointed under this Act, and that the same shall be payable quarterly.

Westminster, and Parts of Middlesex, Surrey, and Kent, to be formed into One District, to be called "The Metropolitan Police District."

IV. And be it enacted, That the whole of the City and Liberties of *Westminster*, and such of the Parishes, Townships, Precincts, and Places in the Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, and *Kent*, as are enumerated in the Schedule to this Act, shall be constituted, for the Purposes of this Act, into One District, to be called "The Metropolitan Police District;" and a sufficient Number of fit and able Men shall from Time to Time, by the Directions of One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, be appointed as a Police Force for the whole of such District, who shall be sworn in by One of the said Justices to act as Constables for preserving

the Peace, and preventing Robberies and other Felonies, and apprehending Offenders against the Peace; and the Men so sworn shall, not only within the said District, but also within the Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Hertford*, *Essex*, and *Kent*, and within all Liberties therein, have all such Powers, Authorities, Privileges, and Advantages, and be liable to all such Duties and Responsibilities, as any Constable duly appointed now has or hereafter may have within his Constablewick by virtue of the Common Law of this Realm, or of any Statutes made or to be made, and shall obey all such lawful Commands as they may from Time to Time receive from any of the said Justices for conducting themselves in the Execution of their Office.

A Police Force for the whole District to be appointed.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Justices may from Time to Time, subject to the Approbation of One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, frame such Orders and Regulations as they shall deem expedient, relative to the general Government of the Men to be appointed Members of the Police Force under this Act; the Places of their Residence; the Classification, Rank, and particular Service of the several Members; their Distribution and Inspection; the Description of Arms, Accoutrements, and other Necessaries to be furnished to them; and which of them shall be provided with Horses for the Performance of their Duty; and all such other Orders and Regulations, relative to the said Police Force, as the said Justices shall from Time to Time deem expedient for preventing Neglect or Abuse, and for rendering such Force efficient in the Discharge of all its Duties; and the said Justices may at any Time suspend or dismiss from his Employment any Man belonging to the said Police Force whom they shall think remiss or negligent in the Discharge of his Duty, or otherwise unfit for the same; and when any Man shall be so dismissed, or cease to belong to the said Police Force, all Powers vested in him as a Constable by virtue of this Act shall immediately cease and determine.

The Justices, subject to the Approbation of a Secretary of State, may make Regulations for the Management of the Police Force.

Police Men may be suspended or dismissed by the Justices.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any Victualler or Keeper of any House, Shop, Room, or other Place for the Sale of any Liquors, whether spirituous or otherwise, shall knowingly harbour or entertain any Man belonging to the said Police Force, or permit such Man to abide or remain in his House, Shop, Room, or other Place during any Part of the Time appointed for his being on Duty, every such Victualler or Keeper as aforesaid, being convicted thereof before any Two Justices of the Peace, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay such Sum, not exceeding Five Pounds, as they shall think meet.

Penalty on Publicans harbouring Police Men during the Hours of Duty.

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Man belonging to the said Police Force, during the Time of his being on Duty, to apprehend all loose, idle, and disorderly Persons whom he shall find disturbing the public Peace, or whom he shall have just Cause to suspect of any evil Designs, and all Persons whom he shall find between Sunset and the Hour of Eight in the Forenoon lying in any Highway, Yard, or other Place, or loitering therein, and not giving a satisfactory Account of themselves, and to deliver any Person so apprehended into the Custody of the Constable appointed under this Act, who shall be in attendance at the nearest Watch-house, in order

Powers of Police.

order that such Person may be secured until he can be brought before a Justice of the Peace, to be dealt with according to Law, or may give Bail for his Appearance before a Justice of the Peace, if the Constable shall deem it prudent to take Bail, in the Manner hereinafter mentioned.

Assaults on Police Men.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if any Person shall assault or resist any Person belonging to the said Police Force in the Execution of his Duty, or shall aid or incite any Person so to assault or resist, every such Offender, being convicted thereof before Two Justices of the Peace, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay such Sum, not exceeding Five Pounds, as the said Justices shall think meet.

Constables attending at the Watch-houses in the Night may take Bail by Recognizance from Persons brought before them for Petty Misdemeanors; such Recognizance to be conditioned for the Appearance of the Parties before a Magistrate.

IX. And be it enacted, That where any Person charged with any Petty Misdemeanor shall be brought, without the Warrant of a Justice of the Peace, into the Custody of any Constable appointed under this Act, during his Attendance in the Night-time at any Watch-house within the Metropolitan Police District, it shall be lawful for such Constable, if he shall deem it prudent, to take Bail by Recognizance, without any Fee or Reward, from such Person, conditioned that such Person shall appear for Examination before a Justice of the Peace, at some Place to be specified in the Recognizance, at the Hour of Ten in the Forenoon next after such Recognizance shall be taken, unless that Hour shall fall on a *Sunday* or on *Christmas Day* or *Good Friday*, and in that Case at the like Hour on the succeeding Day; and every Recognizance so taken shall be of equal Obligation on the Parties entering into the same, and liable to the same Proceedings for the estreating thereof, as if the same had been taken before a Justice of the Peace; and the Constable shall enter, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose in every Watch-house, the Names, Residence, and Occupation of the Party and his Surety or Sureties, if any, entering into such Recognizance, together with the Condition thereof, and the Sums respectively acknowledged, and shall lay the same before such Justice as shall be present at the Time and Place when and where the Party is required to appear; and if the Party does not appear at the Time and Place required, or within One Hour after, the Justice shall cause a Record of the Recognizance to be drawn up, to be signed by the Constable, and shall return the same to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, with a Certificate at the Back thereof, signed by such Justice, that the Party has not complied with the Obligation therein contained; and the Clerk of the Peace shall make the like Estreats and Schedules of every such Recognizance as of Recognizances forfeited in the Sessions of the Peace; and if the Party not appearing shall apply, by any Person on his Behalf, to postpone the Hearing of the Charge against him, and the Justice shall think fit to consent thereto, the Justice shall be at liberty to enlarge the Recognizance to such further Time as he shall appoint; and when the Matter shall be heard and determined, either by the Dismissal of the Complaint, or by binding the Party over to answer the Matter thereof at the Sessions, or otherwise, the Recognizance for the Appearance of the Party before a Justice shall be discharged without Fee or Reward.

