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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. lix.

An Act for the Establishment of a united Constabulary Force in and for the University and City of *Oxford*. [25th June 1868.]

WHEREAS the Power of Watch and Ward within the University and City of *Oxford* has heretofore been customarily exercised during the Night by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of *Oxford*, and during the Day by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Oxford*: And whereas such Division of Authority has been found very inconvenient and injurious to the Efficiency of the Police within the said University and City: And whereas the said Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, are respectively desirous to establish a united Police Force, and it is expedient that Provision should be made for that Purpose upon the Terms and subject to the Conditions herein-after appearing: And whereas the Object aforesaid cannot be carried into effect without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of

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the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *Oxford* Police Act, 1868."

Interpreta-
tion of
Terms.

2. In the Construction of this Act (if not inconsistent with the Context) the Words and Expressions "University," "Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars," "Vice-Chancellor," "Proctors," "Pro-proctors," "Registrar," and "Marshal" shall be respectively understood to refer to the University of *Oxford*; the Words "City," "Mayor," "Town Clerk," and "Borough Fund" shall be understood to refer to the City of *Oxford*; the Expression "the Convocation" shall mean the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of *Oxford* in Convocation; the Word "College" shall include *Christ Church*; and the Expression "the Council" shall mean the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Oxford* in Council; the Expression "the Watch and Ward Committee" shall mean the Watch and Ward Committee appointed by the Council; the Word "District" shall mean and include the District of the *Oxford* Local Board as defined by the Local Government Supplemental Act, 1865, and as from Time to Time extended; and the Expression "the Local Board" shall mean the *Oxford* Local Board.

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ment of a
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Force and
Police Com-
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3. From and after the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, the Powers and Duties of the Watch and Ward Committee shall cease, and the Powers of Watch and Ward by Day and Night within the District shall be exercised as follows: there shall be One Constabulary Force for the whole of the District, and the Determination of the Number, the Appointment, Dismissal, and entire Management and Direction of the said Force shall be vested in a Police Committee which shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor and Five Members of the Convocation (herein-after called "University Members") annually appointed by the Convocation, and of the Mayor and Eight Members of the Council (herein-after called "City Members") annually appointed by the Council.

Appoint-
ment of
Members of
Police Com-
mittee.

4. The First Appointment of Members of the Police Committee by the Convocation and the Council respectively shall be made on or before the Fifteenth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and subsequent Appointments shall be made on or before the Fifteenth Day of *November* in each Year; any University

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or City Member going out of Office shall be capable of forthwith being re-elected; occasional Vacancies in the Police Committee shall be filled up by the Convocation or the Council respectively as they may occur, and the Persons appointed to supply such Vacancies shall continue in Office so long as the Persons whose Places they fill would have remained in Office.

5. The Registrar shall from Time to Time with all convenient Speed notify in Writing to the Mayor all Appointments of Members of the Police Committee made by the Convocation; and the Town Clerk shall in like Manner notify in Writing to the Vice-Chancellor all Appointments of Members of the Police Committee made by the Council.

Appointments by Convocation and Council respectively to be notified.

6. The Police Committee may appoint a Clerk and a Treasurer, if necessary, and may pay them reasonable Salaries, and may make such Rules as the Police Committee may think fit with respect to the Meetings of that Committee and the Transaction of its Business: Provided that no Business shall be transacted at any Meeting unless at least Five Members shall be present thereat, and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of the Votes of those present.

Power to Police Committee to appoint and pay Officers and to make Rules.

7. The Police Committee shall yearly at their First Meeting appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Year; if the Chairman so appointed be absent from any Meeting at the Time appointed for holding the same then the Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman, and if both be absent then the Members present shall appoint One of their Number to act as Chairman thereat; if the Chairman appointed as first aforesaid, or the Vice-Chairman, die, resign, or become incapable of acting, another Member shall be appointed to be Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the Case may require, for the Period during which the Person so dying, resigning, or becoming incapable would have been entitled to remain in Office, and no longer; the Chairman at any Meeting shall have a Second or Casting Vote in case of an Equality of Votes.

As to Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Police Committee.

