X. In any and every Action or Suit for Forfeiture, and upon every or any Prosecution for Perjury as aforesaid, the Declaration or Certificate of the Lord High Commissioner, or of his Secretary, or of any such Resident as aforesaid, under their respective Hands and official Seals, shall be received as Evidence in the Law of all Facts and Matters stated in such Declaration or Certificate, without its being necessary for such Lord High Commissioner, Secretary, or Resident to attend in person to prove the same. Evidence.

XI. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to render invalid any Marriage heretofore or hereafter solemnized within the said Islands which Marriage was or shall be valid according to the Laws of the said Islands. Act not to invalidate Marriages otherwise lawful.

XII. The Terms "Lord High Commissioner," "Resident of the Lord High Commissioner," and "Secretary of the Lord High Commissioner," shall include respectively any Person lawfully acting in any of such Capacities. Interpretation of certain Terms.

CAP. LXXXVII.

An Act to remove Doubts as to the Authority of the Senior Member of the Council of the Governor-General of *India* in the Absence of the President.

[13th *August* 1860.]

'WHEREAS Doubts have arisen where the Governor-General of *India* has nominated some Member of his Council to be President of the said Council during his Absence under the Provisions of the Act of the Session holden in the Third and Fourth Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Eighty-five, and the President so appointed is absent owing to Indisposition or other Cause, whether it is competent to the Senior Member of the Council present at the Council to preside and exercise the Powers and Authorities which during the Absence of the Governor-General, where no such President is appointed, such Senior Member is competent to exercise under the Provisions of the Act of the Session holden in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of King *George* the Third, Chapter Seventy-nine, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed:' Be it therefore declared and enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 85. 39 & 40 G. 3. c. 79.

I. Whenever a President of the Council of the Governor-General of *India* appointed by the said Governor-General under the Provisions of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of King *William* the Fourth is from Indisposition or other Cause absent from any Meeting of the Council (the Governor-General also continuing absent therefrom), it is and shall be deemed to have been lawful for the Senior Member of the Council who is present at such Meeting to preside at the Council, and to exercise the Powers and Authorities which during the Absence of the Governor-General he is competent to exercise under the Provisions of the said Act of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of King *George* the Third where no such President is appointed. During Absence of Governor-General or any President appointed by him, the Senior Member present to preside and act.

CAP. LXXXVIII.

An Act to extend certain Provisions for Admiralty Jurisdiction in the Colonies to Her Majesty's Territories in *India*.

[13th *August* 1860.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-six, "to provide for the Prosecution and "Trial in Her Majesty's Colonies of Offences committed within the Jurisdiction of the "Admiralty," 12 & 13 Vict. c. 96.

'"Admiralty," and by such Act it was provided that for the Purposes thereof the Word '"Colony" should mean any Island, Plantation, Colony, Dominion, Fort, or Factory of 'Her Majesty, except the United Kingdom and the Islands of *Man*, *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, '*Alderney*, and *Sark*, and the Islands adjacent thereto respectively, and except also all 'such Parts and Places as were under the Government of the *East India* Company: And 'whereas it is expedient that the Provisions of the said Act should extend to all Parts 'and Places heretofore under the Government of the *East India* Company in like Manner 'as to other Colonial and Foreign Possessions of Her Majesty:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Provisions of the recited Act to extend to India.

I. So much of the said Act as excepts the Parts and Places then under the Government of the *East India* Company, from the Interpretation of the Word "Colony" shall be repealed, and for the Purposes of the said Act the Word "Colony" therein shall include and apply to every Part and Place heretofore under the Government of the *East India* Company, or which may be under the Government of Her Majesty in *India*, and all the Provisions of the said Act shall be construed and take effect accordingly.

Provision for Persons entitled to be tried by the Supreme Court of a Presidency.

II. Provided always, That where any Person within any Place in *India* is charged with the Commission of any Offence in respect of which Jurisdiction is given by the said Act, or where any Person charged with the Commission of any such Offence is brought for Trial under the said Act to any Place in *India*, if at any Time before his Trial he make it appear to the Court exercising Criminal Jurisdiction in the Place where he is so charged or brought for Trial, that in case the Offence charged had been committed in such Place he could have been tried only in the Supreme Court of One of the Three Presidencies in *India*, and claim to be tried by such a Supreme Court accordingly, the said Court exercising Criminal Jurisdiction as aforesaid shall certify the Fact and Claim to the Governor of such Place or Chief Local Authority thereof, and such Governor or Chief Local Authority thereupon shall order and cause the Person charged to be sent in Custody to such One of the Presidencies as such Governor shall think fit for Trial before the Supreme Court of such Presidency, and the said Supreme Court and all public Officers and other Persons in the Presidency shall have the same Jurisdiction and Authorities, and proceed in the same Manner in relation to the Person charged with such Offence, as if the same had been committed or originally charged to have been committed within the Limits of the ordinary Jurisdiction of such Supreme Court.

CAP. LXXXIX.

An Act to extend in certain Cases the Provisions of the Superannuation Act, 1859. [13th *August* 1860.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that Provision should be made for the Grant of Superannuation Allowances to Persons who may have served both in the Office of the 'Secretary of State for *India*, and likewise in the permanent Civil Service of the State, 'within the Meaning of Section Seventeen of the Superannuation Act, 1859;' Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Superannuation Act, 1859, to extend to Cases of Joint Service in the Office of Secre-

I. Whenever any Person shall have been transferred from any Situation or Employment in the permanent Civil Service entitling him to Superannuation Allowance under the Superannuation Act, 1859, to any Situation or Employment in the Office of the Secretary of State for *India*, entitling him to Superannuation Allowance under Section Eighteen of the