In default of Appearance, Recognizance to be forfeited.

Time of Hearing may be postponed.

X. And

X. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty to appoint a proper Person to receive all Sums of Money applicable to the Purposes of this Act, who shall be called "The Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District;" and His Majesty may remove any such Receiver, if he shall see Occasion so to do, and may upon any Vacancy in that Office, by Death, Removal, or otherwise, appoint another Person to be such Receiver; and the Receiver for the Time being shall give Security to His Majesty, in a Bond, with Two Sureties, in such Sum as the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* shall direct, such Bond to be conditioned for the faithful Performance of his Duty by such Receiver, and for the due Application of all Monies paid to him under this Act; and the Receiver for the Time being shall receive all Sums of Money applicable to the Purposes of this Act, and shall keep an exact and particular Account thereof, and shall immediately pay all Monies, Bills, and Notes by him received under this Act into the Hands of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*; and the same shall be placed to an Account in the Books of the said Governor and Company, which shall be entitled "The Account of the Public Monies of the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District," inserting the Name of the Receiver for the Time being; and the said Receiver shall draw out of the Bank from Time to Time such Sums of Money as may be necessary for the Payment of the Salaries, Wages, and Allowances to be paid as herein-after mentioned to the Persons belonging to the Police Force appointed under this Act, and also for the Payment of all other Charges and Expences in carrying this Act into execution; and every Draft or Order for Money on the Bank of *England* drawn by the Receiver shall be countersigned by One of the Justices appointed under this Act; and all Drafts and Orders so drawn and countersigned, but not otherwise, shall be a sufficient Authority to the Bank to pay the Amount thereof to the Persons named in them, or to the Bearers of them.

His Majesty may appoint a Person to be the Receiver of all Monies applicable to the Purposes of this Act, who shall give Security.

The Money to be placed in the Bank of England, and drawn out by the Receiver.

Receiver's Drafts to be countersigned.

XI. And be it enacted, That the Receiver shall account for the due Application of all Monies so to be drawn by him out of the Bank of *England*, and shall, Once in every Six Months, and oftener, if required by One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, make out and sign a full and particular Account of all Monies which shall have been received by him under this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid by him, and for what Purposes, together with proper Vouchers for the Receipts and Payments; and such Account shall be delivered, for the Purpose of being examined and audited, either to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts of this Kingdom, or to any other Person or Persons whom such Principal Secretary of State may from Time to Time direct; and the Receiver, if directed to account before the said Commissioners, shall be subject to the same Regulations and Penalties in that Respect as any Public Accountant.

Receiver's Accounts to be audited.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Receiver, out of the Monies so received by him, shall be allowed a yearly Salary not exceeding Seven hundred Pounds, to be payable quarterly; and the Receiver,

Salary of Receiver.

Salaries and Wages of Police Men to be regulated by the Secretary of State.

out of the same Monies, shall from Time to Time pay to the Persons belonging to the Police Force appointed under this Act such Salaries, Wages, and Allowances, and at such Periods, as One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall direct, and also any extraordinary Expences which they shall appear to have necessarily incurred in apprehending Offenders and executing the Orders of either of the Justices appointed under this Act, such Expences being first examined and approved of by One of the said Justices; and the Receiver shall likewise pay any further Sums which such Principal Secretary of State shall direct to be paid to any of the Persons belonging to the said Police Force, as a Reward for extraordinary Diligence or Exertion, or as a Compensation for Wounds or severe Injuries received in the Performance of their Duty, or as an Allowance to such of them as shall be disabled by bodily Injury received, or shall be worn out by Length of Service; and he shall also pay all other Charges and Expences which such Principal Secretary of State shall direct to be paid for carrying this Act into execution.

Rewards for Activity, and Superannuation Allowances.

Upon the Death or Removal of Receiver, the Balance of Cash at the Bank shall be transferred to his Successor.

XIII. And be it enacted, That upon the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any Receiver appointed under this Act, the Balance of Cash for which he shall at that Time have Credit on his Account, as Receiver, with the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, shall, as soon as a Successor shall be appointed to the Office of Receiver, actually vest in such Successor, and shall be immediately transferred to the Account of such Successor, to be applied for the Purposes of this Act; and the Receiver for the Time being is hereby required to issue his Drafts or Orders, countersigned as aforesaid, for all unsatisfied Charges and Demands payable out of the Monies in the Bank, although the same shall have accrued in the Time of any former Receiver.

Upon the Removal of the Receiver, his Successor may sue for any Balance remaining in his Hands.

Mode of proceeding.

Special Bail.

Court may refer the Accounts to an Officer or Arbitrator.

XIV. And be it enacted, That if any Person having resigned or having been removed from the Office of Receiver shall neglect, within Twenty-one Days after Notice for such Purpose, to account for and pay to any succeeding Receiver all such Sums of Money as shall remain in his Hands applicable to the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Receiver for the Time being, in his own proper Name only, or by his Name and Description of Office, to sue for and recover the same from such Person, with Double Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt; in which Action it shall be sufficient for such Receiver to declare as for Money had and received to the Use of such Receiver for the Purposes of this Act; and the Defendant in the Action may, at the Discretion of any Judge of such Court, be held to Special Bail in such competent Sum as the Judge shall order; and the Court in which the Action shall be brought may, at the Instance of either of the Parties, refer the Account in dispute in a summary Manner to be audited by any Officer of the Court or other fit Person, who may examine both Plaintiff and Defendant upon Oath (which Oath the said Referee shall have Power to administer), and upon the Report of such Referee, unless either of the Parties shall shew good Cause to the contrary, the Court may make a Rule, either for the Payment of such Sum as upon the Report shall appear to be due, or for

staying the Proceedings in the Action, and upon such Terms and Conditions as to the Court shall appear reasonable; or the Court may order Judgment to be entered up by Confession, for such Sum as upon the Report shall appear to be due.

Mode of proceeding against the Representatives of a deceased Receiver.