8. The Powers and Duties now vested in the Watch and Ward Committee shall from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight be vested in the Police Committee; and any Act for which, if done by the Watch and Ward Committee, the Consent or Approbation of the Council would now be required, may be done by the Police Committee without such Consent or Approbation, and the Police Committee shall and may have,

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have, exercise, and fulfil within the District, or any Part thereof, the same Rights, Powers, and Duties in respect of Watch and Ward as are now possessed, exercised, and fulfilled by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, except as herein-after excepted by Sections Ten and Twenty-four of this Act.

Police Committee to have Supervision of Weights and Measures.

9. All the Powers and Authorities now vested in and exercised by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, or their Officers, or by the Council, with respect to the Supervision of Weights and Measures within the District, or any Part thereof, (including the Appointment of an Inspector or Inspectors,) shall from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight cease to be exercised by them the said Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and Council, respectively, and shall be vested in and exercised by the Police Committee.

Police Station for the District.

10. There shall be provided by the Police Committee a common Police Station within the District for the Purposes of this Act, to which all Persons apprehended shall be taken, and at which all Charges or Complaints shall be made and entered; but the Establishment of such Police Station shall in no way prejudice or affect the respective Jurisdictions of the Vice-Chancellor, and of the Mayor or other Justices of the Peace for the City, in respect of such Charges or Complaints, but such Jurisdictions shall remain; and the Courts or Places of Meeting of the Vice-Chancellor, and Mayor or other Justices, shall, during the Hearing of such Charges or Complaints, be respectively free and open to the Public, without Let or Hindrance. If the University shall desire at their own Expense to retain a separate Station for the Detention of Persons apprehended by the Proctors, a List of all Persons taken to such separate Station and not forthwith released by the Proctors, and of the Charges entered against such Persons respectively, shall be sent to the common Police Station aforesaid on the following Morning, and there shall be written upon such List the Time and Place at which the Vice-Chancellor will sit for hearing the Charges therein mentioned, such Time not being earlier than One Hour after the Delivery of the List.

Providing a Police Fund.

11. For the Maintenance of the Constabulary Force there shall be a Fund annually contributed by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, in the following Proportions; (that is to say,) Two Fifths thereof by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and Three Fifths thereof by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens.

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12. The Police Fund shall be at the Disposal of the Police Committee, and shall be applicable to the following Purposes :

Application
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Fund.

(1.) The Maintenance of the Constabulary Force, and the Payment of all Charges and Expenses properly incurred by the Police Committee in relation thereto :

(2.) The Payment of Gaol Expenses (including the Salaries of the Chaplain and Surgeon, and other Salaries, Rent, Repairs, Alterations, Rates, and Taxes), and the Expenses of all other Buildings required for Police Purposes :

(3.) The Payment of the Salaries of the Recorder, Clerk of the Peace, Clerk or Clerks to the Vice-Chancellor (as Justice of the Peace), and the Mayor or other Justices, and the Officers from Time to Time appointed by the Police Committee, and the Cost of Prosecutions for Offences, and other Expenses connected with the Administration of Justice within the District :

(4.) The Payment of all Expenses properly incurred by the Police Committee in relation to the Supervision of Weights and Measures, including the Salaries of Inspectors :

(5.) The Payment of all Expenses properly incurred by the Police Committee in carrying this Act into execution not herein expressly provided for.

13. The Police Committee shall, between the Fifteenth Day of *November* and the Twenty-fifth Day of *December* in every Year make an Estimate of the Amount required for the Purposes to which the Police Fund is hereby made applicable for the ensuing Year, commencing on the First Day of *January*, after taking into account all Fees, Payments, Allowances, and other Sums of Money (other than Sums paid by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, under this and the next following Section,) received by the Police Committee during the Year immediately preceding, and shall thereupon give Notice in Writing to the Vice-Chancellor and to the Mayor respectively, specifying in such Notice the total Amount of such Estimate, and the Sum (being such proportionate Part of the said total Amount as aforesaid) which is to be paid by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, respectively, in Four quarterly Payments; and the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, shall respectively pay or cause to be paid the Sums so charged on them respectively to the Police Committee, or their Treasurer, within Twenty-one Days after the several Days mentioned in such Notices respectively for each quarterly Payment.

Police Com-
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prepare
Estimate.

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How Insufficiency in Estimate to be made up.

