but effectual provision for that purpose cannot be made without the authority of Parliament:

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:

Her Majesty may constitute the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica a Court of Appeal from the Supreme Court of Judicature of British Honduras.

1. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any Order, to be made by her with the advice of Her Privy Council, to constitute the Supreme Court of Judicature of the Island of Jamaica a Court of Appeal for hearing and determining appeals from the judgments, decrees, orders, sentences, and decisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the Colony of British Honduras, and from and after the proclamation of such Order in Council in each of the said colonies, or from and after such subsequent date as may be appointed by such Order, any person or persons may appeal from any judgment, decree, order, sentence, or decision of the Supreme Court of Judicature of British Honduras to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica, and such last-mentioned court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine such appeals in such manner, within such time, and under and subject to such rules and limitations as Her Majesty by the same Order or by any other Order or Orders in Council shall prescribe or appoint, or, if Her Majesty by any such Order shall so direct, as the same court, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, shall from time to time prescribe or appoint.

Orders of Appeal Court to be enforced by Supreme Court of British Honduras.

2. The Supreme Court of Judicature of British Honduras shall, in all cases of appeal to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica under or by virtue of any such Order in Council as aforesaid, conform to and execute or cause to be executed such judgments and orders as the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica shall make in such manner as if the same had been judgments or orders of the Supreme Court of Judicature of British Honduras.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the British Honduras (Court of Appeal) Act, 1881.

CHAPTER 37.

An Act to consolidate the Alkali Acts, 1863 and 1874, and to make further provision for regulating Alkali and certain other works in which noxious or offensive gases are evolved. [11th August 1881.]

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:

PRELIMINARY.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1881.

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall (save as otherwise provided in this Act) come into operation on the first day of January 1882, which date is herein-after referred to as the commencement of this Act.

PART I.

Alkali Works and Alkali Waste.

Condensation of muriatic and other acid gases in alkali works.

3. Every alkali work shall be carried on in such manner as to secure the condensation, to the satisfaction of the chief inspector, derived from his own examination, or from that of some other inspector—

(*a.*) Of the muriatic acid gas evolved in such work, to the extent of ninety-five per centum, and to such an extent that in each cubic foot of air, smoke, or chimney gases, escaping from the works into the atmosphere, there is not contained more than one fifth part of a grain of muriatic acid.

(*b.*) Of the acid gases of sulphur and nitrogen which are evolved in the process of manufacturing sulphuric acid or sulphates in the work, to such an extent that the total acidity of such gases in each cubic foot of air, smoke, or gases, escaping into the chimney or into the atmosphere, does not exceed what is equivalent to four grains of sulphuric anhydride.

The owner of any alkali work which is carried on in contravention of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding, in the case of the first offence, fifty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, one hundred pounds.

Best practicable means to be used for preventing discharge of noxious and offensive gases in alkali works.

4. In addition to the condensation of acid gases as aforesaid, the owner of every alkali work shall use the best practicable means for preventing the discharge into the atmosphere of all noxious gases and of all offensive gases evolved in such work, or for rendering such gases harmless and inoffensive when discharged, subject to the qualification that no objection shall be taken under this section by an inspector to any discharge of gas by a chimney or flue, on the basis of the amount of acid gas per cubic foot of air, smoke, or gases where that amount does not exceed the amount limited by the last preceding section.

If the owner of any alkali work fails, in the opinion of the court having cognisance of the matter, to use such means, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding, in the case of the first offence, twenty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, fifty pounds, with a further sum not exceeding five pounds for every day during which any such subsequent offence has continued.

Acid drainage and alkali waste to be kept apart.

5. Every work in which acid is produced or used shall be carried on in such manner that the acid shall not come in contact with alkali waste, or with drainage therefrom, so as to cause a nuisance.

The owner of any work which is carried on in contravention of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding, in the case of the first offence, fifty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, one hundred pounds, with a further sum not exceeding five pounds for every day during which any such subsequent offence has continued.

