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## *Cap. cxxv.*

An Act for altering the Time for holding General Annual Meetings for licensing Alehouses within the County of *Middlesex*, and for authorizing the Justices of the Peace for the said County to remunerate High Constables. [11th July 1823.]

**W**HEREAS by an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending the Laws for regulating the Manner of licensing Alehouses in that Part of the United Kingdom called England, and for the more effectually preventing Disorders therein*, it was enacted, that from and after the passing of the said Act, all General Annual Meetings of the Justices or Magistrates, for the Purpose of granting Licences to sell Ale, Beer, and other exciseable Liquors by Retail, as well in Cities and Towns Corporate as in all other Places within that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, should be held in the Month of *September* in each and every Year, any local Custom or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; but by a subsequent Clause of the said Act it was declared, that nothing therein contained should extend, or be construed to extend, to alter the Time or Times of granting Licences for keeping Common Inns or Alehouses in the City of *London*: And whereas many of the Magistrates acting in and for the several Divisions of the County of *Middlesex*, being usually absent in the Month of *September* from their Residences in the said County, and therefore not able to attend such General Meetings [Local.]

3 G. 4. c. 77.

Justices for Middlesex, at their Licensing Meetings for the several Divisions in September next, to grant Licences to keep Ale-houses from the 10th Day of October to the 5th Day of April; and they shall appoint not less than Three nor more than Four Days between the Day of such Meeting and the 5th of April for Special Meetings, instead of not less than Six nor more than Eight Days.

Commissioners of Excise to take, in respect of Licences to be granted in September next, Half the Duties directed to be paid for Licences by the 56G.3.c.113.

After September next Justices to

Annual Meetings for licensing Alehouses within the said several Divisions, it is desirable that the Time for holding such General Annual Meetings should be altered, so far as relates to the several Divisions of the said County: 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, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Justices of the Peace acting in and for the several Divisions within the County of *Middlesex*, at their General Licensing Meetings in and for the several Divisions of the said County of *Middlesex*, which shall be held in the Month of *September* next after the passing of this Act, to grant Licences (in such Manner as hath heretofore been used) to Persons to keep Common Inns or Alehouses, and to sell Ale and Beer, and other exciseable Liquors, within the said several Divisions, from the Tenth Day of *October* next ensuing until the Fifth Day of *April* then next ensuing, and not for any longer Term; and it shall also be lawful for the said Justices, at each of their said Meetings in the Month of *September* next, to appoint not less than Three nor more than Four Days between the Day of such Meeting and the Fifth Day of *April* then next ensuing (and as nearly at equal Distances from each other as conveniently may be), for the Purposes for which such Special Meetings are directed to be appointed and held by any Act or Acts now in force, instead of appointing not less than Six nor more than Eight such Days for Special Meetings to be holden within the Year then next following, and to hold such Special Meetings accordingly, (any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding); and every Licence to be granted, transferred, or continued at such General Annual Meetings in *September* next, or any such Special Meeting to be then appointed, shall be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, until the said Fifth Day of *April* next after the granting thereof, subject nevertheless, in all other respects, to the several Laws in force for the better Regulation, Conduct, and Management of Common Inns, Alehouses, and Victualling Houses.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Commissioners of Excise in *England* for the Time being, and they are hereby required, to receive and take, in respect of all such Licences so to be granted in the Month of *September* next after the passing of this Act, and to expire on the Fifth Day of *April* then next ensuing as aforesaid, one Moiety or equal Half-part only of the Duties and Sums of Money directed to be raised, levied, collected, and paid, for and upon all Licences to be taken out by Retailers of Beer, Ale, Cyder, Perry, or Spirits, within *Great Britain*, in and by an Act passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for repealing the Duties payable for Licences for retailing Beer, Ale, Cyder, Perry, or Spirits in Great Britain, and for imposing other Duties in lieu thereof.*

III. And be it further enacted, That from, and after the said General Annual Licensing Meetings which shall be so held in the Month

