



Metropolitan Police Courts Act 1839

CHAPTER 71

METROPOLITAN POLICE COURTS ACT 1839

- Continuence of the Police Courts and Police Magistrates.
- II Her Majesty in Council may alter the Number and Situation of the Courts. Limiting Number of Magistrates.
 - III Vacancies to be supplied by Her Majesty from Barristers.
 - IV Magistrates, &c. exempt from serving on Juries.
 - V Appointment of Clerks, Ushers, Doorkeepers, and Messengers.
 - VI No Magistrate or Officer of the Courts to vote at certain Elections.
 - VII Receiver of Metropolitan Police to be Receiver under this Act.
 - VIII Extension of Powers and Duties of Receiver when acting under this Act.
 - IX Salaries of Magistrates, Receiver, Clerks, and Officers.
 - X In case of the Establishment of a Civil Court for Recovery of Small Debts, Her Majesty may appoint the Metropolitan Magistrates to take the Duties hereof.
 - XI Her Majesty may direct an Issue from the Consolidated Fund towards the Expences of this Act.
 - XII Time of Attendance of Magistrates.
 - XIII Acts directed to be done by a neighbouring Justice may be done by any of the said Magistrates.
 - XIV One Magistrate may do any Act directed to be done by more than One Justice. Except at Petty Sessions.
 - XV Magistrates to meet quarterly for reporting to the Secretary of State.
 - XVI Secretary of State may make Rules for conducting the Business of the Courts.
 - XVII Process in respect of Matters arising within the Metropolitan Police District need not be endorsed.
 - XVIII Summons for Persons to appear at any Place without the Limits specified in this Act, void.

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- XIX Magistrates may proceed by Summons, and if Party summoned does not appear may issue Warrant.
 - XX How Summons may be served.
 - XXI Warrant for Apprehension may be issued without Summons.
 - XXII Magistrates may enforce Attendance of Witnesses.
 - XXIII Punishment of Persons giving false Evidence.
 - XXIV Persons suspected of having or conveying stolen Goods.
 - XXV In case of Information given that there is reasonable Cause for suspecting that any Goods have been unlawfully obtained and are concealed.
 - XXVI Party from whom stolen Goods are received to be examined by the Magistrate.
 - XXVII Power to order Delivery of Goods stolen or fraudulently obtained, and in Possession of Brokers and other Dealers in Second hand Property.
 - XXVIII For removing Doubts as to ordering the Restoration of Property unlawfully pawned &c.
 - XXIX Power to order Delivery of Possession of Goods charged to have been stolen or fraudulently obtained and in Custody of Constable.
 - XXX Unclaimed stolen Goods delivered to the Receiver may be sold after 12 Months.
 - XXXI Power to award Costs on hearing of Charges.
 - XXXII Amends may be awarded for frivolous Informations.
 - XXXIII Penalty on Common Informers for compounding Informations.
 - XXXIV Power to lessen the Share of Informers.
 - XXXV Power to mitigate Penalties. Proviso as to Revenue Acts.
 - XXXVI Power to remand or enlarge Prisoners on Recognizances.
 - XXXVII Disputes about Wages for Labour done on the River, &c. (except by Trinity Ballastmen) to be settled by Magistrates, provided the Sum in question does not exceed 5l.
 - XXXVIII Power to order Compensation for wilful Damage by Tenants.
 - XXXIX Power to deal summarily with Cases of oppressive Distresses.
 - XL Power to order Delivery of Goods unlawfully detained to the Owner.
 - XLI In case any House be in a filthy and unwholesome Condition, the Magistrate may order the same to be cleansed.
 - XLII No other Justice shall take Fees within the Police District. Penalty 100l.
 - XLIII Table of Fees to be hung up.
 - XLIV Proceedings on Information before Magistrates.
 - XLV Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures.
 - XLVI Accounts to be kept of Fees and Forfeitures received and delivered quarterly to the Receiver, and the Amount thereof paid to him.
 - XLVII Certain Penalties and Forfeitures recovered to be paid to the Receiver. Not to extend to Penalties under Revenue Acts.
 - XLVIII Forms of Information and Conviction.
 - XLIX Conviction, &c. not to be quashed for Informality, &c.
 - L Appeal to Quarter Sessions.
 - LI Distress not unlawful for Want of Form.
 - LII Plaintiff not to recover after Tender of Amends.
 - LIII Limitation of Actions.
 - LIV Commencement of Act. Repeal of former Acts:
 - LV This Act to be construed with 10 G.4 c.44.
 - LVI Certain Provisions of this Act not to extend to the Laws of Customs, Excise, Stamps, and Taxes, or Post Office.
 - LVII Act may be amended this Session.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

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SCHEDULES to which the foregoing Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.) — Table of Fees

SCHEDULE (B.) — Form of Information