On the request of the owner of any such work as is mentioned in this section the sanitary authority of the district in which such work is situate shall, at the expense of such owner, provide and maintain a drain or channel for carrying off the acid produced in such work into the sea or into any river or watercourse into

which such acid can be carried without contravention of the Rivers Pollution Prevention Act, 1876; and the sanitary authority shall for the purpose of providing any such drain or channel have the like powers as they have for providing sewers, whether within or without their district, under the Public Health Act. 39 & 40 Vict. c. 75.

Compensation shall be made to any person for any damage sustained by him by reason of the exercise by a sanitary authority of the powers conferred by this section, and such compensation shall be deemed part of the expenses to be paid by the owner making the request to the sanitary authority under this section.

Deposit or discharge of alkali waste.

6. Alkali waste shall not be deposited or discharged without the best practicable means being used for effectually preventing any nuisance arising therefrom.

Any person who causes or knowingly permits any alkali waste to be deposited or discharged in contravention of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding, in the case of the first offence, twenty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, fifty pounds, with a further sum not exceeding five pounds for every day during which any such subsequent offence has continued.

Prevention of nuisance from alkali waste already deposited or discharged.

7. Where alkali waste has been deposited or discharged, either before or after the commencement of this Act, and complaint is made to the chief inspector that a nuisance is occasioned thereby, the chief inspector, if satisfied of the existence of the nuisance, and that it is within the power of the owner or occupier of the land to abate it, shall serve a notice on such owner or occupier requiring him to abate the nuisance; and if such owner or occupier fails to use the best practicable and reasonably available means for the abatement thereof he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, and if he does not proceed to use such means within such time as shall be limited by the court inflicting such fine then he shall be liable to a further penalty of five pounds per day from the expiration of the time so limited.

PART II.

Sulphuric Acid Works and other specified Works.

Condensation of acid gases in sulphuric acid works.

8. Every sulphuric acid work as defined in the schedule to this Act shall be carried on in such manner as to secure the condensation, to the satisfaction of the chief inspector, derived from his own examination or from that of some other inspector, of the acid gases of sulphur and nitrogen which are evolved in the process of the manufacture of sulphuric acid in such work, to such an extent that the total acidity of such gases in each cubic foot of air, smoke, or gases escaping into the chimney or into the atmosphere does not exceed what is equivalent to four grains of sulphuric anhydride.

The owner of any sulphuric acid work which is carried on in contravention of this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding, in the case of the first offence, fifty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, one hundred pounds.

Best practicable means to be used for preventing discharge of

9. The owner of any work specified in the schedule to this Act (herein-after referred to as a scheduled work) shall use the best practicable means for preventing the discharge into the atmosphere of all noxious gases and of all offensive gases evolved in such work,

noxious and offensive gases in scheduled works.

or for rendering such gases harmless and inoffensive when discharged, subject to the qualification, in the case of sulphuric acid works, that no objection shall be taken under this section by an inspector to any discharge of gas by a chimney or flue, on the basis of the amount of acid gas per cubic foot of air smoke or gases, where that amount does not exceed the amount limited by the last preceding section.

If the owner of any such work fails, in the opinion of the court having cognisance of the matter, to use such means, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding, in the case of the first offence, twenty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, fifty pounds, with a further sum not exceeding five pounds for every day during which any such subsequent offence has continued.

Provisional Order to prevent discharge of certain gases in salt works.

10. An inspector may from time to time inquire whether, in any works in which the extraction of salt from brine is carried on, herein-after called salt works, means can be adopted at a reasonable expense for preventing the discharge from the furnaces or chimneys of such works into the atmosphere of sulphurous and muriatic acid gases evolved in such works, or either of such gases, or for rendering such gases, or either of them, harmless or inoffensive when discharged; also whether in any works in which aluminous deposits are treated for the purpose of making cement, herein-after called cement works, such means as aforesaid can be adopted with respect to the noxious or offensive gases evolved from such works.