Month of *September* next after the passing of this Act, all General Annual Meetings of the said Justices for the Purpose of granting Licences to sell Ale and Beer, and other exciseable Liquors by Retail, within the said several Divisions of the said County, shall be held in the Month of *March* in each and every Year; and the first of such Meetings to be holden in the Month of *March* next after the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be an annual Meeting within the Meaning of this Act and all former Acts in force relating to such Licences as aforesaid, although the Term of One Year shall not then have elapsed since the last preceding General Annual Meeting to be holden in *September* next as aforesaid; and from and after such next General Annual Licensing Meeting after the passing of this Act as aforesaid, all Licences for keeping any Common Inn, Alehouse, or Victualling House within the said several Divisions, granted at any other Time than in the Month of *March* yearly, shall be null and void to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

hold General Annual Meetings in the Month of *March* yearly, for granting Licences.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the same or the like Notices shall be given, and in the same or the like Manner and Form, of the General Annual Meetings to be held pursuant to this Act in the Month of *March*, as are by the Laws now in force required to be given of the General Annual Licensing Meetings thereby required to be held in the Month of *September* in every Year.

Same Notices to be given for the Meetings in *March* as had been given for the Meetings in *September*.

V. And be it further enacted, That every Person to whom any Licence or Authority to keep a Common Inn, Alehouse, or Victualling House, and to sell therein Ale, Beer, Cyder, Perry, or other exciseable Liquors by Retail, within the said several Divisions of the said County, shall be granted, transferred, or continued after the passing of this Act, shall enter into such Recognizances as are required by the said Act of the Third Year of His present Majesty, and shall also be subject to such and the like Penalties as are imposed by the said Act, or any other Act now in force relating to such Licences or Authorities; and such Recognizances and Licences or Authorities shall be in the Forms respectively prescribed by the Schedules to the said Act of the Third Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, (except so far as it may be necessary to alter the same for the Purpose of conforming to the Provisions of this Act,) and all the other Provisions and Regulations contained in the said Act of the Third Year of His present Majesty, or any other Act or Acts now in force relating to such Licences as aforesaid, shall continue in force and applicable to the granting, transferring, or continuing of Licences pursuant to this Act, save and except so far as respects the Time of granting the same, which is hereby altered.

Licensed Persons shall enter into Recognizance required by 3 G. 4. c. 77. and shall be subject to the Penalties imposed by the said Act.

VI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the Month of *September* now next ensuing, no Licence or Authority shall be granted to any Person whatsoever by the said Justices to retail Ale, Beer, or other exciseable Liquors in any House or Place which shall not have been used for such Purpose or Purposes, by virtue of a Licence which shall have been granted at a preceding General Annual Meeting of the said Justices, unless the Person intending to apply

After *September* next no Licence to be granted to any Person for a House not licensed at a preceding General Annual Meeting

ing, unless Notices be given to the Clerk to the Justices, and affixed in the Manner herein directed.

for such Licence or Authority shall give Notice in Writing to the Clerk or Clerks to the Justices at such General Meetings Three Calendar Months prior to the General Annual Meeting of the said Justices of the Peace for granting Licences for the Place in which the House shall be situated for which such Licence shall be applied for, and shall affix or cause to be affixed Three Copies of such Notice, written in a fair and legible Hand, on the principal Door, or most conspicuous Part of the House for which such Licence is intended to be applied for, and on the Door of the Church of the Parish in which such House shall be situated, on Three several Days within the Months of *November* or *December*, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and of Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and between each of which Days of affixing such Notices the Space of Seven Days or more shall elapse; which Notice, and the Copies thereof so to be affixed, shall be signed by the Party interested in such House, and intending to make such Application as aforesaid, or his, her, or their Agent thereunto authorized; and every such Notice shall state and set forth the Situation of the said House in a true and particular Manner, together with the Rate of Building thereof, where any such Rate of Building exists or is prescribed, and the Name, Place of Abode, and Description of the Party so applying, and also the Name and Place of Abode of the Person proposed to be licensed therein; and every Licence to be granted to sell Ale, Beer, or other Liquors by Retail, in such new House or other Place, not having been used for any of the Purposes aforesaid by virtue of a Licence granted the preceding Year, without such previous Notice having been given as aforesaid, shall be void to all Intents and Purposes: Provided nevertheless, that such Notices to be given and published in the Months of *November* or *December* as aforesaid shall be in lieu of and not in addition to the Notices for the like Purpose heretofore required to be given and published in the Months of *May* or *June*.

