



Metropolitan Police Act 1839

CHAPTER 47

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- So much of 29 G. 2. c. 25. as requires the Appointment of Constables at Courts Leet repealed.
- II Parts of Parishes may be added to the Police District.
 - III Parishes added to the District to be within 3 & 4 W.4 c.89.
 - IV Repeal of 6 & 7 W.4 c.50 with a certain Limitation.
 - V Metropolitan Police Constables to act on the River Thames, &c.
 - VI Sum required to defray Charges of Thames Police, Horse Patrol, &c.
 - VII Constables may be sworn to act for the Palaces.
 - VIII Additional Constables may be appointed at the Cost of Individuals.
 - IX A Statement of the Number of Persons belonging to the Police Force to be annually laid before Parliament.
 - X Exemption from Turnpike Tolls.
 - XI Police Constables to attend the Magistrates.
 - XII Summonses and Warrants in Criminal Proceedings to be executed by them.
 - XIII How Warrants issued to Police Constables may be executed.
 - XIV Penalty on Constables for Neglect of Duty.
 - XV Constables not to resign without Leave or Notice.
 - XVI Constables dismissed to deliver up Accoutrements
 - XVII Penalty for unlawful Possession of Accoutrements, or for assuming the Dress of Constables.
 - XVIII Penalty for Assaults on Metropolitan Police.
 - XIX Employment in the Police not to prevent receiving Half Pay.
 - XX Increased Salary to the Commissioners of Police.
 - XXI Commissioners, Surgeon, Receiver, and Clerks to be within 4 & 5 W.4 c.24.
 - XXII Superannuation Fund to be provided for Constables.
 - XXIII Rates of Allowance from the said Fund.

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- XXIV Repeal of 2 G.3 c.28.
 - XXV Certain Boats subject to Provisions of 7 & 8 G.4 c.lxxv.
 - XXVI Persons receiving Ship Stores from Seamen, &c.
 - XXVII Cutting Ropes, Cables, &c.
 - XXVIII Wilfully letting fall Articles into the Thames or into a Boat, &c. with fraudulent Intention.
 - XXIX Framing a false Bill of Parcels to escape Detection.
 - XXX Possessing Instruments for unlawfully procuring and carrying away Wine, &c.
 - XXXI Piercing Casks, opening Packages, &c.
 - XXXII Breaking Packages with Intent to spill Contents.
 - XXXIII Superintendents and Inspectors may board Vessels.
 - XXXIV Superintendent, &c. having just Cause to suspect Felony-may enter on board Vessels and take up suspected Persons.
 - XXXV Unlawful Quantities of Gunpowder may be seized.
 - XXXVI Penalty for having on board Guns loaded with Ball, or discharging Guns in the Night.
 - XXXVII Penalty for heating combustible Matters on board of Vessels.
 - XXXVIII Penalty on keeping Fairs open within forbidden Hours.
 - XXXIX Fairs within the Metropolitan Police District may be inquired into. If declared unlawful, Booths, &c. to be removed.
 - XL On entering into Recognizance, Question as to Right of Title to Fair may be tried in the Queen's Bench.
 - XLI Freemen of Vintners Company subject to certain Provisions.
 - XLII Public Houses to be shut on the Mornings of Sundays, &c.
 - XLIII Publicans prohibited from supplying Liquors to Persons under Sixteen Years of Age.
 - XLIV Regulations of 9 G.4 c.61 respecting Public Houses to extend to other Houses of public Resort.
 - XLV Penalty on Keepers of Cook Shops, &c., making internal Communication with an adjoining Public House.
 - XLVI Power to enter unlicensed Theatres, and take away Persons found there.
 - XLVII Places used for Bear-baiting, Cock-fighting, &c.
 - XLVIII Commissioners empowered to authorize Superintendents of Police to enter Gaming Houses.
 - XLIX Proof of gaming for Money, &c. not necessary in support of Informations for gaming.
 - L Penalty on Pawnbrokers receiving Pledges from Persons under the Age of 16.
 - LI Empowering the Commissioners of Police to regulate the Route and Conduct of Persons driving Stage Carriages, Cattle, &c. during the Hours of Divine Service.
 - LII Regulations for preventing Obstructions in the Streets during Public Processions, &c.
 - LIII Proprietors of Stage Carriages not liable to Penalties for deviating from Route.
 - LIV Prohibition of Nuisances by Persons in the Thoroughfares.
 - LV Cannon, &c. not to be fired near Dwelling Houses.
 - LVI Dog Carts, &c. prohibited after 1st January 1840.
 - LVII Street Musicians to depart when desired so to do.
 - LVIII Drunkards guilty of riotous or indecent Behaviour may be imprisoned.
 - LIX Persons using Carriages with-out Driver's Consent liable to Penalty.
 - LX Prohibition of other Nuisances.

- LXI Mad Dogs, &c.
- LXII Compensation for Hurt or Damage not exceeding 10l.
- LXIII Constables may apprehend any Offender whose Name and Residence is not known.
- LXIV Constables may apprehend without Warrant in certain Cases.
- LXV Persons charged with recent Assaults may be apprehended without Warrant.
- LXVI Power to Police Constables and Persons aggrieved to apprehend certain Offenders.
- LXVII Removing Furniture to evade Rent.
- LXVIII Horses, Carriages, &c. of Offenders may be detained.
- LXIX Persons apprehended without Warrant to be taken to the Station House.
- LXX Power to take Recognizances at Station Houses on petty Charges.
- LXXI Power to bind over Persons making Charges.
- LXXII Condition of Recognizance.
- LXXIII Penalty for Offences for which no Penalty is appointed.
- LXXIV Not to repeal Local Acts containing Penalties.
- LXXV Meaning of the Word Magistrate.
- LXXVI Offences how to be tried.
- LXXVII If Penalty is not paid the Offender maybe committed.
- LXXVIII Interpretation Clause.
- LXXIX This Act to be construed with 10 G.4 c.44.
- LXXX Act may be altered this Session.