Where it appears to the Local Government Board that such means can be adopted at a reasonable expense the Board may from time to time by order require the owners of such works to adopt the best practicable means for the purpose, and may by the order limit the amount or proportion, in the case of salt works, of sulphurous or muriatic acid gas, and in the case of cement works of any noxious or offensive gas, which is to be permitted to escape from such works into the chimney or into the atmosphere, and may also by the order extend to such works such provisions of this Act relating to scheduled works as they see fit.

An order made under this section shall be provisional only and shall not be of any validity until confirmed by Parliament, but when so confirmed shall have full effect, with such modifications as may be made therein by Parliament; and the expression "this Act" when used in this Act shall be deemed to include an order so confirmed, so far as is consistent with the tenor of that order.

The Board shall take such steps as they may think fit for giving notice to persons interested of the provisions of any order made by them under this section before any Bill for confirming the same is introduced into Parliament.

An order made under this section may impose fines for a breach of its provisions of like amount as any fines imposed by this Act for offences against this Act.

PART III.

(i.) *Registration of Works.*

Registration of works and stamp duty.

11.—(1.) An alkali work or a work to which Part II. of this Act applies shall not, after the first day of April 1882, be carried on unless it is certified to be registered.

(2.) The work shall be registered in a register containing the prescribed particulars, and the register shall be conducted and the certificates issued in the prescribed manner.

(3.) The owner of an alkali work or of a work required to be registered shall in the month of January or February in every year apply for a certificate of registration in the prescribed manner, and on such application and compliance with the conditions as to registration the certificate shall be issued, and shall be in force for one year from the first day of April following the said application.

(4.) The owner of an alkali work or of a work required to be registered erected after the commencement of this Act shall before commencing any manufacture or process in such work apply for such certificate in the prescribed manner, and on such application and compliance with the conditions as to registration the certificate shall be issued as soon as may be, and shall be in force until the next first day of April.

There shall be charged in respect of every such certificate, in the case of an alkali work, the duty of five pounds; and in the case of a work required to be registered, not being an alkali work, the duty of three pounds.

(5.) Written notice of any change which occurs in the ownership of a work or in the other particulars stated in the register shall within one month after such change be sent by the owner to an inspector, and the register and the certificate shall be altered accordingly in the prescribed manner without charge and without the issue of a new certificate. If such notice is not sent as so required the work shall not be deemed to be certified to be registered.

(6.) The owner of a work which is carried on in contravention of this section shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds for every day during which it is so carried on.

Certificate of inspector prior to registration of new works.

12. An alkali work or a scheduled work, erected after the commencement of this Act, or which has been closed for a period of twelve months, shall not be registered under this Act unless the work is furnished with such appliances as at the time of registration appear to the chief inspector after his own examination, or that of an inspector, or in case of difference to the central authority, to be necessary in order to enable the work to be carried on in accordance with such requirements of this Act as for the time being apply to such work.

Supplemental provisions as to duties.

13. The duties charged in respect of a certificate of registration under this Act shall be stamp duties under the management of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, and all the Acts relating to stamp duties, particularly those relating to forgery fraudulent dies and other offences in connexion with stamp duties, shall apply accordingly; and for the purpose of the said duties the Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall issue stamped forms of certificate, and the Commissioners may issue the same at any time after the passing of this Act.

(ii.) *Inspection.*

Appointment of inspectors.

14. The Local Government Board shall at any time after the passing of this Act, and from time to time, with the approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury as to numbers and salaries or remuneration, appoint such inspectors (under whatever title they from time to time fix) as the Board think necessary for the execution of this Act, and may assign them their duties and award them their salaries or remuneration, and shall constitute a chief inspector, and may regulate the cases and manner in which the inspectors, or any of them, are to execute and perform the powers and duties of inspectors under this Act, and may remove such inspectors.

