

## No. XXXII.

An Act to authorize the imposition of Fines on Members of the Police Force throughout the Colony of New South Wales and to establish a Fund to be called "The Police Reward Fund." [9th October, 1849.]

POLICE REWARD  
FUND.

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**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the Chief and other Constables belonging to the Police Force of the Colony of New South Wales should be subject to control by means of the imposition of fines or penalties for any neglect or violation of duty in their offices respectively Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof That if any Chief or other Constable shall neglect or refuse to obey and execute any lawful warrant of a Justice of the Peace or shall be intoxicated by liquor or shall be guilty of any neglect or violation of duty in his office every such Chief or other Constable shall forfeit and pay such penalty not exceeding five pounds as any two or more Justices of the Peace in a summary way after examination on oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses or upon the confession of the party shall impose or inflict and the amount of such penalty shall and may be deducted from and out of any salary becoming due to such offender upon a certificate thereof to be by the Justices before whom he may have been convicted transmitted to the Colonial Treasurer or other person by whom the payment of such salary shall be made to be applied towards "The Police Reward Fund" hereinafter mentioned Provided always that it shall be lawful for the Governor of the said Colony for the time being to mitigate or remit any such penalty.

Preamble.

Constables neglecting duty to be liable to a penalty.

Penalty to be deducted from salary.

Governor may mitigate penalty.

2. And whereas the Chief and other Constables throughout the Colony become entitled as informers to certain portions of fines and penalties under various Acts of Parliament and of the Governor and Legislative Council of the said Colony and it is deemed expedient that such portions should be paid towards a certain fund to be called "The Police Reward Fund" for the benefit of the Police Force in the said Colony Be it enacted That in all cases of summary conviction in which a Chief or other Constable shall sue or inform and a portion of any fine or penalty imposed shall by law be appropriated to such Chief or other Constable as the informer suing for the same such portion of the fine shall from and after the passing of this Act be paid to the Colonial Treasurer of the said Colony to be by him applied and set apart towards a fund to be called "The Police Reward Fund" which shall be paid and distributed among the members of the Police Force in such manner as shall be fixed by the Governor and Executive Council of the said Colony as hereinafter mentioned.

Molety of fines and penalties as informers to be paid towards "Police Reward Fund."

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*Appropriation (1850).*

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Account of distribution to be laid before Legislative Council.

3. And be it enacted That an account in detail of such distribution shall be laid before the Legislative Council of the said Colony within thirty days next after the beginning of the Session after any such distribution shall have been made.

Governor and Executive Council to frame Rules for distribution of the Fund.

4. And be it enacted That it shall be lawful for the Governor and Executive Council of the said Colony to frame Rules and Regulations for the distribution of such Police Reward Fund as aforesaid in the payment of rewards gratuities bounties pensions and other allowances which to them shall seem just and expedient.

Commencement of Act.

5. And be it enacted That this Act shall commence and take effect from and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

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