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An Act for granting Pensions to some Officers and Men in the Metropolitan Police Force; and for other Purposes. [1st *August* 1861.]

WHEREAS in the Session of Parliament holden in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Years of Her Majesty's Reign an Act was passed for the Employment of the Metropolitan Police Force in Her Majesty's Yards and Military Stations: And whereas some of the Officers and Men who formerly acted as the Police in Her Majesty's Yards were permitted to join the Metropolitan Police Force, and it is necessary to make Provision for Pensions for such Officers and Men who would or might have been entitled to Pensions had they continued to act as Police in Her Majesty's Yards without being appointed Constables in the Metropolitan Police Force; and it is also expedient to give further Protection to the Metropolitan Police Force employed in Her Majesty's Yards and Military Stations when in the Execution of their Duty: 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: **23 & 24 Vict. c. 135.**

Provision for Pensions.

1. There shall be paid to the Receiver of the Metropolitan Police District or other proper Officer, out of such Monies as may at any

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Time or from Time to Time be provided by Parliament for the Purpose, such Sum and Sums of Money as shall be sufficient to pay to such Officers and Men who formerly acted as the Police in Her Majesty's Yards, and who joined the Metropolitan Police Force, such Amount of Pensions as the said Officers and Men would or might have become entitled to had they continued to act as Police in Her Majesty's Yards without being appointed Constables in the Metropolitan Police Force.

Exemption from Deduction from Pay authorized by Sect. 22 of 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47.

2. The Officers and Men who formerly acted as the Police in Her Majesty's Yards, and who joined the Metropolitan Police Force as aforesaid, are hereby exempted from the yearly Rate of Deduction from their Pay which by the Twenty-second Section of the Act passed in the Session holden during the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty's Reign is authorized to be deducted from the Pay of every Constable belonging to the Metropolitan Police Force.

Penalty for assaulting, &c. Police when in execution of their Duty.

3. If any Person shall assault or resist any Constable belonging to the Metropolitan Police Force acting in the Execution of his Duty, or shall aid or incite any Person so to assault or resist, every such Offender, being summarily 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, or, in the Discretion of the Justices before whom he is convicted, may be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding One Calendar Month; and the said Justices are hereby authorized to issue Warrants of Distress to levy any such Sum or Sums by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods; and every such Sum which shall be so paid or levied shall be applied as the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, or the Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, shall direct, any Law, Statute, Charter, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Application of Penalties.

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