XV. And be it enacted, That in case of the Death of any Person during the Time that he shall be holding the Office of Receiver, or after he shall have resigned or been removed from such Office, the Receiver for the Time being may, in his own proper Name only, or by his Name and Description of Office, sue for and recover from the Executors or Administrators of such Person deceased all such Sums of Money as shall have been remaining in his Hands applicable to the Purposes of this Act, by an Action of Debt in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; in which Action it shall be sufficient for the Plaintiff to declare that the Deceased was indebted to the Plaintiff for Money had and received to his Use for the Purposes of this Act, or that the Deceased died possessed of Money had and received for the Purposes of this Act, whereby an Action hath accrued to the Plaintiff to demand and have the same from such Executors or Administrators; and the like Action may be brought against any Executors or Administrators of Executors or Administrators; and in all such Actions the Defendant or Defendants may plead in like Manner, and avail themselves of the like Matters in Defence, as in any Action founded upon simple Contracts of the original Testator or Intestate; and the Court may refer the Account in dispute to be audited by any Officer or Person, and may proceed upon the Report of such Referee in like Manner as is herein-before mentioned; and in all Actions to be brought, as well as in all Proceedings whatsoever to be instituted or carried on, by any Receiver by virtue of this Act, Proof of his acting in the Execution of the Office of Receiver shall be sufficient Evidence of his holding such Office, unless the contrary shall be shewn in Evidence by the Defendants in such Actions, or the Parties against whom such Proceedings shall be instituted or carried on.

Proof of the Receiver's official Character.

The Receiver shall contract for any Land or Buildings that may be required.

The Property to be vested in him.

XVI. And be it enacted, That the Receiver for the Time being shall make all such Contracts and Disbursements as shall be necessary for purchasing or renting any Land or Buildings, or for erecting, fitting up, furnishing, or repairing any Buildings, for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall direct; and of all Lands and Buildings so to be purchased or rented, and of the Fixtures and Furniture thereof, and of all Goods and Chattels whatsoever to be from Time to Time held or purchased for the Purposes of this Act, the Property acquired therein shall be vested in the Receiver for the Time being, in whom also shall be vested the Property of all Watch-houses, Watchboxes, Arms, Accoutrements, and other Necessaries to be given up as herein-after mentioned; and the Receiver for the Time being may, by the Directions of such Principal Secretary of State, sell, assign, or dispose of the Whole or any Part of any such Property as aforesaid, and shall execute all such lawful Matters for carrying this Act into execution as such Principal Secretary of State shall from Time to Time direct.

XVII. And

Corporations and others empowered to sell Land to the Receiver.

XVII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Corporate, and also for all Commissioners, Vestrymen, or Trustees for public Purposes, and for Tenants for Life or in Tail, and for the Husbands, Guardians, Trustees, Committees, or Attornies of such of the Proprietors or Persons interested in any Lands or Buildings required for the Purposes of this Act as shall by reason of any legal Disability or of Absence beyond the Seas be incapable of acting for themselves, to contract and agree with the Receiver for the Time being, either for the absolute Sale of such Lands or Buildings, or for a Lease thereof for such Period as the Receiver shall require, and to convey, demise, or grant the same to the Receiver in Trust for the Purposes of this Act; and all such Contracts, Sales, Conveyances, Leases, and Grants shall be valid and effectual in Law to all Intents and Purposes; and in case any Body Corporate, Commissioners, Vestrymen, Trustees, or other Persons hereby authorized to contract on behalf of themselves or others as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to agree with, or by reason of Disability or Absence shall be prevented from agreeing with, the Receiver, for the Sale or Lease of any Land or Buildings required by him, or in case the Proprietors or Persons interested therein cannot be found or known, or shall not produce and evince a clear Title to the Land or Buildings so to be purchased or rented, or to the Interest they shall claim therein, to the Satisfaction of the Receiver, in every such Case all the Provisions contained in an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for more effectually paving, lighting, watching, cleansing, and regulating the* Regent's Park, *together with the new Street from the* Regent's Park *to* Pall Mall, *and the new Streets and Improvement in the Neighbourhood of* Parliament Street *and* Privy Gardens, *and for maintaining a convenient Sewage for the same*, with regard to the Valuation of Estates and Interests by a Jury, the conclusive Effect of the Verdict of the Jury, and all Matters preparatory to, concomitant with, and consequent or contingent upon the Valuation by a Jury, shall, so far as the same are or can be applicable, be applied and extended to the Valuation of any Land or Buildings required for the Purposes of this Act, in as full and ample a Manner to all Intents and Purposes as if those Provisions had been repeated and expressly re-enacted in this Act; and all such Matters as by those Provisions of the said Act are authorized or required to be done by the Sheriff of *Middlesex* and by a Jury of *Middlesex*, or by the High Bailiff of *Westminster* or his Deputy and by a Jury of *Westminster*, shall under this Act be done by the Sheriff and a Jury of *Middlesex*, if the Premises to be valued are situate in *Middlesex*, and by the High Bailiff or his Deputy and a Jury of *Westminster*, if the Premises are situate in *Westminster*; and all such Matters as by those Provisions of the said Act are authorized or required to be done by the Sheriff and a Jury of the County of *Middlesex*, shall, if the Premises to be valued are situate in any other County, be done under this Act by the Sheriff of such other County and by a Jury qualified to try Causes at Nisi Prius in such other County; and all such Matters as by those Provisions of the said Act are authorized or required to be done by the Commissioners therein mentioned shall, under this Act, be done by the Receiver for the Time being.

In case of Disagreement, &c. the Value shall be assessed by a Jury.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That no Justice of the Peace or Receiver appointed by virtue of this Act shall, during the Continuance of such Appointment, be capable of being elected or of sitting as a Member of the House of Commons; and no Justice, Receiver, or Person belonging to the Police Force appointed by virtue of this Act shall, during the Time that he shall continue in any such Office, or within Six Calendar Months after he shall have quitted the same, be capable of giving his Vote for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Hertford*, *Essex*, or *Kent*, or for any City or Borough within the Metropolitan Police District, nor shall, 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 be a Member to serve in Parliament for any such County, City, or Borough; and if any such Justice, Receiver, or Person belonging to the Police Force shall offend therein, he shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered, by any Person who will sue for the same, by Action of Debt, to be commenced within Six Calendar Months after the Commission of the Offence; and one Moiety of the Sum so recovered shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof to the Receiver appointed under this Act, to be by him added to and applied as Part of the Funds for the Purposes of the Police under this Act: Provided always, that nothing in this Enactment contained shall subject any such Justice, Receiver, or Person belonging to the Police Force, to any Penalty for any Act done by him at or concerning any of the said Elections in the Discharge of his official Duty.

