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## PART VI.

### BILLS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the Regulation of Police.*

WHEREAS it is expedient to relax those provisions of Acts for the regulation of police which restrict the employment of Police-officers to the presidency, province or place of the police-establishment of which they are members: It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Police Act, 1887.

(2) It extends to the whole of British India; and

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything in Act XXIV

of 1859 (*an Act for the better regulation of the Police within the territories subject to the Presidency of Fort St. George*), Act V of 1861 (*an Act for the regulation of Police*) or the Bombay District Police Act, 1867,

the Governor General in Council may, by notification in the Gazette of India, create a general police district embracing parts of two or more presidencies, provinces or places, and direct the enrolment under Act V of 1861 for service therein of a police-force of which the members shall exercise such powers, perform such duties, enjoy such privileges and be subject to such liabilities of Police-officers appointed under that Act as the Governor General in Council may direct.

(2) With respect to a police-force established under the last foregoing sub-section, the functions assigned by Act V of 1861 to the Local Government shall be discharged by the Governor General in Council or by such Local Government or other

authority as the Governor General in Council may appoint in this behalf, and the functions so assigned to the Inspector General of Police, Deputy Inspectors General, Assistant Inspectors General, District Superintendents of Police and Assistant District Superintendents shall be discharged by such officer or officers as may be appointed in this behalf by the Governor General in Council or, subject to his control, by the Local Government or other authority, if any, appointed by him under this sub-section to discharge the functions of the Local Government.

(3) Subject to any orders which the Governor General in Council may make in this behalf, a part of a presidency, province or place included in a general police district under sub-section (1) shall not by reason of being included therein cease to be part of the presidency or general police district of which it forms part under any of the Acts mentioned in that sub-section.

(4) For the purposes of this section, and subject to the provisions thereof, Act V of 1861 shall be deemed to take effect throughout British India.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the Acts mentioned in sub-section

(1) of the last foregoing section, but subject to the provisions of any other

enactment for the time being in force and to any orders which the Governor General in Council may make in this behalf, a member of the police-establishment of any presidency or general police district may be employed in any other presidency or general police district, and, while so employed, shall be deemed to be a member of the police-establishment of that other presidency or district.

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## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

UNDER the provisions of the various Police Acts in force in British India, namely Acts XXIV of 1859 and V of 1861 and Bombay Act VII of 1867, the employment of police officers is restricted to the presidency, province or place of the police-establishment of which they are members. These provisions cause much inconvenience. In the case of a railway system passing through territories under the administration of different Local Governments, they necessitate the employment of a different police force under the control of a different authority for each portion of the line which is within the limits of the territories of a different Local Government. On the North-Western Railway, for example, there are at present no less than seven different forces of police under the control of various authorities. Again these provisions prevent even the temporary employment, on an emergency, of police officers of one province in any part of another province. With the object of removing these inconveniences this Bill has been prepared. In order to provide for the employment, under the control of one police authority, of one police force within limits which are not conterminous with the limits of a Local Administration, the Bill empowers the Governor General in Council to create general police districts embracing parts of two or more provinces and to enrol for service therein a special police force under special police authorities, and it further authorizes the temporary employment of police officers in places beyond the presidency or general police district to which they belong.

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