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C A P. XXXIII.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Removal of poor Persons from *England* and *Scotland*.

[21st *June* 1847.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, for the Removal from *England* of poor Persons who, though born in *Scotland, Ireland*, or the Islands of *Man, Scilly, Jersey*, or *Guernsey*, and not settled in *England*, are chargeable to some Parish in *England;* and by another Act passed in the same Year Provision was made for the Removal from *Scotland* of poor Persons who, though born in *England, Ireland*, or the *Isle of Man*, and not settled in *Scotland*, receive Relief from some Parish or Combination in *Scotland:* And whereas it is expedient that certain Provisions of the said Acts should be amended: 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, That it shall be lawful for any Guardian, Relieving Officer, or Overseer of any Parish or Union in *England* to take and convey before Two Justices of the Peace, without Summons or Warrant, every poor Person who shall become chargeable to any Parish in *England*, and who he may have Reason to believe is liable to be removed from *England* under the first-recited Act; and the Justices before whom any

8 & 9 Vict. c. 117.

8 & 9 Vict c. 83. s. 77.

Guardians, &c., in England may take Persons removable therefrom under the first-recited

such

Act before Two Justices without Summons, &c.

such Person shall be so brought shall hear and examine and proceed in the same Manner in all respects as if such Person had been brought before them under and in the Manner directed by that Act.

Inspectors of the Poor in Scotland to take Persons removable therefrom under secondly-recited Act before Sheriff or Two Justices, without previous Complaint, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Inspector of the Poor, or other Officer appointed by the Parochial Board of any Parish or Combination in *Scotland*, to take and convey before the Sheriff or any Two Justices of the Peace of the County in which the Parish or Combination for which such Inspector or Officer acts, or any Portion thereof is situated, without previous Complaint or Warrant in that Behalf, every poor Person who shall be in the Course of receiving Parochial Relief in any Parish or Combination in *Scotland*, and who he may have Reason to believe is liable to be removed from *Scotland* under the secondly-recited Act; and the Sheriff or Justices before whom any such Person shall be so brought shall make such Examination, and proceed in the same Manner in all respects as if such Person had been brought before him or them under and in the Manner directed by that Act.

Persons taking Paupers before Justices to have Powers of Constables.

III. And be it enacted, That every Person who by this Act is authorized to take and convey any poor Person before any Sheriff or Justices shall, in the Execution of this Act, in that Behalf have and exercise all the Rights, Privileges, Powers, and Immunities with which a Constable is by Law invested.

Interpretation of Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That in the Construction of this Act the Singular Number or Masculine Gender shall, except when the Context excludes such Construction, be understood to include and shall be applied to several Persons, Matters, or Things, as well as to one Person, Matter, or Thing, and to Females as well as Males respectively; and that the Words "Justices of the Peace" shall be understood to include and extend to a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate of a County, County of a City, or County of a Town, or of any City or Town Corporate.

Act may be amended, &c.

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

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