No Justice, &c. under this Act to sit in Parliament.

No Justice, Receiver, Police Man, &c. appointed under this Act, to vote at certain Elections.

Penalty, 100*l.*

Proviso.

XIX. And whereas some Time must elapse before a new Police Force can be appointed throughout the whole of the Metropolitan Police District; be it therefore enacted, That the Watchmen and others of the Night Police already appointed in any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place within the Limits of the said District, may, notwithstanding the passing of this Act, continue to act in their respective Appointments, and shall be subject to the same Authorities as heretofore, until it shall be notified by the Justices appointed under this Act, that a new Police will be ready to undertake the Charge of any such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, on some Day to be specified in the Notice of the said Justices; which Notice shall be fixed on the Door of the Church or Chapel, or some other conspicuous Part of the Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, on Two *Sundays* previous to the Day named for the same to take effect; and upon the Day so named the Night Watch and other Night Police appointed within any such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, previously to or independently of this Act, shall be discontinued; and all Powers and Authorities for assessing and levying any Rate in any such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, the Whole or any Part of which Rate shall be applicable to the Payment of the Night Watch or Night Police, or any Expences incident thereto, shall, so far as such Powers and Authorities relate to any Whole Rate so applicable, or to that Part of any Rate which shall be so applicable, cease and determine; and all Watch-houses and Watchboxes in any such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, and all Arms, Accoutrements, and other Neces-

The present Watch in each Parish, &c. in the Metropolitan District shall continue until it shall be notified to such Parish that the new Police is appointed, and then all Watchboxes, Arms, &c. shall be given up to the new Police, and the present Watch Rate shall cease.

saries provided at the Public Expence for the Night Watch and Night Police therein, shall be given up to such Persons as shall be named by the said Justices, for the Use and Accommodation of the Police to be appointed under this Act; and in case any Person having the Charge, Controul, or Possession of any Watch-house, Watchbox, Arms, Accoutrements, or Necessaries as aforesaid, shall neglect or refuse to give up the same as herein-before required, every such Offender, being convicted thereof before any Two Justices of the Peace, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay, over and above the Value of the Property not given up, such Sum, not exceeding Five Pounds, as the said Justices shall think meet; and where there shall be any Building in any such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place as aforesaid, a Part only of which Building shall have been heretofore used as a Watch-house, such Part shall be given up every Day from the Hour of Four in the Afternoon until the Hour of Nine in the Forenoon, for the Use and Accommodation of the Police Force to be appointed under this Act; and if any Person having the Charge, Controul, or Possession of any such Building shall neglect or refuse to give up such Part thereof for the Purposes aforesaid, or to permit free Access thereto or Egress therefrom, during any Portion of the Time above prescribed, every such Offender, being convicted thereof before any Two Justices of the Peace, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay such Sum, not exceeding Five Pounds, as the said Justices shall think meet.

Penalty for not giving up the Watch-boxes, &c.

Proviso for Watch Rates already imposed.

XX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That any Rate for defraying the Expences of the Night Watch or Night Police in any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, made previous to the Day on which the Police Force to be appointed under this Act shall undertake the Charge thereof, shall be levied and collected in the same Manner as if this Act had not been passed: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect or alter any Powers or Authorities for assessing and levying any Rate in any such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, so far as such Rate may relate to paving, lighting, cleansing, or any other Object, except the Night Watch, Night Police, or any Expences incident thereto.

This Act not to affect the Rates for paving, lighting, &c.

Provision for outstanding Debts.

XXI. And whereas there are certain Parishes, Townships, Precincts, and Places in the Metropolitan Police District, in which Monies have been borrowed or advanced, and Debts contracted for the building of Watch-houses, and for various Expences connected with the Night Watch and Night Police therein, and such Monies and Debts remain unpaid, and it is expedient that the same should be discharged; be it therefore enacted, That all such Monies and Debts in any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, of which the Police to be appointed under this Act shall undertake the Charge, shall, notwithstanding any thing herein-before contained, be chargeable upon the Rates out of which such Monies or Debts have been heretofore in part paid, or would have been payable if this Act had not been passed; and such Rates shall be from Time to Time assessed and levied for the Payment of such Monies and Debts until the same shall be entirely discharged and satisfied.

XXII. And

Power to set up Watch-boxes.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the Justices appointed under this Act, subject to the Approbation of One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, may order such a Number of Watchboxes as they shall from Time to Time think fit to be placed or fixed in such Parts of the Highways in any of the Parishes, Townships, Precincts, and Places within the Metropolitan Police District, as the said Justices shall deem most convenient.

The Overseers in every Parish, &c. in the Metropolitan District shall be ordered to levy a Police Rate upon all Persons liable to the Poor Rate.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That as soon as the Police to be appointed under this Act shall take charge of any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, whether Parochial or Extra-parochial, within the Metropolitan Police District, it shall be lawful for the Justices appointed under this Act, forthwith, and so from Time to Time, subject to the Approbation of One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to issue a Warrant under their Hands to the Overseers of the Poor of every such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place; by which Warrant they shall command the said Overseers, out of the Money collected for the Relief of the Poor in such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, to pay the Amount mentioned in the Warrant for the Purposes of the Police under this Act, or to levy such Amount as a Part of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, and that the Overseers shall pay over the Amount mentioned in the Warrant, to the Receiver to be appointed under this Act, within Forty Days from the Delivery of such Warrant to any one of the Overseers: Provided always, that the Sum to be paid for the Purposes of the Police under this Act shall not exceed in the whole in any one Year the Rate of Eight-pence in the Pound on the full and fair annual Value of all Property rateable for the Relief of the Poor within such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place, such full and fair annual Value to be computed according to the last Valuation for the Time being acted upon in assessing the County Rate; and that the Warrant shall specify the Rate in the Pound at which the Sum mentioned therein shall be computed.

not to exceed 8d. in the Pound in any one Year, according to the Valuation for County Rate.

