

c. 76. and
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pursuance of that Act or of any Act made for the Amendment thereof, or to any Parish, Town, or Place in which Rates are or shall be levied for the Payment of Constables under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, making Provision for the lighting and watching of Parishes in *England* and *Wales*, or of any Local Act specially applying to such Parish, Town, or Place; and that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be taken to apply to the County Palatine of *Chester*.

Exempting
Metropolitan
Police District
from Payments
under this or
the recited Act.

VIII. And for the Purposes of exempting the Metropolitan Police District as herein-before provided, be it enacted, That the Justices in General or Quarter Sessions assembled shall in each Year, at the Time of making up their Accounts for the Year, ascertain what Proportion any Expenses that have been incurred during the preceding Year under this or the said recited Act shall bear to the gross Amount of the County Rate expended within the same Period, and also what Proportion of the said County Rate has been levied within the Metropolitan Police District, and shall repay to each Parish within the said Metropolitan Police District such Proportion of the Sums so levied as they shall ascertain to be a like Proportion of the Sums expended under this Act out of the County Rate.

Act may be
amended, &c.

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 And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

C A P. XXI.

An Act for shortening the Language used in Acts of Parliament.
[10th June 1850.]

Acts of Parliament may be altered, &c. in the same Session.

BE it declared and 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the Authority of the same, That every Act to be passed after the Commencement of this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed in the same Session of Parliament, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Acts to be divided into Sections.

II. Be it enacted, That all Acts shall be divided into Sections, if there be more Enactments than One, which Sections shall be deemed to be substantive Enactments, without any introductory Words.

Where any Act is referred to it shall be sufficient to cite the Year of the Reign, Chapter, and Section, &c.

III. Be it enacted, That in any Act, when any former Act is referred to, it shall be sufficient, if such Act was made before the Seventh Year of *Henry* the Seventh, to cite the Year of the King's Reign in which it was made, and where there are more Statutes than One in the same Year the Statute, and where there are more Chapters than One the Chapter; and if such Act referred to was made after the Fourth Year of *Henry* the Seventh, to cite the Year of the Reign, and where there are more Statutes or Sessions than One in the same Year the Statute or the Session (as the Case may require), and where there are more Chapters or Sections

Sections than One the Chapter or Section or Chapter and Section (as the Case may require), without reciting the Title of such Act, or the Provision of such Section so referred to; and the Reference in all Cases shall be made according to the Copies of Statutes printed by the Queen's Printer, or to the Copies thereof contained in the Reports of the Commissioners of Public Records: Provided that where it is only intended to amend or repeal any Portion only of such Section it shall be necessary still either to recite such Portion or to set forth the Matter or Thing intended to be amended or repealed.

IV. Be it enacted, That in all Acts Words importing the Masculine Gender shall be deemed and taken to include Females, and the Singular to include the Plural, and the Plural the Singular, unless the contrary as to Gender or Number is expressly provided; and the Word "Month" to mean Calendar Month, unless Words be added showing Lunar Month to be intended; and "County" shall be held to mean also County of a Town or of a City, unless such extended Meaning is expressly excluded by Words; and the Word "Land" shall include Messuages, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Houses and Buildings, of any Tenure, unless where there are Words to exclude Houses and Buildings, or to restrict the Meaning to Tenements of some particular Tenure; and the Words "Oath," "swear," and "Affidavit" shall include Affirmation, Declaration, affirming, and declaring, in the Case of Persons by Law allowed to declare or affirm instead of swearing.

Interpretation of certain Words for future Acts.

V. Be it enacted, That where any Act repealing in whole or in part any former Act is itself repealed, such last Repeal shall not revive the Act or Provisions before repealed, unless Words be added reviving such Act or Provisions.

Repealed Acts not to be revived, &c.

VI. Be it enacted, That wherever any Act shall be made repealing in whole or in part any former Act, and substituting some Provision or Provisions instead of the Provision or Provisions repealed, such Provision or Provisions so repealed shall remain in force until the substituted Provision or Provisions shall come into operation by force of the last made Act.

Repealed Provisions to be in force till substituted Provisions come into force.

VII. Be it enacted, That every Act made after the Commencement of this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such, unless the contrary be expressly provided and declared by such Act.

Acts to be deemed Public Acts.

VIII. Be it declared and enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and immediately after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament.

Commencement of Act.

C A P. XXII.

An Act for raising the Sum of Eight millions five hundred and fifty-eight thousand seven hundred Pounds by Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty. [10th June 1850.]