Notice of the appointment of every such inspector shall be published in the London Gazette, and a copy of the Gazette shall be evidence of the appointment.

The salaries or remuneration of the inspectors, and such expenses of the execution of this Act as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may sanction, shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

26 & 27 Vict. c. 124. 37 & 38 Vict. c. 43.

The inspector appointed before the commencement of this Act under the Alkali Acts, 1863 and 1874, shall be deemed to be the first chief inspector under this Act, and the sub-inspectors appointed under those Acts before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be inspectors appointed under this Act. A person holding the office of chief inspector (other than the person at the commencement of this Act discharging the duties thereof) or inspector shall not be employed in any other work except by or with the sanction of the authority appointing him to such office.

Disqualification of certain persons for inspectors.

15. A person who acts or practices as a land agent, or who is engaged or interested directly or indirectly in any work to which this Act applies, or in any patent for any process or apparatus carried on or used in any such work, or in any process or apparatus connected with the condensation of acid gases, or with the treatment of alkali waste, or with preventing the discharge into the atmosphere or rendering harmless or inoffensive any noxious or offensive gas, or otherwise with any of the matters dealt with by this Act, or who is employed in or about or in connexion with any work to which this Act applies, or in any other chemical work for gain, shall be disqualified to act as an inspector under this Act.

Powers of inspectors.

16. For the purpose of the execution of this Act, an inspector may at all reasonable times by day and night, without giving previous notice, but so as not to interrupt the process of the manufacture, enter and inspect any work to which this Act applies, and examine any process causing the evolution of any noxious or offensive gas, and any apparatus for condensing any such gas, or otherwise preventing the discharge thereof into the atmosphere, or for rendering any such gas harmless or inoffensive when discharged, and may ascertain the quantity of gas discharged into the atmosphere, condensed, or otherwise dealt with; and may enter and inspect any place where alkali waste is treated or deposited, or where any liquid containing acid is likely to come into contact with alkali waste; and generally may inquire into all matters and processes which tend to show compliance or non-compliance with

such of the provisions of this Act as are for the time being applicable to the work or place entered, or which seem necessary or proper for the execution of his duties under this Act.

An inspector may, but so as not to interrupt the process of the manufacture, apply any tests and make any experiments he may think proper for the purpose of the execution of his duties under this Act.

Facilities for inspection.

17. The owner of any work to which this Act applies shall, on the demand of the chief inspector, furnish him within a reasonable time with a plan, to be kept secret, of those parts of such work in which any process causing the evolution of any noxious or offensive gas, or any process for the condensation of such gas or preventing the discharge thereof into the atmosphere, or for rendering any such gas harmless or inoffensive when discharged, is carried on.

The owner of every such work and his agents shall render to every inspector all necessary facilities for an entry inspection examination and testing in pursuance of this Act.

Every owner of a work in which such facilities are not afforded to an inspector as are required by this Act, or in which an inspector is obstructed in the execution of his duty under this Act, and every person wilfully obstructing an inspector in the execution of his duty under this Act, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

Annual report to Local Government Board.

18. The chief inspector shall on or before the first day of March in every year make a report in writing to the Local Government Board of the proceedings of himself and of the other inspectors under this Act, who shall furnish him with a detailed account of the number of inspections of works in their districts, and the recorded escapes of acid gases from such works during the preceding year, and a copy of such report shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Additional inspector on application of sanitary authorities.

19. If any sanitary authority or authorities apply to the central authority for an additional inspector under this Act, and undertake to pay a proportion of his salary or remuneration, not being less than one half, out of any rate or rates leviable by such authority or authorities (which undertaking such authority or authorities are hereby authorised to give and to carry into effect), the Local Government Board may (if they see fit) from time to time, with the sanction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, appoint an additional inspector under this Act, to reside within a convenient distance of the works he is required to inspect; and such inspector shall have the same powers and be subject to the same power of removal and the same regulations and liabilities as other inspectors under this Act.