Who to be deemed Overseers within this Act.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That where any Persons other than the Overseers of the Poor shall, by virtue of any Office or Appointment, be authorized and required to make and collect or cause to be collected the Rate for the Relief of the Poor in any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place within the Metropolitan Police District, such Persons, by whatsoever Title they may be called, shall be deemed to be Overseers of the Poor within the Meaning of this Act, and to be included under and denoted by the Words "Overseers of the Poor," for all the Purposes of this Act, as fully as if they were commonly called or known by the Title of Overseers of the Poor.

Overseers shall collect the Police Rate in the same Manner as the Poor Rate.

XXV. And be it enacted, That the Overseers of the Poor of every Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place within the Metropolitan Police District, to whom any such Warrant as aforesaid shall be issued, shall pay the Amount mentioned in the Warrant out of any Money in their Hands collected for the Relief of the Poor; and if there be no such Money in their Hands, or an insufficient Sum, they shall levy the Amount required as a Part of the Rate for the Relief of the Poor, and shall for that Purpose proceed in the same Manner, and have

have the same Powers, Remedies, and Privileges as for levying Money for the Relief of the Poor; and such Overseers shall pay to the Receiver the Amount mentioned in the Warrant within the Time specified for that Purpose, and at the Time of making any Payment to the Receiver shall deliver to him a Note in Writing signed by them, specifying the Amount so paid, which Note shall be kept by the Receiver as a Voucher for his Receipt of that particular Amount; and the Receipt of the Receiver, specifying the Amount paid to him by the Overseers, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Overseers for such Amount, and shall be allowed as such in passing their Accounts with their respective Parishes, Townships, Precincts, or Places.

Receipt of the Receiver shall be a sufficient Discharge.

Overseers, on Nonpayment of the Police Rate, shall be distrained upon;

and in default of sufficient Distress, the Arrears may be re-levied on the Parish.

In case of Default, &c. occasional Overseers may be appointed for levying the Police Rate.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That in case the Amount ordered by such Warrant as aforesaid to be paid by the Overseers in any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place in the Metropolitan Police District, shall not be paid to the Receiver within the Time specified for that Purpose in the Warrant, the Justices appointed under this Act, upon Complaint thereof made to them by the Receiver, may issue their Warrant for levying the Amount, or so much thereof as may be in arrear, by Distress and Sale of the Goods of all or any of the said Overseers; and in case the Goods of all the Overseers shall not be sufficient to pay the same, the Arrears thereof shall be added to the Amount of the next Levy which shall be directed to be made in such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place for the Purposes of the Police under this Act, and shall be collected by the like Methods; and the said Justices, in case of any Default or Neglect of any Overseer or Overseers, or in any other Case in which One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall so direct, may appoint Two or more Persons to act as Overseers of the Poor within any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place in the Metropolitan Police District, for levying the Money for the Purposes of the Police under this Act; and the Persons so appointed shall proceed in the same Manner, and shall have the same Powers, Remedies, and Privileges, and shall be subject to the same Regulations and Penalties, with reference to the levying of such Money, as if they had been appointed Overseers of the Poor by virtue of any Law or Laws now in force.

In Property occupied by Ambassadors, the Landlord shall pay the Police Rate.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That where any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the Metropolitan Police District shall be occupied by any Ambassador, Agent, or other Public Minister of any Foreign Prince or State, or by the Servant of any such Ambassador, Agent, or Minister, or by any other Person not liable by Law to the Payment of the Poor's Rate, all such Money as would by virtue of this Act have been payable for the Purposes of the Police by the Occupier of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, if such Occupier had been rateable to the Relief of the Poor, shall in such Case be paid by and recoverable from the Landlord or Owner thereof, who shall for this Purpose be deemed the Occupier thereof, and shall be liable to all such Proceedings for Nonpayment of such Money as any Person is by Law liable to for Nonpayment of Poor Rate.

XXVIII. And

Right of inspecting County Rates, &c.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That any Justice appointed under this Act, or any Person having an Order for that Purpose under the Hand of any such Justice, may inspect any County Rate made or to be made for any County, any Part of which shall be situate within the Metropolitan Police District, and may also inspect any Returns concerning all or any of the Parishes, Townships, Precincts, and Places, whether Parochial or Extra-parochial in the said District, delivered or to be delivered in pursuance of any of the Acts relating to County Rates, and may take Copies or Extracts from any such Rates or Returns without Payment of any Fee or Reward; and if any Person having the Custody of any such Rate or Return shall wilfully neglect or refuse to permit any such Justice or other Person to inspect the same, or to take Copies or Extracts from the same, within Two Days after such Order shall have been produced and shewn to him, or a Copy thereof left at his usual Place of Abode, he shall, on Conviction thereof before any Two Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay for every such Offence such Sum, not exceeding Ten Pounds, as they shall think meet.

Accounts to be laid before Parliament annually.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That an Account of all Monies received and expended for the Purposes of this Act, made up to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each Year, shall annually be laid before both Houses of Parliament within Thirty Days thereafter, if Parliament be then sitting, or within Thirty Days after the first Meeting of Parliament subsequent to the Thirty-first of *December*, and such Account shall specify the total Sum charged upon and received from every Parish, Township, Precinct, and Place for the Purposes of this Act, the Rate in the Pound at which such Sum shall have been computed, and the total annual Value of the entire Property in every such Parish, Township, Precinct, and Place, as such total annual Value shall be stated in the last Valuation for the Time being acted upon in assessing the County Rate; and such Account shall also specify the different Heads of Expenditure for the Purposes of the Police, and the Amount actually expended under each.

