



Metropolitan Police Act 1887

1887 CHAPTER 45

An Act for further amending the Enactments relating to Offices, Stations, and Buildings for the Metropolitan Police Force. [16th September 1887]

WHEREAS by the Metropolitan Police Act, 1886, the receiver for the Metropolitan Police District (in this Act referred to as the police receiver) was empowered to provide, by building or otherwise, a central office, and such police stations, offices, houses, and buildings as were required for the purposes of the Metropolitan Police Force, and the execution of the enactments relating to such force, and to improve, enlarge, fit up, and provide proper access, yards, and other appurtenances for any offices, stations, houses, and buildings provided either before or after the passing of the Act, or any of them, and to purchase and hold land for the said purposes, or any of them, and (by section three) for the purpose of any purchase under the Act, and of any works under the Act of a permanent character, to borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred thousand pounds :

And whereas the borrowing powers of the police receiver under the said Act are insufficient to provide for all the aforesaid purposes, and it is expedient to extend those borrowing powers, and otherwise to amend the enactments relating to the police receiver:

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 :

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Police Act, 1887, and this Act and the Metropolitan Police Acts, 1829 to 1886, may be cited together as the Metropolitan Police Acts, 1829 to 1887.

2 Extension of borrowing powers under 49 Vict. c.22 s.3.

(1) For the purposes referred to in section three of the Metropolitan Police Act, 1886, the police receiver shall have power to borrow further sums not exceeding in the aggregate

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three hundred thousand pounds, and that section shall have effect as if five hundred thousand pounds were therein substituted for two hundred thousand pounds.

- (2) The purposes referred to in that section shall include the purchase of furniture and fittings for the said central office, but all sums borrowed for the purchase of furniture or fittings shall be repaid, with the interest thereon, within a period not exceeding fifteen years.
- (3) A lender shall not be concerned to see or inquire for what purpose any money is borrowed under the said Act as amended by this Act.

3 Power to lease land not immediately required.

The police receiver may from time to time, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, grant leases, for such terms as the Secretary of State may approve, of land for the time being held by the police receiver and appearing to the Secretary of State to be not immediately required for the purposes for which the police receiver is authorised to hold land.

4 Provision as to piece of land extending from Cannon Row.

Whereas a small piece of land, being an extension of Cannon Row, and containing sixty-three superficial yards or thereabouts, is bounded on three sides by land vested or about to be vested in the police receiver, and is believed to be vested in the Board of Works for the Westminster district, and is not required for the purposes for which, that board is authorised to hold land, but doubts have been entertained whether that board has power to transfer the said piece of land to the police receiver and to extinguish the rights (if any) of the public over the same, and it is expedient to remove those doubts; be it therefore enacted that the said board may by agreement transfer the said piece of land to the police receiver, and thereupon all public rights (if any) over the said piece of land shall be extinguished.