The proportion of salary or remuneration aforesaid shall be paid at the prescribed time or times into Her Majesty's Exchequer, and in the case of failure on the part of any sanitary authority to pay any sum payable by them in pursuance of this section, the same may be recovered by action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(iii.) *Special Rules.*

Power of owners of

20. The owner of an alkali work or of a scheduled work may, with the sanction of the central authority, make, and when made,

works to make special rules.

alter add to and repeal special rules for the guidance of his workmen who are employed in any process causing the evolution of any noxious or offensive gas, or whose duty it is to attend to the apparatus used in the condensation of that gas, or for preventing the discharge thereof into the atmosphere, or for rendering any such gas harmless and inoffensive when discharged, and may annex fines to any violation of such rules, so that the fine for any offence do not exceed two pounds.

A printed copy of the special rules in force under this section in any work shall be given by the owner of that work to every person working or employed in or about that work who is affected thereby.

Any fine incurred under this Act in respect of an offence against a special rule may be recovered summarily.

(iv.) *Procedure.*

Provision as to calculation of acid.

21. In calculating the proportion of acid to a cubic foot of air, smoke, or gases, for the purposes of this Act, such air, smoke, or gases shall be calculated at the temperature of sixty degrees of Fahrenheit's thermometer, and at a barometric pressure of thirty inches.

Recovery of fines for offences against Act in county court.

22. The following regulations are hereby enacted with respect to the recovery of fines for offences other than offences against a special rule:

Every such fine shall be recovered by action in the county court having jurisdiction in the district in which the offence is alleged to have been committed:

The action shall be brought, with the sanction of the central authority, by the chief inspector, or by such other inspector as the Local Government Board may in any particular case direct, within three months after the commission of the offence, and for the purposes of such action the fine shall be deemed to be a debt due to such inspector:

The plaintiff in any action for a fine under this Act shall be presumed to be an inspector authorised under this Act to bring the action, until the contrary is proved by the defendant:

The court may, on the application of either party, appoint a person to take down in writing the evidence of the witnesses, and may award to that person such remuneration as the court thinks just; and the amount so awarded shall be deemed to be costs in the action:

If either party in any action under this Act feels aggrieved by the decision of the court in point of law, or on the merits or in respect of the admission or rejection of any evidence, he may appeal from that decision to the High Court of Justice:

The appeal shall be in the form of a special case to be agreed on by both parties or their solicitors, and if they cannot agree, to be settled by the judge of the county court on the application of the parties or their solicitors:

The court of appeal may draw any inference from the facts stated in the case that a jury might draw from facts stated by witnesses:

Subject to the provisions of this section, all the enactments, rules, and orders relating to proceedings in actions in county courts, and to enforcing judgments in county courts, and appeals from decisions of the county court judges, and to the conditions of such appeals, and to the power of the High Court of Justice, or any division or judge thereof, on such appeals, shall apply to an action for a fine under this Act, and to an appeal from such action, in the same manner as if such action and appeal related to a matter within the ordinary jurisdiction of the court:

Within the city of London and the liberties thereof the sheriffs' court, established by a Local Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventy-one, intituled An Act for the more easy recovery of small debts and demands within the city of London and the liberties thereof, shall be deemed to be the county court for the purposes of this Act:

In Scotland the court of the sheriff or sheriff substitute of the county in which the offence is committed shall be the county court for the purposes of this Act, and may award costs to either party, and may sentence the offender to imprisonment for any period not exceeding six months, unless the fine and costs be previously paid; and any decision or sentence of such sheriff or sheriff substitute shall be subject to review and appeal according to law:

In Ireland such fines as are in this section mentioned may be recovered by civil bill, in the manner and with the appeal directed by an Act passed in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, or any Act or Acts amending the law relating to civil bills.

Further provisions as to recovery of fines in county court.