Provision for assessing and levying Police Rate in those Places within the Metropolitan District where there is no Poor Rate,

XXX. And whereas it is expedient to provide for those Precincts and Places in the Metropolitan Police District in which no Rate is made for the Relief of the Poor, or in which Property may be deemed not to be rateable thereto; be it therefore enacted, That the respective Inhabitants and Occupiers of all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in any Precinct or Place, whether Parochial or Extra-parochial, in the Metropolitan Police District, although such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments may not be rated to the Relief of the Poor, or may be deemed not to be rateable thereto, shall nevertheless be liable to contribute to the Expences of the Police under this Act, as if the Property so inhabited or occupied were rateable and rated to the Relief of the Poor; and the Justices appointed under this Act may from Time to Time, by Warrant under their Hands, appoint a proper Person to be an Assessor, for the Purpose of assessing the full and fair annual Value of such Property, and rating the same to a Police Rate to be levied under this Act: Provided always, that the Sum to be levied as a Police Rate shall not exceed in the whole in any One Year the Rate of Eight-pence in

Mode of making the Assessment.

the Pound on the full and fair annual Value of such Property; and such Assessor shall, within Forty Days after the Delivery to him of the Warrant of his Appointment, make, sign, and return to the said Justices an Assessment for the Precinct or Place named in such Warrant; and the Assessment shall be fairly written in a Book, and shall specify, in different Columns, the Names of the respective Inhabitants or Occupiers of all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, the full and fair annual Value of the same, and the Amount of Police Rate charged on the Inhabitants or Occupiers thereof, and, when the Premises shall be unoccupied, the full and fair annual Value thereof to let; and every such Assessor shall be allowed for his Trouble and Expences such Remuneration as One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall direct, and the same shall be paid out of the Amount of the Police Rate which shall be collected after such Assessment.

Allowance to Assessors.

When Assessment is made, Notice thereof shall be given, and all Persons included in the Assessment shall have Liberty to inspect it, &c.

Penalty for refusing such Inspection.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That when such Assessment shall have been allowed by the Justices appointed under this Act, public Notice of such Assessment, and of the Place where the same may be inspected, shall be given by fixing such Notice on the Door of the Church or Chapel, or some other conspicuous Part of the Precinct or Place to which such Assessment shall relate, upon the *Sunday* next or next but One after the same shall have been so allowed; and any Person in whose Custody such Assessment may be shall permit every Inhabitant or Occupier of Property included in such Assessment to inspect the same, and to make any Extracts therefrom, without Payment of any Fee or Reward; and if such Person shall wilfully neglect or refuse to permit any such Inhabitant or Occupier to inspect such Assessment, or to make any Extract therefrom, he shall, on Conviction thereof before any Two Justices of the Peace, forfeit and pay for every such Offence such Sum, not exceeding Five Pounds, as the Justices shall think meet.

Collection of the Police Rate charged in such Assessment.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That the Justices appointed under this Act shall from Time to Time nominate One or more Person or Persons for levying the Amount of Police Rate charged in every such Assessment, who shall proceed in the same Manner, and shall have the same Powers, Remedies, and Privileges, and shall be subject to the same Regulations and Penalties, with Reference to the levying of such Police Rate, as if he or they were an Overseer or Overseers of the Poor in a Precinct or Place rated to the Relief of the Poor, and shall pay over the Amount of such Police Rate to the Receiver to be appointed under this Act, or in default thereof shall be proceeded against in the same Manner as Overseers are by this Act to be proceeded against for Nonpayment.

Appeal against Assessment.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any Person, who shall have paid the Amount of Police Rate charged upon him by the Assessment made by an Assessor appointed under this Act, shall think himself aggrieved by such Assessment, on the Ground that such Assessment includes any Property for which he is not rateable under this Act, or that it assesses his rateable Property beyond its full and fair annual Value, or that any Person or Persons is or are omitted

out of such Assessment, or that the Property of any Person or Persons is assessed below its full and fair annual Value, the Person so aggrieved may appeal to the next Court of General or Quarter Sessions which shall be holden for the County in which the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, not less than Twenty-one Days after public Notice of such Assessment shall have been given as herein-before mentioned; provided that the Person so intending to appeal shall give to the Receiver to be appointed under this Act a Notice in Writing of such Appeal, and of the Cause and Matter thereof, Ten clear Days at the least before such Sessions; and shall also, within Three Days after his Notice of Appeal, enter into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace of the County, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal at the said Sessions, and to abide the Order of the Court thereupon, and to pay such Costs as shall be by the Court awarded; and in case such Person shall appeal on the Ground that any Person or Persons is or are omitted out of the Assessment, or that the Property of any Person or Persons is assessed below its full and fair annual Value, the Party so appealing shall not only give such Notice of Appeal to the Receiver, and enter into such Recognizance as aforesaid, but shall also give a like Notice of Appeal to the Person or Persons so interested in the Event of such Appeal as aforesaid, and shall enter into a like Recognizance within the Times herein-before respectively mentioned; and the Person or Persons so interested shall, if he or they shall desire it, be heard upon the Appeal; and the Justices of the Peace at such Sessions, or some Adjournment thereof, upon due Proof of the Notice having been given, and of the Recognizance having been entered into as aforesaid, shall hear and determine the Matter of the Appeal in a summary Manner, and shall make such Order therein, with or without Costs to either Party, as the said Justices shall think proper; and in case the said Justices shall think the Appellant entitled to Relief, they shall order the Assessment to be amended in such Manner as may be necessary for giving him Relief, and shall also order any Money paid by him which he was not liable to pay to be returned to him; and in case he shall have appealed on the Ground that any Person or Persons is or are omitted out of the Assessment, the said Justices may order the Name or Names of such Person or Persons to be inserted in the Assessment, and to be therein rated at such Amount as they shall deem just; and in case the Appellant shall have appealed on the Ground that the Property of any Person or Persons is assessed below its full and fair annual Value, the said Justices may order the Amount at which such Person or Persons is or are rated in the Assessment to be altered in such Manner as they shall deem just; and the proper Officer of the Court shall in each of the Cases aforesaid forthwith amend the Assessment accordingly, but the Assessment shall not be quashed or altered with respect to any other Persons named therein; and the Determination of the Justices at any such Sessions or Adjournment shall be final and conclusive.

The Assessment may be altered to relieve the Appellant, without altering any other Part of it.

