



### CHAPTER xiii.

An Act for regulating meetings and processions in streets within the city of Liverpool and for other purposes. A.D. 1912.

[25th June 1912.]

**W**HEREAS in recent years sectarian disturbances have from time to time taken place within the city of Liverpool (in this Act referred to as "the city") and have resulted in breaches of the peace:

And whereas by the Police (Liverpool) Inquiry Act 1909 certain rights powers and privileges were conferred upon a Commissioner appointed by the Secretary of State to inquire into the conduct of the police of the city in dealing with certain of such disturbances of the peace in the city which had then recently taken place and into the circumstances causing such disturbances:

And whereas the Commissioner appointed by the Secretary of State held an inquiry in the month of December one thousand nine hundred and nine and in the months of January and February one thousand nine hundred and ten and reported inter alia that the lord mayor aldermen and citizens of the city of Liverpool (in this Act referred to as "the Corporation") should apply to Parliament for increased powers with a view of preventing the recurrence of such disturbances:

And whereas it has been found necessary and is expedient for the better management and regulation of the city and for securing the safety of persons therein that further powers for the regulation of meetings and processions in the streets within the city should be conferred upon the Corporation as provided by this Act:

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

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And whereas an absolute majority of the whole number of the council of the city (hereinafter called "the council") at a meeting held on the sixth day of December one thousand nine hundred and eleven after ten clear days' notice by public advertisement of such meeting and of the purpose thereof in the *Liverpool Courier* a local newspaper published and circulating in the city such notice being in addition to the ordinary notices required for summoning such meeting resolved that the expense in relation to promoting the Bill for this Act should be charged on the city fund and city rate or on such other funds and rates and in such proportion as the Corporation shall determine:

And whereas the said resolution was published twice in the *Liverpool Courier* a newspaper published and circulating in the city and has received the approval of the Local Government Board:

And whereas the propriety of the promotion of the Bill for this Act was confirmed by an absolute majority of the whole number of the council at a further special meeting held in pursuance of a similar notice on the third day of January one thousand nine hundred and twelve being not less than fourteen days after the deposit of the Bill in Parliament:

And whereas in relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act the requirements contained in the First Schedule to the Borough Funds Act 1903 have been observed:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and 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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Liverpool Corporation Act 1912.*

Interpretation.

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires the expression "street" means and includes any square street court or alley highway lane road thoroughfare or public passage or place or any place of public resort or recreation ground belonging to or under the control of the Corporation and any unfenced ground adjoining or abutting upon any street.

Execution of Act.

3. This Act shall be carried into effect by the Corporation acting by the council.



4. The Corporation may make byelaws for the conduct of meetings held in and of processions assembling in or passing through any street within the city and of persons taking part in or being present at any such meeting or procession and for the prohibition at such meetings or processions of the use of emblems or weapons or the playing or singing of music likely to cause a breach of the peace and for requiring notice of such meetings or procession specifying the proposed time and place of meeting or assembly or the proposed route of such procession and any other particulars which the Corporation may by such byelaws require to be given to the Corporation by the person or persons organising or arranging for or taking part in organising or arranging for any such meeting or procession and such byelaws may define the meetings and processions to which the said byelaws or any of them shall or shall not apply.

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Byelaws as to meetings and processions.

5. The Corporation if they are of opinion in the case of any meeting of which notice is required to be given by the byelaws that the holding of such meeting in the place specified in the notice of such meeting is likely to cause a breach of the peace or obstruction to traffic may by resolution prescribe a different and suitable place for the holding of such meeting in substitution for the place specified in such notice which substituted place shall be within a distance from the place so specified which having regard to the considerations aforesaid shall in the opinion of the Corporation be reasonable.

Power to Corporation to prescribe place of meetings.

6. The Corporation may by resolution prescribe the route to be taken by any procession of which notice is required to be given as aforesaid in or through the streets of the city and may prescribe any districts or streets of the city in or through which any such procession shall not assemble or pass.

Power to Corporation to prescribe route of processions.

7.—(1) Any person contravening any of the provisions of this Act or of the byelaws or any prescription of the Corporation made thereunder shall in the case of a first offence be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds and in the case of a second or subsequent offence be liable on conviction to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period of not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

Penalties.

(2) The provisions of section 341 of the Liverpool Improvement Act 1842 shall extend and apply in respect of any offence against this Act or any byelaw or prescription made thereunder.

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General provisions as to byelaws.

8. All byelaws from time to time made by the Corporation under the powers of this Act shall be made under and according to the provisions contained in sections 182 184 and 185 of the Public Health Act 1875 so far as they relate to byelaws made by an urban sanitary authority except that as regards confirmation of byelaws the Secretary of State shall be substituted for the Local Government Board.

Recovery of penalties &c.

9. All offences against this Act or any byelaw or prescription made thereunder and all fines imposed or recoverable under this Act or any such byelaw may be prosecuted and recovered in a summary manner.

Delegation of powers of Act.

10.—(1) The Corporation by resolution may delegate to the watch committee of the city subject to such conditions and restrictions as they think fit all or any of the powers conferred upon the Corporation by this Act (other than those contained in the section of this Act whereof the marginal note is "Byelaws as to meetings and processions").

(2) No resolution of the watch committee prescribing a substituted place of meeting shall be operative unless at least fifteen members of the committee are present at the meeting of the committee when such resolution is passed and unless such resolution is passed by two-thirds of the members present when such resolution is passed.

(3) The proceedings of the watch committee shall be reported to the council.

Saving for existing powers.

11. The provisions of this Act and of any byelaws made thereunder shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any powers rights and authorities for the time being of the Corporation or of the police force of the city but so that no person shall be punished twice for the same offence.

For protection of Mersey Dock Estate.

12. No place or street lying to the westward of the structure of the Liverpool Overhead Railway shall under the powers of this Act be prescribed as a substituted place of meeting or as the route to be taken by any procession.

Saving for Crown and Corporation servants.

13. Nothing in this Act shall apply to processions of servants of the Crown or of the Corporation when respectively acting in those capacities.

Expenses of execution of Act.

14. The expenses of the execution of this Act by the Corporation may be defrayed out of the city rate.



15. The costs charges and expenses preliminary and of and incidental to preparing obtaining and passing this Act as taxed by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or House of Commons shall be paid by the Corporation out of the city fund and city rate.

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Costs of  
Act.

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