

Anno Regni VICTORIÆ, Britanniarum Reginæ, Vicesimo.

'AT the Parliament begun and holden at *Westminster*, the Fourth Day of *November*, *Anno Domini* 1852, in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *VICTORIA*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith: And from thence continued, by several Prorogations, to the Third Day of *February* 1857; being the Fifth Session of the Sixteenth Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.'

CAP. I.

An Act to amend the Act for limiting the Time of Service in the Royal Marine Forces. [9th *March* 1857.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session holden in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-three, for limiting the Time of Service in the Royal Marine Forces, it was enacted, that no Person should be enlisted to serve in the Royal Marine Forces as a Marine for a longer Term than Twelve Years, to be reckoned from the Day on which the Recruit should have been attested, if he should have stated himself to be then of the Age of Eighteen Years, or if not then from the Day on which he would complete the Age of Eighteen Years, to be reckoned according to the Age stated in his Attestation; and it was thereby also enacted, that any Marine at any Time during the last Six Months of the Term of limited Service for which he should have first engaged, or after the Completion of such Term, might, if approved by his Commanding Officer or other competent Authority as a fit Person to continue in Her Majesty's Service as a Marine, be re-engaged to serve for the further Term of Twelve Years in the Royal Marine Forces; and that any Marine who should be ordered on Foreign Service, and who was within Three Years of the Expiration of his First Engagement, should be at liberty, with the Approbation of his Commanding Officer, to re-engage, before he embarked for such Foreign Service, for such Period as should complete a total Service of Twenty-four Years: And whereas it is expedient that the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral should be enabled to permit Enlistment for such less Terms as they may at any Time or Times deem expedient, and to authorize Marines to re-engage for any 10 & 11 Vict. c. 63.

'Terms within the Limit of Service prescribed by the said Act:' Be it therefore 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, as follows:

Power to the Admiralty to prescribe Terms for Enlistment and Re-engagement of Marines.

I. Any Person may be enlisted to serve in the Royal Marine Forces as a Marine for any Term not exceeding Twelve Years, to be reckoned as provided by the herein-before recited Act, as may be authorized by any Order or Orders of the said Commissioners in such Behalf; and any Marine may, subject to such Approbation as in the said Act mentioned, re-engage for such Term as may by any Order or Orders of the said Commissioners be authorized, provided the Term for which he is so engaged, with the Term of his Service under his First Enlistment, do not exceed the Period of Twenty-one Years; and the Forms of Questions on Enlistment in Schedule A. to the herein-before recited Act, and the Form of Declaration in Schedule B. to such Act, and the Questions on Enlistment and Declaration to be made by a Marine renewing his Service in the Schedule to the Marine Mutiny Act in force for the Time being, may, when the Occasion requires, be filled up with such Term or Number of Years as may for the Time being be authorized by such Order or Orders, instead of the Term or Number of Years mentioned in the Directions contained in such Schedules.

Recited Act and this Act to be read as One.

II. The herein-before recited Act and this Act shall be read and construed together as One Act.

CAP. II.

An Act to facilitate the Appointment of Chief Constables for adjoining Counties, and to confirm Appointments of Chief Constables in certain Cases.

[9th *March* 1857.]

Recital of Part of s. 4. of 2 & 3 Vict. c. 93.

'WHEREAS by the Act of the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-three, "for the Establishment of County and District Constables by the "Authority of Justices of the Peace," it is provided, "that it shall be lawful to appoint "the same Chief Constable for Two or more adjoining Counties or Parts of Counties, "if the Justices of such Counties, in General or Quarter Session assembled, shall mutually "agree to join in such Appointment:" And whereas Difficulties have arisen in certain Cases in giving effect to the said Enactment:' Be it 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, as follows:

Provision above recited repealed.

I. So much of the Fourth Section of the said Act of the Second and Third Years of Her Majesty as is herein-before recited shall be repealed.

Power to Justices to appoint a Person to be Chief Constable, although he may hold a similar Appointment in an adjoining County.

II. It shall be lawful for the Justices of the Peace of any County, in General or Quarter Session assembled, subject to the Provisions of the said Act, to appoint a Person to be Chief Constable of their County or of Part thereof, although he may hold or be appointed to the Office or Offices of Chief Constable of any adjoining County or Counties, or Part or Parts of Counties: Provided, that the Justices of each County, in General or Quarter Session assembled, shall declare their Consent that the Office in their Appointment may be held by such Person together with such other Office or Offices.

Previous Appointments of Chief Constables confirmed, and all Acts done by them valid.

III. 'And whereas Doubts have arisen as to the Validity of the Appointment of Chief Constables in certain Cases:'

Every Appointment heretofore made or expressed to be made by the Justices of any County, in General or Quarter Session, of a Chief Constable for their County or Part thereof, and all Acts done under or with reference to every such Appointment, either by the Person appointed or by the Justices of the County, or by any other Persons whatsoever, shall be effectual and valid, notwithstanding any Defect or Informality in or in relation to such