CHAP. 87.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to Prosecutions for Offences against the Act of the twenty-ninth year of the reign of King Charles the Second, chapter seven, intituled "An Act for the better observation of the Lord's Day, "commonly called Sunday." [17th August 1871.]

A.D. 1871.

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, as follows:

Prosecutions for offences under 29 Car. 2. c. 7. to be only by chief officer of police or with consent of two justices of the peace, &c.

1. No prosecution or other proceeding shall be instituted against any person or the property of any person for any offence committed by him under the Act of the twenty-ninth year of the reign of King Charles the Second, chapter seven, intituled "An Act for the "better observation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday," or for the recovery of any forfeiture or penalty for any such offence, except by or with the consent in writing of the chief officer of police of the police district in which the offence is committed, or with the consent in writing of two justices of the peace or a stipendiary magistrate having jurisdiction in the place where such offence is committed. No such prosecution shall be heard before the justices of the peace or stipendiary magistrate by whom or with whose consent the same has been instituted.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

The term "police district" means the districts mentioned in the schedule to this Act, and the term "chief officer of police" means the officers mentioned in relation to each district in that schedule; all the police under one chief constable shall be deemed to constitute one force for the purposes of this Act.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as "The Sunday Observation Prosecution Act, 1871."

Duration of Act.

4. This Act shall continue in force until the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and no longer.

SCHEDULE.

Police District.	Chief Officer of Police.
The city of London and the liberties thereof, exclusive of Southwark.	The Commissioner of Police of the City.
The metropolitan police district -	The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.
Any county, any riding, parts, division, or liberty of county, any borough or town maintaining a separate police force.	The chief constable or head constable or other officer, by whatever name called, having the chief command of the police in the police district.

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