23. In any proceeding under this Act in relation to a fine for an offence other than an offence against a special rule—

(*a.*) It shall be sufficient to allege that any work is a work to which this Act applies, without more; and

(*b.*) It shall be sufficient to state the name of the registered or ostensible owner of the work, or the title of the firm by which the employer of persons in such work is usually known.

A person shall not be subject to a fine under this Act for more than one offence in respect of the same work or place in respect of any one day.

Not less than twenty-one days before the hearing of any proceeding against an owner to recover a fine under this Act for failing to secure the condensation of any gas to the satisfaction of the chief inspector, or for failing to use the best practicable means as required by this Act, an inspector shall serve on the owner proceeded against a notice in writing stating, as the case requires, either the facts on which such chief inspector founds his opinion, or the means which such owner has failed to use, and the means which, in the chief inspector's opinion, would suffice, and shall produce a copy of such notice before the court having cognisance of the matter.

A person shall not be liable under this Act to an increased fine in respect of a second offence, or in respect of a third or any subsequent offence, unless a fine has been recovered within the

preceding twelve months against such person for the first offence, or for the second or other offence, as the case may be.

Application of fines.

24. All fines recovered under this Act, except in respect of offences against a special rule, shall be paid into the receipt of Her Majesty's Exchequer.

Discharge of owner on conviction of actual offender.

25. The owner of a work in which an offence under this Act other than an offence against a special rule has been proved to have been committed shall in every case be deemed to have committed the offence, and shall be liable to pay the fine, unless he proves to the satisfaction of the court before which any proceeding is instituted to recover such fine, that he has used due diligence to comply with and to enforce the execution of this Act, and that the offence in question was committed by some agent servant or workman, whom he shall charge by name as the actual offender, without his knowledge consent or connivance; in which case such agent servant or workman shall be liable to pay the fine, and proceedings may be taken against him for the recovery thereof and of the costs of all proceedings which may be taken either against himself or against the owner under this Act:

Provided that it shall be lawful for the inspector to proceed in the first instance against the person whom he believes to be the actual offender, without first proceeding against the owner, in any case in which it is made to appear to the satisfaction of such inspector that the owner has used all due diligence to comply with and to enforce the execution of this Act, and that the offence has been committed by the person whom he may charge therewith without the knowledge consent or connivance of the owner, and in contravention of his orders.

Service of notices.

26. Any notice summons or other document under this Act, may be in writing or print, or partly in writing and partly in print.

Any notice summons or document required or authorised for the purposes of this Act to be delivered to or served on or sent to the owner of any work, may be served by delivering the same to the owner, or at his residence or works; it may also be served or sent by post by a prepaid letter, and if served or sent by post shall be deemed to have been served and received respectively at the time when the letter containing the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of post; and in proving such service or sending it shall be sufficient to prove that it was properly addressed and put into the post; and the same shall be deemed to be properly addressed if addressed to the registered address of an owner, or, when required to be served on or sent to the owner of any works, if addressed to the owner of the works at the works, with the addition of the proper postal address, but without naming the person who is the owner.

Complaint by sanitary authority in cases of nuisance.

27. Where it appears to any sanitary authority, on the written representation of any of their officers, or of any ten inhabitants of their district, that any work (either within or without the district) to which this Act applies is carried on in contravention of this Act, or that any alkali waste is deposited (either within or without the district) in contravention of this Act, and that a nuisance is occasioned by such contravention to any of the inhabitants of

their district, such authority may complain to the central authority, who shall make such inquiry into the matters complained of, and after the inquiry may direct such proceedings to be taken by an inspector as they think just.

The sanitary authority complaining shall, if so required by the central authority, pay the expense of any such inquiry, and may pay the same out of the fund or rate applicable to the general expenses of such authority.

