CHAPTER 27.

An Act to extend to the surviving Children of poor Widows the benefits of the Act thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh Victoria, chapter fifty-two, intituled "An Act for the Relief of Widows and Children of Intestates where "the personal estate is of small value." [29th June 1875.]

WHEREAS it is desirable that the provisions of the Act of thirty-six and thirty-seven Victoria, chapter fifty-two, intituled "An Act for the relief of Widows and "Children of Intestates where the personal estate is of small value," should be made applicable to the surviving children of a poor widow who dies intestate:

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:

Extension of Act of 36 & 37 Vict. c. 52. to children of poor intestate widows.

1. Where the whole estate and effects of an intestate widow shall not exceed in value the sum of one hundred pounds, any one or more of her children, if they shall reside at a distance exceeding three miles from the Registry of the Court of Probate having jurisdiction in the matter, may apply to the registrar of the county court within the district in which the intestate had her fixed place of abode at the time of her death, and on compliance with the regulations prescribed in the said Act of thirty-six and thirty-seven Victoria shall be entitled to the benefits in that case made and provided by the said Act, and the schedule thereunto annexed.

Construction of the Act.

2. This Act shall be read and construed along with and as part of the recited Act.

CHAPTER 28.

An Act to amend the Law respecting the Superannuation Allowances of certain Officers of the Staff of the Metropolitan Police. [29th June 1875.]

WHEREAS by section twenty-one of the Act of the session of the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter forty-seven, intituled "An Act "for further improving the Police in and near the Metropolis," it is enacted that the surgeon and clerks employed in the Metropolitan Police Office are within the provisions of the Act of the session of the fourth and fifth years of the reign of King William the Fourth, chapter twenty-four (in this Act referred to as "The Superannuation Act, 1834"): 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47. s. 21. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 24.

And whereas doubts have arisen with respect to the application of the Superannuation Act, 1859, to the said surgeon and clerks, and to the surveyors and other officers who are employed under the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, and are not constables, and whose salaries are defrayed as part of the expenses of the Metropolitan Police Force, and not out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purpose; and it is expedient to provide for the superannuation of the said surgeon, clerks, surveyors, and officers: 22 Vict. c. 26.

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:

Power to Secretary of State to make regulations as to superannuation for officers of staff of Metropolitan

1. One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (herein-after referred to as the Secretary of State) may, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, by order make regulations respecting the grant to the officers of the staff of the Metropolitan Police mentioned in the Schedule to this Act of superannuation allowances, compensations, gratuities, or other allowances, on the like principles and conditions as are in force at the passing of this Act with respect to persons in the permanent civil service of the State,

Police in accordance with the principles applicable to Civil Service.

with power to provide for the case of any such officer transferred to or from any office or employment remunerated out of any moneys raised in any part of Her Majesty's dominions by taxes or rates, penalties or fines, or any moneys applicable in aid or reduction of taxes or rates, or out of other public revenue in any part of Her Majesty's dominions, or any public office or employment in any part of Her Majesty's dominions remunerated by way of fees or otherwise.

A copy of the order proposed to be made in pursuance of this section shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and shall not be finally made by the Secretary of State until it has lain for not less than twenty days before Parliament, but such order when finally made by the Secretary of State shall be deemed to be within the powers of this Act, and shall have effect as if it were enacted in this Act.

Power to grant superannuation allowances, &c.

2. The Secretary of State may, under the circumstances authorised by the regulations under this Act, grant, if he think fit, to any of the officers of the staff of the Metropolitan Police mentioned in the Schedule to this Act a superannuation allowance, compensation, gratuity, or other allowance, in accordance with the said regulations.

Where any superannuation allowance has been granted before the passing of this Act to any of the said officers under "The Superannuation Act, 1834," the Secretary of State may, if he think fit, grant to such officer, on his application, a superannuation allowance in accordance with the regulations under this Act in lieu of the superannuation allowance so granted.

Every such grant shall be specified in the annual report laid before Parliament with respect to the Metropolitan Police, and shall state the special reasons (if any) for such grant.

Fund for payment of superannuation allowances past and future.

3. Every superannuation allowance which has been granted before the passing of this Act to any of the officers of the staff of the Metropolitan Police mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, shall continue to be payable to such officer; and every such superannuation allowance, and every superannuation allowance, compensation, gratuity, or other allowance, which may be granted after the passing of this Act to any of the officers of the staff of the Metropolitan Police mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, shall be deemed to be part of the expenses of the Metropolitan Police Force, within the meaning of the Police Rate Act, 1868, and shall be defrayed accordingly.

31 & 32 Vict. c. 67.

Repeal of sect. 21. of 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47.

4. Section twenty-one above recited of the Act of the session of the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter forty-seven, intituled "An Act for "further improving the Police in and near the Metropolis," is hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered or any right acquired or accrued under the said section.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as The Metropolitan Police Staff (Superannuation) Act, 1875.

SCHEDULE.

Officers of Staff of Metropolitan Police to whom Act applies.

Every person who has been employed, whether before or after the passing of this Act, under the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, and is not a constable, and whose salary has been paid as part of the expenses of the Metropolitan Police Force.