

Police Act, 1861

Section 1 - Interpretation Clause

The following words and expressions in this Act shall have the meaning assigned to them, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction, that is to say-

{Cf. also Section 3 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act 5 of 1898).} "the words" Magistrate of the district shall mean the chief officer charged with the executive administration of a district and exercising the powers of a Magistrate, by whatever designation the chief officer charged with such executive administration is styled:

the word " Magistrate " shall include all persons within the general police-district, exercising all or any of the power of a Magistrate:

the word "police " shall include all persons who shall be rolled under this Act:

the words " general police-district " shall embrace any {Under Section2 of the Police Act, 1888 (3 of 1888), the Central Government may notwithstanding this provision, create a special police-district, consisting of parts of two or more State Section

As to Delhi State, see Gazette of India, 1912, Part I, p.1105.} residency, State, or place, or any part of any presidency State or place, in which this Act shall be ordered to take effect:

{Inserted by Act 8 of 1895, Section1.} [the words "District Superintendent" and "District Superintendent of Police" shall include any Assistant District Superintendent or other person appointed by general or special order of the State Government to perform all or any of the duties of a District Superintendent of Police under this Act in any district:]

the word "property " shall include any moveable property money, or valuable security:

{The definitions relating to " number " and " gender " repealed by Act 10 1914, Section3 and Schedule II.}

the word " person " shall include a company or corporation:

the word " month " shall mean a calendar month:

{Cf. definition of " cattle " in Section3 of the Cattle-trespass Act, 1871 (1 1871).} the word "cattle"

shall, besides horned cattle, include elephants, camels, horses, asses, mules, sheep, goats and swine.

{Inserted by the A.O.1937} [References to the subordinate ranks of a police force shall be construed as references to members of that force belong the rank of Deputy Superintendent.]

{Section 2, so far as it is related to the provinces under the administration of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, repealed by the Bengal Police Act, 1869 (Ben.7 of 1869).}