

Constables
may search
for instru-
ments of
gaming.

2. It shall be lawful for the Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable or other officer as aforesaid, making such entry as aforesaid, in obedience to any such order as aforesaid, with the assistance of any constable or constables accompanying him, to search all parts of the house, room or place which he shall have so entered, where he shall suspect that tables or instruments of gaming are concealed, and all persons whom he shall find therein, and to seize all tables and instruments of gaming which he shall so find.

What shall
be deemed
evidence of
gaming.

3. When any cards, dice, balls, counters, tables or other instruments of gaming used in playing any unlawful game, shall be found in any house, room or place suspected to be used as a common gaming house, and entered under a warrant or order issued under this Act, or about the person of any of those who are found therein, it shall be evidence until the contrary be made to appear, that such house, room or place is used as a common gaming house, and that the persons found in the room or place where such tables or instruments of gaming have been found were playing therein, although no play was actually going on in the presence of the Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable or other officer as aforesaid, entering the same under a warrant or order issued under this Act, or in the presence of those persons by whom he is accompanied as aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for the Police Magistrate or other justice before whom any person is taken by virtue of such order or warrant as aforesaid, to direct all such tables and instruments of gaming to be forthwith destroyed.

Instruments
of gaming
may be
destroyed.

Penalty on
persons ob-
structing the
entry of con-
stables, &c.,
authorized to
enter any
house sus-
pected to be
a common
gaminghouse.

4. Any person who wilfully prevents any constable or other officer authorized under either of the preceding sections of this Act to enter any house, room or place, from entering the same, or any part thereof, or who obstructs or delays any such constable or officer in so entering, and any person who, by any bolt, chain or other contrivance secures any external or internal door of, or means of access to, any house, room or place so authorized to be entered, or uses any means or contrivance whatsoever for the purpose of preventing, obstructing or delaying the entry of any constable or officer authorized as aforesaid, into any such house, room or place, or any part thereof, shall, for every such offence, on a summary conviction before the Police Magistrate, or Mayor, or other Justice of the Peace before whom he or they may be brought, be adjudged to pay any penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars, with such costs attending the conviction as to the said Police Magistrate or Mayor or Justice of the Peace appear reasonable, and on non-payment (or, in the first instance, if it seem fit to the said Police Magistrate or Justice of the Peace), may be committed with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months.