XXXIV. And whereas Circumstances may occur which may render it expedient that the Provisions of this Act should be extended to other Places in addition to the Places which are enumerated in the Schedule

His Majesty may hereafter, by Order in Coun-

cil, direct any Parishes within a certain Distance of the Metropolis to be added to the District, and such Parishes when so added shall be subject to all the Provisions of this Act.

dule to this Act; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty from Time to Time, by the Advice of His Privy Council, to order that any Parishes, Townships, Precincts, and Places, whether Parochial or Extra-parochial, in the Counties of *Middlesex*, *Surrey*, *Hertford*, *Essex*, and *Kent*, of which any Part shall be situate within Twelve Miles of *Charing Cross* in the City of *Westminster*, shall, after a certain Day to be named in such Order, be added to and form Part of the Metropolitan Police District, and be placed under the Charge of a Police to be appointed under this Act; and all Provisions herein-before contained with regard to the Discontinuance of the Night Watch and Night Police appointed previously to or independently of this Act, the Cessation of their Powers, the Cessation of the Powers for levying Watch Rates, the giving up of Watch-houses, or Parts of Buildings used as Watch-houses, Watch-boxes, Arms, Accoutrements, and other Necessaries, together with the Penalties for Neglect or Refusal in that Behalf, the Exception as to any Watch Rate previously made, and the Power to assess and levy Rates for Debts previously incurred, and also all Provisions herein-before contained with regard to the levying of Money for the Purposes of the Police, the levying thereof as a Part of the Poor's Rate, the Amount of such Levy, the Payment thereof to the Receiver, the Proceedings against Overseers for Default, the Addition of Arrears to the next Levy, the Appointment of Persons to act as Overseers, and all Provisions with regard to the Assessment of Property, and the rating of the same to a Police Rate by Assessors appointed under this Act, and with regard to the Powers and Duties of such Assessors, as well as all other Matters whatsoever previous to, concomitant with, or consequent or contingent upon such Assessment, shall apply and be enforced in every Parish, Township, Precinct, and Place which shall by Order in Council be added to the Metropolitan Police District, as fully and effectually as if such Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place had been originally included in such District by virtue of this Act.

Misnomers not to affect the Execution of the Act.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That no Misnomer or inaccurate Description of any Parish, Township, Precinct, or Place mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, or in any Order in Council to be made as aforesaid, shall prevent or in anywise affect the Execution of this Act, but that this Act and every Part thereof shall apply and be enforced in every such Parish, Township, Precinct, and Place, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been correctly named and described in such Schedule or Order in Council, provided that the same be designated therein to common Intent and Understanding; and united Parishes shall for all the Purposes of this Act be deemed to be included under and denoted by the Word "Parish."

Summons, &c. for Offences punishable on summary Conviction under this Act.

XXXVI. And for the more effectual Prosecution of Offences punishable upon summary Conviction by virtue of this Act, be it enacted, That where any Person shall be charged, on the Oath of a credible Witness, with any such Offence before any Justice of the Peace, the Justice may summon the Person charged to appear before any Two Justices of the Peace, at a Time and Place to be named

in such Summons; and if the Person charged shall not appear accordingly, then (upon Proof of the due Service of the Summons, by delivering a Copy thereof to such Person, or by delivering a Copy to the Wife or Servant or some Inmate of the Family of such Person, at his usual Place of Abode,) the Justices before whom he ought to have appeared may either proceed to hear and determine the Case *ex parte*, or may issue their Warrant for apprehending such Person, and bringing him before them: Provided always, that the Prosecution for any Offence punishable upon summary Conviction by virtue of this Act shall be commenced within Three Calendar Months after the Commission of the Offence, and not otherwise.

Limitation of Time for such Proceedings.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That every Sum which by any Justices of the Peace shall be adjudged to be paid for any Offence against this Act shall be paid to the Receiver appointed under this Act, to be by him added to and applied as Part of the Funds for the Purposes of the Police under this Act; and no Person, although liable to the Payment of Money for the Maintenance of the Police under this Act, shall by reason thereof, or by reason of the Application of any Penalty to the Use of the Police Funds, be deemed to be an incompetent Witness before any Court or Justice or Justices of the Peace in any Proceeding whatever for any Offence against this Act, or in any Matter relating to the Money to be raised for the Maintenance of the Police, or in any other Matter mentioned in this Act; and no Justice of the Peace shall be disabled from acting in the Execution of this Act by reason of his being liable to the Payment of any Money for the Maintenance of the Police under this Act.

Application of Penalties.

Persons paying Police Rate may give Evidence or act as Justices.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That the Justices of the Peace, by whom any Person shall be convicted and adjudged to pay any Sum of Money for any Offence against this Act, may adjudge that such Person shall pay the same either immediately or within such Period as they shall think fit; and that in default of Payment at the Time appointed, he shall be imprisoned in the Common Gaol or House of Correction for any Term not exceeding Two Calendar Months, where the Sum to be paid shall not exceed Five Pounds, and for any Term not exceeding Four Calendar Months, where the Sum shall not exceed Ten Pounds, and for any Term not exceeding Six Calendar Months in any other Case; the Imprisonment to cease in each of the Cases aforesaid upon Payment of the Sum due.

Scale of Imprisonment for Nonpayment of Penalties.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That the Justices before whom any Person shall be summarily convicted of any Offence against this Act may cause the Conviction to be drawn up in the following Form of Words, or in any other Form of Words to the same Effect, as the Case may require; that is to say,

Form of Conviction.

'} BE it remembered, That on the Day of
' to wit. } in the Year of our Lord at in
' the County of *A. B.* is convicted before us, [*naming*
' *the Justices,*] Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the
' said County, for that he the said *A. B.* did [*specify the Offence, and*

'*the Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case may be*]; and we the said Justices adjudge the said *A. B.* for his said Offence to forfeit and pay the Sum of [*here state the Amount of the Sum to be paid*]; and in default of immediate Payment of the said Sum, to be imprisoned in the for the Space of , unless the said Sum shall be sooner paid; [*or*, and we order that the said Sum shall be paid by the said *A. B.* on or before the Day of ; and in default of Payment on or before that Day, we adjudge the said *A. B.* to be imprisoned in the for the Space of , unless the said Sum shall be sooner paid;] and we direct that the said Sum shall be paid to the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, to be by him applied according to the Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for improving the Police in and near the Metropolis.* Given under our Hands the Day and Year first above mentioned.'

No Certiorari, &c.

