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An Act to amend Two Acts of the Third and Fifth Years of His present Majesty, for the Appointment of Constables in *Ireland.*

[15th *July* 1828.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Third Year of the
Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the* 3 G. 4. c. 103.
Appointment of Constables, and to secure the effectual Performance of the Duties of their Office, and for the Appointment of Magistrates, in Ireland, *in certain Cases*, which said Act was amended
and extended to the County of *Dublin* by another Act passed in the 5 G. 4. c. 28.
Fifth Year of the same Reign: And whereas the Lord Lieutenant s. 1.
or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being is and are by the said Acts authorized and empowered, by Warrant under his or their Hand, to appoint One Chief Constable for each and every or any Barony or Half Barony, or other Division of a Barony, or for any Two or more Baronies lying together and being in the same County in *Ireland*, and also, by Proclamation to be inserted in the *Dublin Gazette*, to require the Magistrates in the Commission of the Peace for any County in *Ireland* to nominate, in the Manner in the said Acts respectively prescribed, such Number of Constables and Sub-Constables in and for such County as shall be specified in such Proclamation, not exceeding in the whole, in any County, a Number after the Rate of Sixteen for each Barony or Half Barony, or other Division of a Barony, within such County, to be stationed in and

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through the several Baronies and Half Baronies in such Counties;
3 G. 4. c. 103. s. 13. and it is, amongst other Things, enacted by the said Act of the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign, that the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being may order and direct that any Person, having been appointed a Constable under the said Act for any County, shall go into and be a Constable in and for any Barony or Baronies or Half Barony, or other Division of a Barony, in such County; and that any such Constable, or any Number of the Constables or Sub-Constables, appointed under the said Act, for any County, or any Barony or Baronies, or Divisions of a Barony, at any Time or Times, shall go or repair to such Place or Places in any other County or Counties, or in any County of a City or County of a Town, or City and Liberties, or Barony or Baronies, or Division of a Barony, in *Ireland*, as shall be mentioned in such Order; provided that not more than Two Third Parts of the existing Establishment of Constables for any One County, City, or Town shall be so removed or absent from such County, City, or Town at any one Time: And whereas it is expedient that such Power of Removal should be extended and enlarged, and that the said Acts should in other respects be amended; be it therefore 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, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being from Time to Time, when and as often as he or they shall think fit so to do, to order and direct that every or any Chief or other Constable, or that the whole or any Number of Chief or other Constables, or of Sub-Constables, appointed under the said recited Acts or either of them, for any County, or any Barony or Baronies, or Division of a Barony, in any County, in *Ireland*, at any Time or Times, shall go and repair to such Place or Places in any other County or Counties, or in any County of a City or County of a Town, or City and Liberties, or Barony or Baronies, or Division of a Barony, in *Ireland*, as shall be mentioned in such Order, and shall remain there for such Length of Time, or remove to or remain at any other Place or Places in the same or any other County, City, or Town, for such Time and Times, and shall return to his or their original County, City, or Town, at such Time and Times respectively as shall be mentioned or directed in or by such Order, or by any other Order or Orders which may from Time to Time be made by the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being; and that such Chief and other Constables and Sub-Constables, when so removed, shall have the same Rights, Powers, and Authorities, and be subject to the same Rules, Regulations, and Orders, and be in all respects in the same Situation in the County or other Districts to which they shall be so removed, as if they had been originally appointed in and for such County or District.

Lord Lieutenant may order the Removal of the Chief Constable, and of the whole of the Constables, from one County to another, &c.

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II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being, by Warrant under his or their Hand or Hands,

from Time to Time, as shall appear to him or them fitting, to order and direct that any Chief Constable already appointed or hereafter to be appointed shall be and act as a Chief Constable in and for such Part or District of, or in any County, County of a City, or County of a Town, as shall be mentioned and described in such Warrant, whether such Part or District shall or shall not consist of a Barony or Baronies or Half Barony, or other Division of a Barony; and in like Manner from Time to Time to enlarge, diminish, or alter such Districts, in any way which to him or them shall appear to be expedient; and that such Chief Constables shall, in such their respective Districts for the Time being, have, use, and exercise such and the like Powers, Duties, Rights, and Authorities, and shall be subject to the same and the like Rules, Regulations, Directions, and Liabilities, in all respects, as such Chief Constables now have, use, exercise, or are subject to, or would have used, exercised, or been subject to, with respect to any Barony or Baronies or Half Barony, or Division of a Barony, under the said Acts or either of them.

act for any Part or District of a County.

III. And whereas Inconvenience has frequently been experienced in consequence of the sudden Resignation of Constables under Circumstances in which their Services have been particularly required; be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Constable or Sub-Constable, who shall have been or shall be appointed under the said recited Acts or either of them, or this Act, shall be at liberty to resign his Office, or to withdraw himself from the Duties thereof, unless expressly authorized so to do, in Writing, by the Chief Constable for the Time being, or unless he shall have given to such Chief Constable One Month's Notice at least of his Intention of so resigning or withdrawing himself; and if any Constable or Sub-Constable shall so resign or withdraw himself, without such previous Permission, or without such Notice as aforesaid, he shall for such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, upon Conviction before a Justice of the Peace; and it shall and may be lawful for such Justice, in case such Penalty shall not be paid, to commit such Person to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for any Period not exceeding Three Calendar Months; and all Penalties so to be levied shall be paid to the Paymaster of the County, for the Use of the Establishment.

Constables shall not resign without Leave of Chief Constable, or One Month's Notice of Resignation.

IV. And be it further enacted, That at each Spring and Summer Assize after the passing of this Act, there shall be laid before the Grand Jury of each County, City, or Town, an Account, signed by the Chief Secretary of the Lord Lieutenant, or the Under Secretary, stating respectively the Number of Chief and other Constables serving in such County, City, or Town, and the Sums respectively paid since the preceding Assize for the Salaries and Expences of such Constables, and for the providing or repairing the Arms, the Clothing, and the Accoutrements of the same.

Accounts of the Number of Constables and of their Salaries to be laid before Grand Juries.

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