Agreement between police commissioners and county council.

6. In the event of the commissioners of any police burgh not resolving to undertake the management and maintenance of highways as aforesaid within the police burgh, it shall be lawful for such commissioners to claim annually from the county council of the county within which such police burgh is situated, or in the case of the county being divided into districts, from the district committee or committees, a fair and reasonable contribution towards the expense of managing and maintaining such streets and roads within the police burgh as are maintained by the said commissioners; and it shall be lawful for the said county council, or for the said district committee or committees, if in its opinion the said claim is a reasonable one, to agree with the said commissioners as to the amount of the said contribution, and to pay the amount so agreed upon to the commissioners out of the rate levied for the management and maintenance of highways within the division or district or parish (as the case may be) in which the said police burgh is situated.

Definitions.

7. In this Act—

The expression "police burgh" means a populous place, the boundaries whereof have been fixed and ascertained under the provisions of the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, or of the Act first therein recited, or have been determined by or under any local Act.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 101.

The word "highway" shall have the same meaning as in the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and any Act amending the same.

The word "sheriff" shall not include "sheriff substitute."

CHAPTER 33.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Rating of Allotments for Sanitary purposes. [21st July 1891.]

WHEREAS it is enacted by section two hundred and eleven, sub-section (1.) (*b.*), and section two hundred and thirty of the Public Health Act, 1875, that "the occupier of any land used as "arable, meadow, or pasture ground only, or as woodlands, market "gardens, or nursery grounds," shall be assessed to the general district rate in an urban district or to a separate rate levied in respect of special expenses within the meaning of the said Act in a rural district, in the proportion of one-fourth part only of the net annual value or rateable value of such land:

38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

And whereas doubts have arisen whether allotments are or are not included among the lands to which the aforesaid exemptions apply:

And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts, and to render the practice of assessment uniform, and to relieve allotments from all liability to be assessed for sanitary purposes at a higher rate than other cultivated lands:

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:

Amendment of 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55. ss. 211 (1.) (*b.*), 230.

1. From and after the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one section two hundred and eleven, sub-section one, and section two hundred and thirty of the Public Health Act, 1875, shall be read and construed as if the word "allotments" was inserted in each of those sections after the word "woodlands": Provided that nothing in this Act shall apply to any rate made under either of the said sections on or before the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Definition of "allotment."

2. "Allotment" means any parcel of land of not more than two acres in extent and let as an allotment, and cultivated as a garden or a farm, or partly as a garden and partly as a farm.

Short title of Act.

3. This Act may be cited as the Allotments Rating Exemption Act, 1891.

CHAPTER 34.

An Act to provide increased Facilities for the raising of Money by Local Authorities in Scotland by the issue of Debentures, Stock, or otherwise. [21st July 1891.]

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 Local Authorities Loans (Scotland) Act, 1891.

Extent of Act.

2. This Act shall extend to Scotland only.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, which day is hereinafter referred to as the commencement of this Act.

Interpretation.

4.—(1.) In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context, the following terms have the meanings herein-after respectively assigned to them; that is to say,—

The expression "local authority" means any county council, town council, or other authority whatsoever having power to levy a rate as in this Act defined:

Provided that where in any burgh there are police commissioners or other commissioners or trustees having powers of levying and borrowing on the security of a rate, this Act shall be carried into execution by the town council, and in so far