

An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Quebec to establish a Police force for the said City.

WHEREAS it is expedient to establish a Police force in the City of Quebec to act under the sole control and direction of the Council of the said City : Therefore Her Majesty, &c., enacts as follows : Preamble.

I. It shall be lawful for the Council of the city of Quebec to establish and regulate a Police force for the said city, and for that purpose the said Council may from time to time as occasion shall require, appoint a sufficient number of fit and able bodied men as a Police force for the said city, who shall be sworn before the Mayor or some one of the Councillors of the said city to act as constables for preserving the peace by day and by night, and preventing robberies and other felonies, and apprehending offenders against the peace, and the men so sworn shall, not only in the city of Quebec but also within the whole District of Quebec, have all such powers and privileges (and be liable to all such duties and responsibilities) as any constable or peace officer now has or may hereafter have, within the place to which his appointment extends, by virtue of the laws now in force or hereafter to be in force in Lower Canada ; and it shall also be lawful for the said Council to appoint such officers to superintend and assist in the management of the said Police force as to the said Council may seem needful and proper ; and the said Council shall further make rules and regulations for the governing, regulating, arming, clothing, lodging and paying the officers and men of the Police force established under this Act, and for regulating the residence, classification, rank, service, inspection and distribution of the said force, and for the government generally of the said Police force, so as to prevent any neglect of duty or abuse of power, on the part of the members composing the said force ; and the said officers and men so to be appointed, shall obey all such lawful commands as they may receive from the said Council, from the Mayor of the said city, or from any one or more of the Councillors of the said city duly authorized to that effect by the said Council ; and any officer or officers so to be appointed, shall during his appointment have not only all the powers and privileges of a policeman appointed under this Act, but also all such power as may be necessary for the legal fulfilment of any duty or duties lawfully assigned to him by the said Council or by the Mayor of the said city, or by any one or more of the Councillors of the said city duly authorized to that effect by the said Council ; and the said Council, the Mayor of the said city, or any member or members of the said Council duly authorized to that effect by the said Council, may at any time suspend or dismiss any officer or policeman appointed under authority of this Act, whom they shall think negligent in the discharge of his duty or otherwise unfit for the same, and appoint others in their place ; and the

Council may establish such Police force.

Duties and powers of such force.

Suspension or discharge of Policemen or officers.