14. If at any Time after the Delivery of the Notices of the Estimate for the then current Year the Amount so estimated by the Police Committee prove insufficient to defray the Expenses of the Police Committee actually and properly incurred by them during the preceding Part of the Year, or if the Police Committee have reason to anticipate that such Amount will prove insufficient to meet the Expenses which the Police Committee may be properly called upon to incur during the subsequent Part of such Year, the Police Committee may, by like Notice in Writing to the Vice-Chancellor and the Mayor, specify the Sums necessary to be paid by them respectively in order to make good such Deficiency; and the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, respectively, shall pay or cause to be paid the Sums so charged on them respectively in so many Payments as there are quarterly Days in the unexpired Portion of the Year, the First Payment being made on the First Day after the Delivery of the Notice specifying the same on which any quarterly Payment of the Amount originally estimated becomes payable: Provided that any Money which may be received by the Police Committee, under this or the last preceding Section, in excess of the Amount which the Police Committee shall at the End of the Year, in respect of which the same was received by them, have actually and properly expended in that Year, shall be taken into account by the Police Committee in their Estimate for the following Year.

As to the Payment of the University Contribution to the Police Fund.

15. The proportionate Part of the Police Fund to be contributed and paid by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars shall be paid by the Vice-Chancellor out of the Corporate or General Funds of the University; and if such Funds, upon an Estimate thereof made in such Manner as the University may from Time to Time provide, shall appear to be insufficient for Payment of the said proportionate Part, the Amount of the estimated Deficiency shall, not less than Fourteen Days before the making of the then next General District Rate, be notified by the Vice-Chancellor in Writing under his Hand to the Clerk to the Local Board, who shall cause such Amount, together with any actual or estimated Expenses attending the raising thereof, to be laid before the Local Board under the Title "University Police Expenses" at the same Time as the Estimate for such next General District Rate; and the same Amount shall be assessed by an equal Pound Rate on all the rateable Property belonging to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and the several Colleges and Halls of the University, in exclusion of all other Property in the District liable to such General District Rate; and the said Amount having been so assessed shall be added to that Portion of the said General District Rate which is leviable on the said Properties of the Chancellor,

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cellor, Masters, and Scholars, Colleges and Halls; and the same Amount, together with the Portion leviable as last aforesaid, shall be inserted in One Sum in the Columns of the Rate Book of the Local Board under the Head of the General District Rate; and the aggregate Sum so inserted shall be levied and recoverable as the General District Rate, and by the Means provided for raising the same Rate.

16. The proportionate Part of the Police Fund to be contributed and paid by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens shall be paid by them out of the Borough Fund; and if upon an Estimate of such Fund, and of all other Charges payable thereout, the Council shall be of opinion that it will be insufficient (after satisfying such other Charges) for Payment of the said proportionate Part, the Amount of the estimated Deficiency shall, not less than Fourteen Days before the making of the then next General District Rate, be notified by the Mayor in Writing under his Hand to the Clerk to the Local Board, who shall cause such Amount, together with any actual or estimated Expenses attending the raising thereof, to be laid before the Local Board under the Title "City Police Expenses" at the same Time as the Estimate for such next General District Rate; and the same Amount shall be assessed by an equal Pound Rate on all Property (other than rateable Property belonging to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and the several Colleges and Halls of the University) in respect of which the General District Rate may from Time to Time be leviable; and the said Amount having been so assessed shall be added to that Portion of the said General District Rate which is leviable on the said Property (other than Property belonging to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, Colleges and Halls); and the same Amount, together with the Portion leviable as last aforesaid, shall be inserted in One Sum in the Columns of the Rate Book of the Local Board under the Head of the General District Rate; and the aggregate Sum so inserted shall be levied and recoverable as the General District Rate, and by the Means provided for raising the same Rate.

As to Payment of the City Contribution to the Police Fund.

17. All Monies to be raised as aforesaid by the Local Board for University Police Expenses and City Police Expenses respectively shall, when and as collected, be paid by the Local Board to the Police Committee or their Clerk or Treasurer, and the Receipt of the Clerk or Treasurer shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Local Board and its Officers; and no Person liable to the Payment of any Sum for Police Expenses under this Act shall, during the Continuance of such Liability, be liable to any Payment for like Purposes leviable under any other Authority.

Police Expenses to be paid to Police Committee.

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Certain
Monies re-
ceived by
Police Com-
mittee to be
carried to
Credit of
Police Fund.

18. All Fees, Allowances, and other Sums in reference to Matters of Police, Prosecutions, Maintenance of Prisoners, and the Administration of Justice generally, which may be payable in any Year, (except such as are by any Act or Acts from Time to Time in force required to be paid into any Superannuation Fund for the Benefit of the Police Force which may be established under the Authority of such Acts,) and also all Fees and Payments in respect of Weights and Measures, shall be paid to the Police Committee, and carried by them to the Credit of the Police Fund, and shall be taken into account by them in preparing their Estimate for the next ensuing Year.

Extending
16th Sec. of
19 & 20 Vict.
c. 69. to
Police Force
established
under this
Act.

19. For the Purposes of the Sixteenth Section of the Act of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-nine, intituled *An Act to render more effectual the Police in Counties and Boroughs in England and Wales*, the Police Force established under the Provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be the Police of a Borough established under the Provisions of the said Act of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Years of Her present Majesty, and the Acts therein recited and referred to.

Police Com-
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keep Ac-
counts, and
same to be
audited.

20. The Police Committee shall keep true and accurate Accounts of all their Receipts and Expenditure, and such Accounts shall be audited and examined once a Year in the Month of *January* by Two Auditors, of whom one shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors, and approved by the Convocation, and is herein-after called "the University Auditor," and the other shall be nominated by the Council, and is herein-after called "the City Auditor," and the Police Committee shall, after every such Audit, cause a full Abstract of such Accounts to be printed, and Copies thereof to be delivered to the Vice-Chancellor and to the Mayor respectively.

Regulating
the Appoint-
ment of
Auditors.

21. The University Auditor and the City Auditor respectively shall be appointed between the Fifteenth Day of *November* in each Year and the First Day of *January* next ensuing (the latter Day being reckoned inclusively), and shall hold Office from the First Day of *January* in every Year until and including the First Day of *January* in the ensuing Year; and occasional Vacancies in the Office of University Auditor shall, as soon as may be after they occur, be filled up by the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors, with the Approval of the Convocation, and occasional Vacancies in the Office of City Auditor shall, as soon as may be after they occur, be filled up by the Council; and the Persons appointed to supply such Vacancies shall continue in Office until and including the First Day of *January* of

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of *January* succeeding their Appointment. The Registrar shall from Time to Time notify in Writing to the Town Clerk all Appointments of University Auditors, and the Town Clerk shall in like Manner notify to the Registrar all Appointments of City Auditors, and no such Auditor shall enter upon his Office until such Notification has been made.

22. In case any Claim shall be made on the Inhabitants of the City under the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Thirty-one, or under any other Act or Law heretofore made or hereafter to be made relating either to Riots or malicious Injuries, for Compensation to any Person or Corporation by reason of Damages sustained by such Person or Corporation in consequence of any Riot or malicious Injury, the Police Fund shall be the Fund from which such Compensation shall be made.

Claims for Compensation to be paid out of Police Fund.

23. No public Exhibition or Performance, whether strictly theatrical or not, other than Performances in Theatres which are regulated by the Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, shall take place within the District unless with the Consent in Writing of the Vice-Chancellor and the Mayor, or (during the academical Vacations intervening between *Trinity* and *Michaelmas* Terms and between *Michaelmas* and *Lent* Terms respectively) with the Consent in Writing of the Mayor; and every Person who shall offend against this Enactment shall be liable to a Penalty of not exceeding Twenty Pounds for every Offence, recoverable in like Manner as Penalties imposed by the said Act.

Prohibiting public Exhibitions.

24. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the Jurisdiction of the University, or of the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor thereof, as it now by Law exists, nor the Jurisdiction of the City, or of the Mayor, as it now by Law exists, nor the Powers of the University now exercised by the Proctors; and the Proctors, Pro-proctors, and their Servants, including the Marshal, shall not be deemed to be included within the Constabulary Force to be appointed under the Provisions of this Act: Provided that the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor shall not, during the Continuance of this Act, appoint any Persons as Constables under the Provisions of the Act of the Sixth Year of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Ninety-seven, other than Proctors Servants (including the Marshal) and Special Constables.

Saving Jurisdictions of the University and City.

25. This Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and no longer, unless Parliament in the meantime otherwise provides.

Continuance of Act.

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Expenses of
Act.

26. All Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid in equal Moieties by the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens.

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