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1. This Act may be cited as the Constabulary Force Act.

Short title.

2. In this Act the following expressions have the following meanings—

Interpre-

tation

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"Officer" means all members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force above the rank of Inspector;

"Sub-Officer" means any member of the Force above the rank of Police Constable and below that of Assistant Superintendent;

"the Force" means the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

Constitution of the Force

3.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Governor-General to constitute a Police Force which shall be called "The Jamaica Constabulary Force" which shall be partially under Military Organization and Discipline.

Governor-General to constitute Police Force and to appoint Officers and Constables of the Force.

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- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) the Force Constables of the Force shall consist of—
 - (a) a Commissioner who shall have the sole operational command and superintendence of the Force;
 - (b) such number of Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Senior Superintendents, Superintendents, Deputy Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Inspectors, Sergeants, Corporals, Acting Corporals and Police Constables as the Minister may