The expression "sanitary authority" in this section includes as regards the Metropolis, except the City of London, any vestry or district board elected under the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, also any local board of health, not being an urban sanitary authority within the meaning of the Public Health Act, 1875, and as regards the City of London shall mean the Commissioners of Sewers of the said city. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 120. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

28. Where a nuisance arising from any noxious or offensive gas or gases is wholly or partially caused by the acts or defaults of several persons, any person injured by such nuisance may proceed against any one or more of such persons, and may recover damages from each person made a defendant in proportion to the extent of the contribution of such defendant to the nuisance, notwithstanding that the act or default of such defendant would not separately have caused a nuisance. This section shall not apply to any defendant who can produce a certificate from the chief inspector that in the works of such defendant the requirements of this Act have been complied with and were complied with when the nuisance arose. Actions in case of contributory nuisance.

(v.) *Definitions; Repeal; Saving.*

29. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation of terms.

"Alkali work" means every work for the manufacture of alkali, sulphate of soda, or sulphate of potash, in which muriatic acid gas is evolved, and for the purpose of this definition the formation of any sulphate in the treatment of copper ores by common salt or other chlorides shall be deemed to be a manufacture of sulphate of soda.

"Noxious or offensive gas" does not include sulphurous acid arising from the combustion of coal.

"Owner" means the lessee, occupier, or any other person carrying on any work to which this Act applies.

"Prescribed" means prescribed from time to time by the Local Government Board, and "the Local Government Board" means the Local Government Board established by the Local Government Board Act, 1871. 34 & 35 Vict. c. 70.

"Central authority" means as regards England the said Local Government Board, as regards Ireland the Local Government Board for Ireland, and as regards Scotland one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

"Sanitary authority" means any local authority entrusted with the execution of the Public Health Act.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 55. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 101. 41 & 42 Vict. c. 52.

"The Public Health Act" means, as regards England, the Public Health Act 1875; and as regards Scotland, the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1867; and as regards Ireland, the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878.

"Person" includes a corporation.

Repeal of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 124., 31 & 32 Vict. c. 36., and 37 & 38 Vict. c. 43.

30. The following Acts, that is to say—

The Alkali Act 1863, (26 & 27 Vict. c. 124),

The Act to make perpetual the Alkali Act 1863, (31 & 32 Vict. c. 36), and

The Alkali Act 1874, (37 & 38 Vict. c. 43),

are hereby repealed without prejudice to anything done or suffered before the commencement of this Act, or to the recovery of any penalty incurred before or proceeding pending at the commencement of this Act; and any such penalty or proceeding may be recovered or continued as if this Act had not been passed.

Saving as to general law.

31. Nothing in this Act shall legalise any act or default that would, but for this Act, be deemed to be a nuisance, or otherwise be contrary to law, or deprive any person of any remedy by action indictment or otherwise, to which he would have been entitled if this Act had not passed.

SCHEDULE.

List of Works.

(1.) Sulphuric acid works, that is to say, any works in which the manufacture of sulphuric acid is carried on (not being alkali works within the meaning of the foregoing Act, and not being works in which the manufacture of sulphuric acid is carried on in conjunction with the extraction of copper or other metals from ore);

(2.) Chemical manure works, that is to say, any works in which the manufacture of chemical manure is carried on;

(3.) Gas liquor works, that is to say, any works in which gas liquor is used in any manufacturing process;

(4.) Nitric acid works, that is to say, any works in which the manufacture of nitric acid is carried on;

(5.) Sulphate of ammonia works and muriate of ammonia works, that is to say, any works in which the manufacture of sulphate of ammonia or of muriate of ammonia is carried on; and

(6.) Chlorine works or works in which chlorine, bleaching powder, or bleaching liquor is made.

CHAPTER 38.

An Act to grant Money for the purpose of Loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland; and for other purposes relating to Loans by those Commissioners.

[22nd August 1881.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to grant money for the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland:

And whereas it is expedient to authorise the remission of certain sums due in respect of loans granted by the said Commissioners: