

Definition.

3. In this Act the word "officer" shall mean and include any and every person duly authorised to administer oaths.

Commence-
ment and
extent.

4.—(1) This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January nineteen hundred and ten.

(2) This Act shall not apply to Scotland.

CHAPTER 40.

An Act to amend the Metropolitan Police Acts, 1829 to 1899, and to make better provision for the widows and children of constables who lose their lives in the execution of their duty. [25th November 1909.]

BE it 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, as follows:

Annual con-
tribution
towards ex-
penses of
metropolitan
police.
62 & 63 Vict.
c. 26.

1. In addition to the sums payable out of moneys provided by Parliament for specified services of the metropolitan police, and as salaries under the Metropolitan Police Act, 1899, there shall be paid in each year out of moneys provided by Parliament in respect of services rendered by the metropolitan police for imperial and national purposes such sum as the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, may determine.

Provision as
to additional
rate levied
under 53 & 54
Vict. c. 45.
s. 19 (4) in
metropolitan
district.
51 & 52 Vict.
c. 41.

2. The proceeds of any addition to the metropolitan police rate levied under the provisions of subsection four of section nineteen of the Police Act, 1890, shall not be reckoned as part of the sum actually raised by rates for the purposes of paragraph (k) of subsection two of section twenty-four of the Local Government Act, 1888, which regulates the amount to be paid by county councils to the receiver for the metropolitan police district and charged to the Exchequer Contribution Accounts.

Additional
Assistant Com-
missioner of
metropolitan
police.
19 & 20 Vict.
c. 2.

3. It shall be lawful for His Majesty to appoint a fit person to be a fourth Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and the Metropolitan Police Act, 1856, shall apply in like manner as if four Assistant Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis were therein mentioned instead of two.

Regulations by
Secretary of
State as to
superannu-
ation for offi-
cers of staff of
metropolitan
police.
38 & 39 Vict.
c. 28.

4.—(1) The power of the Secretary of State under the Metropolitan Police Staff (Superannuation) Act, 1875, to make regulations respecting the grant to the officers to whom that Act applies of superannuation allowances, compensations, gratuities, or other allowances, on the like principles and conditions as were in force at the passing of that Act with respect to persons in the permanent civil service of the State, shall be extended so as to include a power to make such regulations on the like

principles and conditions as are for the time being in force with respect to persons in the permanent civil service of the State, and to vary and revoke any such regulations.

(2) In section one of the said Act, the words "as soon as conveniently may be" shall be repealed.

(3) For removing doubts, it is hereby declared that in sub-section (2) of section five of the Metropolitan Police Courts Act, 1897 (which relates to the superannuation allowances of members of the staff of the metropolitan police courts, except police magistrates), the expression "the Superannuation Act, 1859, and "the enactments amending the same" includes the enactments amending that Act passed after as well as before the passing of the Metropolitan Police Courts Act, 1897. 60 & 61 Vict. c. 26.

5.—(1) At the end of paragraph (6) of Part II. of the First Schedule to the Police Act, 1890 (which relates to the pensions and allowances to widows and children of constables in England), the following proviso shall be added :— Pensions of widows and children of constables killed on duty.

"Provided further that, where a constable loses his life from the effects of an injury which is not accidental, the police authority shall increase the pension to the widow to a sum equal to one-third of the annual pay of the constable, and the allowance to each child to a sum equal to one-fifteenth of such pay, or, if there is no widow, to a sum not less than one-fifteenth nor more than two-fifteenths of such pay, unless the aggregate of such pension and allowances would exceed two-thirds of such pay, in which case they shall be rateably reduced; the police authority may, however, refuse so to increase the pension to the widow on the ground of her misconduct, but any such refusal shall be subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State."

(2) At the end of paragraph 5 of Part II. of the First Schedule to the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890 (which relates to the pensions and allowances to widows and children of constables in Scotland), the following proviso shall be added :— 53 & 54 Vict. c. 67.

"Provided further that, where a constable loses his life from the effects of an injury which is not accidental, the police authority shall increase the pension to the widow to a sum equal to one-third of the annual pay of the constable and the allowance to each child to a sum equal to one-fifteenth of such pay, or, if there is no widow, to a sum not less than one-fifteenth nor more than two-fifteenths of such pay, unless the aggregate of such pension and allowances would exceed two-thirds of such pay, in which case they shall be rateably reduced; the police authority may, however, refuse so to increase the pension to the widow on the ground of her misconduct, but any such refusal shall be subject to the same right of appeal as is conferred by section eleven of the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890, in a case of forfeiture or refusal of a pension or allowance."

6. This Act may be cited as the Police Act, 1909, and, so far as it amends the Metropolitan Police Acts, 1829 to 1899, may be Short title.

cited with those Acts as the Metropolitan Police Acts, 1829 to 1909, and, so far as it amends the Police Act, 1890, may be cited with the Police Acts, 1839 to 1908, as the Police Acts, 1839 to 1909, and so far as it amends the Police (Scotland) Act, 1890, may be cited with the Police (Scotland) Acts, 1857 to 1890, as the Police (Scotland) Acts, 1857 to 1909.

CHAPTER 41.

An Act to enable the punishment of Detention to be substituted for the punishment of Imprisonment for Offences against Naval Discipline under the Naval Discipline Act. [25th November 1909.]

BE it 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, as follows :

Detention to be substituted for imprisonment as punishment for offences against discipline.

1.—(1) For the purpose of preventing persons subject to the Naval Discipline Act convicted of offences against discipline under that Act, and not dismissed from His Majesty's service, from being subjected to the stigma attaching to imprisonment, there shall be added to the punishments specified in section fifty-two of the Naval Discipline Act the punishment of *detention*, which in the scale of punishments mentioned in that section shall come next before dismissal from His Majesty's service.

(2) The maximum term of detention shall be two years, and a person sentenced to detention shall undergo the term of his detention either in naval detention quarters or in a detention barrack, or partly in one way and partly in another : a person liable to imprisonment in a naval prison may be confined in naval detention quarters, but a person sentenced to detention shall not be confined in a prison.

(3) The Admiralty shall have the same power of setting apart buildings or vessels, or any parts thereof, as naval detention quarters as they have of setting apart such buildings or vessels or parts thereof as naval prisons.

(4) For the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing provisions such amendments shall be made in the Naval Discipline Act as are set forth in the schedule to this Act.

Printing and construction of Naval Discipline Act.

2.—(1) Every enactment and word which is directed by the schedule to this Act to be substituted for or added to any portion of the Naval Discipline Act shall form part of that Act in the place assigned to it by the said schedule, and the Naval Discipline Act, and all Acts which refer thereto, shall