XL. And be it enacted, That no Conviction, Order, Warrant, or other Matter, made or purporting to be made by virtue of this Act, shall be quashed for Want of Form, or be removed by Certiorari or otherwise into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*;

As to Informality in Warrants, &c.

and no Warrant of Commitment shall be held void by reason of any Defect therein, provided that it be therein alleged that the Party has been convicted, and there be a good and valid Conviction to sustain the same; and where any Distress shall be made for levying any Money by virtue of this Act, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor the Party making the same be deemed a Trespasser, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in the Summons, Conviction, Warrant of Distress, or other Proceedings relating thereto; nor shall the Party distraining be deemed a Trespasser *ab initio*, on account of any Irregularity afterwards committed by him, but the Person aggrieved by such Irregularity may recover full Satisfaction for the special Damage, if any, in an Action upon the Case.

Venue in Proceedings against Persons acting under this Act;

Notice of Action;

General Issue;

Tender of Amends, &c.

XLI. And, for the Protection of Persons acting in the Execution of this Act, be it enacted, That all Actions and Prosecutions to be commenced against any Person for any thing done in pursuance of this Act shall be laid and tried in the County where the Fact was committed, and shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months after the Fact committed, and not otherwise; and Notice in Writing of such Action, and of the Cause thereof, shall be given to the Defendant One Calendar Month at least before the Commencement of the Action; and in any such Action the Defendant may plead the General Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon; and no Plaintiff shall recover in any such Action if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made before such Action brought, or if a sufficient Sum of Money shall have been paid into Court after such Action brought, by or on behalf of the Defendant; and if a Verdict shall pass for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff shall become Nonsuit, or discontinue any such Action after Issue joined, or if, upon Demurrer or otherwise, Judgment shall

be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall recover his full Costs as between Attorney and Client, and have the like Remedy for the same as any Defendant hath by Law in other Cases; and though a Verdict shall be given for the Plaintiff in any such Action, such Plaintiff shall not have Costs against the Defendant, unless the Judge before whom the Trial shall be shall certify his Approbation of the Action and of the Verdict obtained thereupon.

This Act not to supersede 3 G. 4. c. 55. or 6 G. 4. c. 21.

XLII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect or alter an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Administration of the Office of a Justice of the Peace in and near the Metropolis, and for the more effectual Prevention of Depredations on the River* Thames *and its Vicinity, for Seven Years;* or an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the present Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act for the more effectual Administration of the Office of Justice of the Peace in and near the Metropolis.*

Act may be altered this Session.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

Public Act.

XLIV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

A LIST of the PARISHES, TOWNSHIPS, PRECINCTS, and PLACES referred to by the Act as constituting "The Metropolitan Police District."

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

City and Liberties of Westminster.

The Parishes of Saint Margaret and Saint John the Evangelist.
The Parish of Saint Martin in the Fields.
The Parish of Saint George, Hanover Square.
The Parish of Saint James.
The Parish of Saint Mary le Strand, as well within the Liberty of Westminster as within the Duchy Liberty.
The Parish of Saint Clement Danes, as well within the Liberty of Westminster as within the Duchy Liberty.
The Parish of Saint Paul, Covent Garden.
The Parish of Saint Ann in the Liberty of Westminster.
Whitehall Gardens, whether the same be Parochial or Extra-parochial.
Whitehall, whether the same be Parochial or Extra-parochial.
Richmond Terrace, whether the same be Parochial or Extra-parochial.
The Close of the Collegiate Church of Saint Peter.

Holborn Division.

The Parishes of Saint Giles in the Fields and Saint George, Bloomsbury.
The Parishes of Saint Andrew, Holborn, and Saint George the Martyr.
The Liberty of Saffron Hill, Hatton Garden, and Ely Rents.
The Liberty of the Rolls.
The Parish of Saint Pancras.
The Parish of Saint John, Hampstead.
The Parish of Saint Mary-le-bone.
The Parish of Paddington.
The Precinct of the Savoy.

Finsbury Division.

The Parish of Saint Luke.
The Liberty of Glasshouse Yard.
The Parish of Saint Sepulchre.
The Parish of Saint James, Clerkenwell, including both Districts of Saint James and Saint John.
The Parish of Saint Mary, Islington.
The Parish of Saint Mary, Stoke Newington.
The Charter House.

Tower Division.

The Parish of Saint Mary, Whitechapel.
The Parish of Christchurch.
The Parish of Saint Leonard, Shoreditch.
The Liberty of Norton Falgate.
The Parish of Saint John, Hackney.
The Parish of Saint Matthew, Bethnal Green.
The Hamlet of Mile End Old Town.
The Hamlet of Mile End New Town.
The Parish of Saint Mary, Stratford Bow.
The Parish of Bromley Saint Leonard.
The Parish of All Saints, Poplar.
The Parish of Saint Ann, Limehouse.
The Hamlet of Ratcliffe.
The Parish of Saint Paul, Shadwell.
The Parish of Saint George in the East.
The Parish of Saint John, Wapping.
The Liberty of East Smithfield.
The Precinct of Saint Catherine.

The Liberty of His Majesty's Tower of London, consisting of
The Liberty of the Old Artillery Ground.
The Parish of Trinity, Minories.
The Old Tower Precinct.
The Precinct of the Tower within.
The Precinct of Wellclose.

Kensington Division.

The Parish of Kensington.
The Parish of Saint Luke, Chelsea.
The Parish of Fulham.
The Hamlet of Hammersmith.
The Parish of Chiswick.
The Parish of Ealing.
The Parish of Acton.

Brentford Division.

The Township of New Brentford.

Extra-parochial Places.

Lincoln's Inn.
Gray's Inn.
Staple's Inn.
That Part of Furnival's Inn in the County of Middlesex.
Ely Place.

KENT.

The Parish of Saint Paul, Deptford.
The Parish of Saint Nicholas, Deptford.
The Parish of Greenwich.

SURREY.

The Parish of Barnes.
The Parish of Battersea.
The Hamlet of Penge.
The Parish of Bermondsey.
The Parish of Camberwell.
The Parish of Clapham.
The Parish of Lambeth.
The Parish of Newington.
The Parish of Putney.
The Parish of Rotherhithe.
The Parish of Streatham.
The Parish of Tooting.
The Parish of Wandsworth.
The Parish of Christchurch.
Clink Liberty.
The Hamlet of Hatcham in the Parish of Deptford.

BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK.

The Parish of Saint George.
The Parish of Saint Saviour.
The Parish of Saint John.
The Parish of Saint Olave.
The Parish of Saint Thomas.

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