St. Pancras to be deemed a new Division of the Hundred of Ossulston.

VII. And whereas the Population of the Parish of *Saint Pancras* in the County of *Middlesex*, within the said Hundred of *Ossulston*, is greatly increased, and now consists of Seventy-five thousand Inhabitants and upwards, and it would tend to the better preventing of Disorders in Alehouses, Inns, and Victualling Houses within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, if the said Parish were created a separate District or Division within the said Hundred and County, for the Purposes of the several Acts of Parliament now in force with respect to the granting and transferring of Licences to Persons keeping or desiring to keep Alehouses, Inns, and Victualling Houses, and with respect to Certificates to be given respecting such Persons, and all other Matters appertaining to the granting, transferring, or continuing of such Licences; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said Parish of *Saint Pancras* shall be and be deemed to be, and the same is hereby made and constituted, for the Purposes aforesaid, a separate and distinct District and Division, and shall be, form, and constitute a new Division of the Hundred of *Ossulston*, within the said County, and shall be described by the Name and Style of "The *Saint Pancras* Division of the Hundred of *Ossulston* in the County of *Middlesex*."

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VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex*, as well at such of the Days fixed and appointed at their last General Licensing Meeting for their Special Meetings in pursuance of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend so much of Two Acts passed in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-ninth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, as relates to the licensing of Alehouse Keepers and Victuallers; and for better regulating Alehouses, and the Manner of granting such Licences in future, and also of granting Licences to Persons selling Wines to be drank in their Houses*, as are now to come, as also at their General Meetings to be holden in the Month of *September* now next ensuing, and in the Month of *March* in the Year next following, and in the same Month of *March* in each succeeding Year, and also at their Special Meetings, to be appointed at such General Meetings, and held pursuant to such Appointment, to meet at the Place called "*Saint Pancras Female Charity School*," in the *Hampstead* Road, within the said Parish of *Saint Pancras*, or at such other Place or Places within the said Parish as the said Justices shall from Time to Time direct and appoint, and then and there to do and transact all such Business relative to the granting, transferring, and continuing of Licences for keeping Alehouses, Inns, and Victualling Houses within the said new Division, as shall be necessary or proper to be done pursuant to the Acts of Parliament relating to Licences now in force and this Act, and to proceed therein in the same Manner, and with all the same Powers and Authorities, as the said Justices might otherwise proceed at any Place or Places within the Hundred of *Ossulston* heretofore used or appointed to be used for holding such General and Special Meetings respectively.

Meetings of Justices for licensing in *St. Pancras* to be first held in *September* next, and afterwards in the Month of *March*.  
32 G. 3. c. 59.

IX. And whereas it is expedient that Magistrates in the Commission of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, assembled in Quarter Sessions, should have Power to order Remunerations for the Chief or High Constables of the respective Hundreds or Divisions within the said County, for meritorious Services, the better to induce respectable Persons to act in that Office; be it therefore further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the said Magistrates in Quarter Sessions or General Sessions, or any Adjournment thereof, from Time to Time assembled, to order such Payments from Time to Time to be made to the Chief or High Constables of the several Hundreds and Divisions of the said County, out of the County Rates, as the said Magistrates shall from Time to Time think fit and proper, regard being had to the Extent of the Duties and Services which each separate Chief or High Constable shall have performed, or may be liable to be called on to perform in the Execution of his said Office of Chief or High Constable; and all such Payments shall be paid by the Treasurer of the said County, and shall be allowed in his Account or Accounts.

Justices authorized to grant Annual or other Salaries to High Constables.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Costs and Expences of preparing, obtaining, and passing this Act, and all other Charges incident or relating thereto, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the

Expences of this Act to be paid out of the County Rate.

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said County of *Middlesex*, out of the first Monies which shall be in his Hands on account of the County Rates.

Public Act.

XI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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