Evidence of reports.

3. Any copy of the said reports made by the Norwich Commissioners and by the Boston Commissioners respectively, with the schedules thereunto annexed, purporting to be printed by Her Majesty's printers, shall be deemed to be sufficient evidence of the said reports and schedules.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Norwich and Boston Corrupt Voters Act, 1876.

CHAPTER 73.

An Act to amend the Pensions Commutation Act, 1871. [15th August 1876.]

34 & 35 Vict. c. 36.

WHEREAS by section ten of the Pensions Commutation Act, 1871, it is provided, that if any pension holder whose pension has been commuted in pursuance of that Act accepts any public employment, such deduction on account of his commuted pension as is therein mentioned shall be made from the salary or pension payable in respect of such employment:

And whereas it is expedient to exempt from the provisions of that section an officer in the army on half pay who retires in the manner herein-after mentioned:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Pensions Commutation Act, 1876." This Act and the "Pensions Commutation Act, 1871," may be cited together as the "Pensions Commutation Acts, 1871 and 1876."

Exemption of certain half-pay officers of army from 34 & 35 Vict. c. 36. s. 10.

2. Where an officer being on half pay has either before or after the passing of this Act been permitted to retire from the army by commutation of his half pay, and received under section three of the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, the sum which, in addition to the said commutation, amounted to the regulation price of the saleable commission held by him, and such officer has either before or after the passing of this Act accepted any public employment, no deduction on account of the half pay so commuted shall be made under section ten of the Pensions Commutation Act, 1871, from the salary payable, or any pension granted to him in respect of such employment.

Application of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 83. to officers of telegraph companies receiving annuities, to cease after 31 Dec. 1876.

3. An officer or clerk of any telegraph company (the undertaking of which has been purchased by the Postmaster-General) who is entitled to receive an annuity during his life from the Postmaster-General, by way of compensation for the loss of his office, shall not be entitled to commute that annuity in pursuance of the Pensions Commutation Act, 1872, unless his application for commutation is forwarded to the Postmaster-General before the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

CHAPTER 74.

An Act for amending so much of the Agricultural Holdings (England) Act, 1875, as relates to the Governors of the Bounty of Queen Anne for the Augmentation of the Maintenance of the Poor Clergy. [15th August 1876.]

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Agricultural Holdings (England) Act (1875) Amendment Act, 1876."

2. The part of an Act described in the schedule to this Act is hereby repealed; but this repeal shall not affect anything done, or any right or liability accrued, under the repealed enactment, before the passing of this Act. Repeal of enactments in schedule.

3. Section forty-nine of The Agricultural Holdings (England) Act, 1875, shall be read and have effect as if there had been inserted therein after the word "writing" the following words, "of the patron of the benefice (that is, the person, officer, or authority who, in case "the benefice were vacant, would be entitled to present thereto), or." Approval of improvements by patron of benefice.

SCHEDULE.

PART OF ACT REPEALED.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 92.	-	The Agricultural Holdings (England) Act, 1875 - - in part; namely— The last paragraph of Section Forty-nine; (that is to say,) The Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, before granting their approval in any case under this section, shall give notice of the application for their approval to the patron of the benefice (that is, the person, officer, or authority who, in case the benefice were then vacant, would be entitled to present thereto).

CHAPTER 75.

An Act for making further Provision for the Prevention of the Pollution of Rivers. [15th August 1876.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision for the prevention of the pollution of rivers, and in particular to prevent the establishment of new sources of pollution:

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:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876. Short title of Act.

PART I.

LAW AS TO SOLID MATTERS.

2. Every person who puts or causes to be put or to fall or knowingly permits to be put or to fall or to be carried into any stream, so as either singly or in combination with other similar acts of the same or any other person to interfere with its due flow, or to pollute its waters, the solid refuse of any manufactory, manufacturing process or quarry, or any rubbish or cinders, or any other waste or any putrid solid matter, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Act. Prohibition as to putting solid matters into streams.

In proving interference with the due flow of any stream, or in proving the pollution of any stream, evidence may be given of repeated acts which together cause such interference or pollution, although each act taken by itself may not be sufficient for that purpose.

PART II.

LAW AS TO SEWAGE POLLUTIONS.

3. Every person who causes to fall or flow or knowingly permits to fall or flow or to be carried into any stream any solid or liquid sewage matter, shall (subject as in this Act mentioned) be deemed to have committed an offence against this Act. Prohibition as to drainage into streams of sewers.