



ANNO QUARTO & QUINTO

GULIELMI IV. REGIS.

Cap. lxxvii.

An Act for more effectually enforcing the due Execution of the Office of Constable in the City of *London* and Liberties thereof.

[25th July 1834.]

WHEREAS such Persons only as are inhabiting and resiant and paying Scot and bearing Lot in the City of *London* or Liberties thereof are liable to be appointed and chosen to be Constables in and for the several Wards of the said City: And whereas by reason of the great Number of Persons who carry on Trade and other Business in the several Wards of the said City and Liberties, and occupy Warehouses, Wharfs, Counting-houses, Vaults, Cellars, and other Tenements and Hereditaments for that Purpose, without being inhabitant and resiant and paying Scot and bearing Lot therein, Difficulties have occurred in obtaining a sufficient Number of competent Persons to serve the said Office, and the Duties thereof have become burthensome upon the Persons inhabiting and resiant and paying Scot and bearing Lot within the said Wards: And whereas it is expedient to provide for the more equal Distribution of the Duties of the said Office, and it is desirable that Power should be given to reduce the Number of Constables elected at the annual Wardmotes within the said City; 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

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After 20th Dec. next every Occupier of any Premises, although not residing, shall be liable to serve the Office of Constable.

assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and immediately after the Twentieth Day of *December* next after the passing of this Act every Person occupying, for the Purpose of Trade or other Business, any Warehouse, Wharf, Counting-house, Chambers, Office, Shop, Room or Rooms, Vault, Cellar, or other Tenement or Hereditament within any of the Wards of the said City of *London* or the Liberties thereof, shall, although not inhabiting and residing within the said Ward respectively, and whether paying Scot and bearing Lot or not paying Scot and bearing Lot therein, be qualified and liable to be appointed and chosen to serve the said Office of Constable, and to the same Penalties or Punishment for refusing or neglecting to serve the said Office, in such and the same Manner, to all Intents, Effects, Constructions, and Purposes, as if such Person respectively were inhabiting and residing and paying Scot and bearing Lot at or in respect of such Warehouse, Wharf, Counting-house, Chambers, Office, Shop, Room or Rooms, Vault, Cellar, or other Tenement or Hereditament respectively.

Power to reduce the Number of Ward Constables.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the Court of Mayor and Aldermen of the said City of *London*, and the said Court is hereby authorized and empowered, with the Consent of the Inhabitants of any Ward of the said City in Wardmote assembled for that Purpose, to order the Number of Constables annually chosen for any Ward to be reduced, and that when and as often as the said Court shall make any Order that the Number of Constables in any of the Wards of the said City shall be reduced, Notice thereof shall be given by the Town Clerk of the said City to the Deputy and Common Council of such Ward respectively, and at the next and every other annual Election of Officers for such Ward only the Number of Constables mentioned in such Order shall be elected and chosen instead of the Number which have usually been elected and chosen for such Ward.

Public Act.

III. 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.

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