



# Metropolitan Police Courts Act 1839

1839 CHAPTER 71 2 and 3 Vict

An Act for regulating the Police Courts in the Metropolis.

[24th August 1839]

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)
- C2 Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890 \(c. 51\)](#)

1—18. .... F1

**Textual Amendments**

- F1 Ss. 1—18 repealed by [Administration of Justice Act 1964 \(c. 42\)](#), [Sch. 5](#)

19— ..... F2  
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**Textual Amendments**

- F2 Ss. 19—22 repealed by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1952 \(c. 55\)](#), [Sch. 6](#)

23 ..... F3

**Textual Amendments**

- F3 S. 23 repealed by [Perjury Act 1911 \(c. 6\)](#), [Sch.](#)

24 ..... F4

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**Textual Amendments**  
F4 S. 24 repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45\)](#), [Sch. 13](#)

25, 26. .... F5

**Textual Amendments**  
F5 Ss. 25, 26 repealed by [Theft Act 1968 \(c. 60\)](#), [Sch. 3 Pts. I, III](#)

**27 Power to order delivery of goods stolen or fraudulently obtained, and in possession of brokers and other dealer in second-hand property.**

If any goods shall be stolen or unlawfully obtained from any person, or, being lawfully obtained, shall be unlawfully deposited, . . . <sup>F6</sup> sold, or exchanged, and complaint shall be made thereof to any of the said magistrates, and that such goods are in the possession of any broker, dealer in marine stores, or other dealer in second-hand property, . . . <sup>F6</sup> within the metropolitan police district, it shall be lawful for such magistrate to issue a summons or warrant for the appearance of such broker or dealer, and for the production of the goods, and to order such goods to be delivered up to the owner thereof, either without any payment, or upon payment of such sum and at such a time as the magistrate shall think fit; and every broker or dealer who, being so ordered, shall refuse or neglect to deliver up the goods, or who shall dispose of or make away with the same after notice that such goods were stolen or unlawfully obtained as aforesaid, shall forfeit to the owner of the goods the full value thereof, to be determined by the magistrate: Provided always, that no such order shall bar any such broker or dealer from recovering possession of such goods by suit or action at law from the person into whose possession they may come by virtue of the magistrate's order, so that such action be commenced within six calendar months next after such order shall be made.

**Textual Amendments**  
F6 Words repealed by [Consumer Credit Act 1974 \(c. 39\)](#), s. 192(4), [Sch. 5](#)

**28 For removing doubts as to ordering the restoration of property unlawfully pawned, &c.**

And whereas doubts have arisen whether goods unlawfully deposited, pledged, pawned, or exchanged may be restored to the owner in cases of summary conviction, or where the goods are produced without the issue of any such warrant; it shall be lawful for any magistrate to order that any goods unlawfully . . . <sup>F7</sup> exchanged, which shall be brought before him, and the ownership of which shall be established to the satisfaction of such magistrate, shall be delivered up to the owner by the party with whom they were so unlawfully . . . <sup>F7</sup> exchanged, either without compensation, or with such compensation to the party in question as the magistrate may think fit.

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**29, 30.** ..... **F8**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F8** Ss. 29, 30 repealed by [Police \(Property\) Act 1897 \(c. 30\)](#), s. 3(3)

**31** ..... **F9**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F9** S. 31 repealed by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1952 \(c. 55\)](#), **Sch. 6**

**32** ..... **F10**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F10** S. 32 repealed by [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23\)](#), **Sch. 11 Pt. IV**

**33** ..... **F11**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F11** S. 33 repealed by [Criminal Law Act 1967 \(c. 58\)](#), **Sch. 3 Pt. III**

**34** ..... **F12**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F12** S. 34 repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1949 \(c. 101\)](#), **Sch. 7 Pt. III**

**35** ..... **F13**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F13** S. 35 repealed by [Magistrates' Courts Act 1952 \(c. 55\)](#), **Sch. 6**

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36 ..... F14

**Textual Amendments**  
F14 S. 36 repealed by [Bail Act 1975 \(c. 63\)](#), [Sch. 3](#)

37 ..... F15

**Textual Amendments**  
F15 S. 37 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1978 \(c. 45\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. VIII](#)

38 ..... F16

**Textual Amendments**  
F16 S. 38 repealed by [Criminal Damage Act 1971 \(c. 48\)](#), [Sch. Pt. I](#)

39 ..... F17

**Textual Amendments**  
F17 Ss. 39, 40, 51 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I Gp. 3](#)

40 ..... F18

**Textual Amendments**  
F18 Ss. 39, 40, 51 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I Gp. 3](#)

41 ..... F19

**Textual Amendments**  
F19 S. 41 repealed by [Public Health Act 1936 \(c. 49\)](#), [Sch. 3](#) and [Public Health \(London\) Act 1936 \(c. 50\)](#), [Sch. 7](#)

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**Textual Amendments**

**F20** S. 42 repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1949 \(c. 101\)](#), **Sch. 7 Pt. III**

**43** ..... **F21**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F21** S. 43 repealed by [Administration of Justice Act 1964 \(c. 42\)](#), **Sch. 5**

**44, 45.** ..... **F22**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F22** Ss. 44, 45 repealed by [Summary Jurisdiction Act 1884 \(c. 43\)](#), **s. 4**

**46, 47.** ..... **F23**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F23** Ss. 46, 47 repealed by [Justices of the Peace Act 1949 \(c. 101\)](#), **Sch. 7 Pt. III**

**48** ..... **F24**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F24** S. 48 repealed by [Summary Jurisdiction Act 1884 \(c. 43\)](#), **s. 4**

**49, 50** ..... **F25**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F25** Ss. 49, 50 repealed by [Administration of Justice Act 1964 \(c. 42\)](#), **Sch. 5**

**51** ..... **F26**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F26** Ss. 39, 40, 51 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I Gp. 3**

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52 ..... F27

**Textual Amendments**  
F27 S. 52 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1894 (c. 56)

53 ..... F28

**Textual Amendments**  
F28 S. 53 repealed by Public Authorities Protection Act 1893 (c. 61), s. 2

54 ..... F29

**Textual Amendments**  
F29 S. 54 repealed by Statute Law Revision (No. 2) Act 1874 (c. 96)

55 **This Act to be construed with 1829 c. 44. 1839 c. 47.**

This Act and the <sup>M1</sup>Metropolitan Police Act 1829 and also the <sup>M2</sup>Metropolitan Police Act 1839 shall be construed together as one Act.

**Marginal Citations**  
M1 1829 c. 44.  
M2 1839 c. 47.

56 ..... F30

**Textual Amendments**  
F30 S. 56 repealed by Administration of Justice Act 1964 (c. 42), Sch. 5

57 ..... F31

**Textual Amendments**  
F31 S. 57 repealed by Statute Law Revision (No. 2) Act 1874 (c. 96)

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<sup>F32</sup><sup>F32</sup>SCHEDULE (A),

**Textual Amendments**

**F32** Sch. (A) repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. I**, Gp. 3

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**F32**

<sup>F33</sup><sup>F33</sup>SCHEDULE (B),

**Textual Amendments**

**F33** Sch. (B) repealed by [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1888 \(c. 57\)](#)

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