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C A P. XLIII.

An Act for enlarging the Powers of Magistrates in the Appointment of Special Constables.

[31st *August* 1835.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending the Laws relative to the Appointment of Special Constables, and for the better Preservation of the Peace,* it is amongst other Things enacted, that in all Cases where it should be made to appear to any Two or more Justices of the Peace of any County, Riding, or Division having a separate Commission of the Peace, or to any Two or more Justices of the Peace of any Liberty, Franchise, City, or Town in *England* or *Wales*, upon the Oath of any credible Witness, that any Tumult, Riot, or Felony had taken place, or might be reasonably apprehended, in any Parish, Township, or Place situate within the Division or Limits for which the said respective Justices usually act, and such Justices should be of opinion that the ordinary Officers appointed for preserving the Peace are not sufficient for the Protection of the Inhabitants and the Security of the Property in any such Parish, Township, or Place as aforesaid, then and in every such Case such Justices, or any Two or more Justices acting for the same Division or Limits, are thereby authorized to nominate and appoint, by Precept in Writing under their Hands, so many as they should think fit of the Householders or other Persons (not legally exempt from serving the Office of Constable) residing in such Parish, Township, or Place as aforesaid, or in the Neighbourhood thereof, to act as Special Constables for such Time and in such Manner as to the said

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Justices respectively should seem fit and necessary for the Preservation of the Public Peace, and for the Protection of the Inhabitants and the Security of the Property in such Parish, Township, or Place: And whereas it is expedient that the Power of appointing Special Constables given by the said Act should be extended in manner herein-after mentioned: 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 all Persons willing to act as Special Constables under the Provisions of the said Act shall be capable of being appointed and acting, and may be appointed and act as such Special Constables, notwithstanding they may not be resident in such Parish, Township, or Place as aforesaid, or in the Neighbourood thereof; and every Person appointed and acting as Special Constable under the Provisions of this Act shall have all the same Powers, and be entitled to and enjoy all the same Privileges and Benefits, and be subject to all the same Duties and Liabilities, as the Special Constables appointed or to be appointed under the Provisions of the said Act.

Persons may act as Special Constables in other Parishes than those in which they reside.

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

Act may be altered this Session.

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