of His Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues to pay and apply any Sum or Sums of Money, Part of the Land Revenues of the Crown under their Care and Management, whether arising from Sales of Portions of the said Land Revenues of the Crown, or from the Rents of the Crown Lands, or otherwise, as they shall think necessary and expedient, towards the Payment and Discharge of the Costs, Charges, and Expences of completing and finishing the Repairs, Alterations, and Improvements of *Buckingham Palace*, and the Buildings, Offices, and Grounds appertaining and belonging thereto, provided that the Sum to be so applied under this Act shall not exceed the Sum of Seventy-five thousand Pounds for the Completion of such Repairs, Alterations, and Improvements, and the Sum of Three thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds for the Charges of the Architect attendant upon such Works.

of Part of the Land Revenues of the Crown towards the Repairs and Improvements of Buckingham Palace.

II. And be it further enacted, That the Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money herein-before authorized to be made shall be prior to and take Precedence of the Payment or Application of any Sum or Sums of Money arising from the said Land Revenues for the Purposes of the Consolidated Fund; but the said Land Revenues shall nevertheless remain subject and liable to the Costs and Charges attending the Management thereof, and the Payment or Discharge of any Sum or Sums of Money which may be now already charged thereon, or to the Payment whereof the same now are or may hereafter become liable under or by virtue of any Act or Acts relating to the said Land Revenues; any Act or Acts relating to or concerning the said Revenues to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Such Application to have Precedence of all others.

CAP. IV.

An Act for more effectually preventing Embezzlements by Persons employed in the Public Service of His Majesty. [13th *February* 1832.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for more effectually preventing the Embezzlement of Money or Securities for Money, belonging to the Public, by any Collector, Receiver, or other Person intrusted with the Receipt, Care, or Management thereof*, it is enacted, that if any Person or Persons to whom any Money or Securities for Money shall be issued for Public Services shall embezzle such Money, or in any Manner fraudulently apply the same to his own Use or Benefit, or for any Purpose whatever except for Public Services, every such Person so offending, and being thereof duly convicted according to Law in any Part of the United Kingdom, shall be adjudged guilty of a Misdemeanor, and shall be sentenced to be transported beyond the Sea, or to receive such other Punishment as may by Law be inflicted on Persons guilty of Misdemeanors, and as the Court before which such Offenders may be tried and convicted shall adjudge: And whereas it is expedient that further Provision should be made with regard to Embezzlements by Persons employed in the Public Service of His Majesty:' Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the

50 G. 3. c. 59.

Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That so much of the said Act as is herein-before recited shall be and the same is hereby repealed, except as to any Offences against the same committed before the passing of this Act, which Offences shall be dealt with and punished as if this Act had not been passed; and that from and after the passing of this Act, if any Person employed in the Public Service of His Majesty, and entrusted by virtue of such Employment with the Receipt, Custody, Management, or Control of any Chattel, Money, or valuable Security, shall embezzle the same, or any Part thereof, or in any Manner fraudulently apply or dispose of the same or any Part thereof to his own Use or Benefit, or for any Purpose whatsoever except for the Public Service, every such Offender shall be deemed to have stolen the same, and shall in *England* and *Ireland* be deemed guilty of Felony, and in *Scotland* of a high Crime and Offence, and on being thereof convicted in due Form of Law shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be transported beyond the Seas for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years nor less than Seven Years, or to be imprisoned with or without hard Labour, as to the Court shall seem meet, for any Term not exceeding Three Years.

Part of recited Act repealed.

Persons in the Public Service embezzling any Money or valuable Securities with which they are intrusted, to be deemed guilty of Felony, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That every Tally, Order, or other Security whatsoever entitling or evidencing the Title of any Person or Body Corporate to any Share or Interest in any Public Stock or Fund, whether of the United Kingdom, or of *Great Britain*, or of *Ireland*, or of any Foreign State, or to any Share or Interest in any Fund of any Body Corporate, Company, or Society, or to any Deposit in any Savings Bank, and every Debenture, Deed, Bond, Bill, Note, Warrant, Order, or other Security whatsoever for Money or for Payment of Money, whether of this Kingdom or of any Foreign State, and every Warrant or Order for the Delivery or Transfer of any Goods or valuable Thing, shall throughout this Act be deemed for every Purpose to be included under and denoted by the Words "Valuable Security;" and that if any Person so employed and entrusted as aforesaid shall embezzle or fraudulently apply or dispose of any such valuable Security as aforesaid, he shall be deemed to have stolen the same within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall be punishable thereby in the same Manner as if he had stolen any Chattel of like Value with the Share, Interest, or Deposit to which such Security may relate, or with the Money due on such Security or secured thereby and remaining unsatisfied, or with the Value of the Goods or other valuable Thing mentioned in such Security.

What to be included under the Words "Valuable Securities."

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful to charge in the Indictment to be preferred against any Offender under this Act, and to proceed against him for any Number of distinct Acts of Embezzlement or of fraudulent Application or Disposition as aforesaid, not exceeding Three, which may have been committed by him within the Space of Six Calendar Months from the first to the last of such Acts; and in every such Indictment where the Offence shall relate to any Money or any valuable Security, it shall be sufficient to allege the Embezzlement or fraudulent Application or Disposition to be of Money, without specifying any particular Coin or valuable Security; and such Allegation, so far as it regards the Description of the Property,

Different Acts of Embezzlement may be charged in the same Indictment.

As to Allegation and Proof of the Property embezzled.

perty, shall be sustained if the Offender shall be proved to have embezzled any Amount, although the particular Species of Coin or valuable Security of which such Amount was composed shall not be proved, or if he shall be proved to have embezzled any Piece of Coin or any valuable Security, or any Portion of the Value thereof, although such Piece of Coin or valuable Security may have been delivered to him in order that some Part of the Value thereof should be returned to the Party delivering the same, and although such Part shall have been returned accordingly.

Property to be described as the King's.

IV. And be it further enacted, That in every such Case of Embezzlement or fraudulent Application or Disposition as aforesaid of any Chattel, Money, or valuable Security, it shall be lawful in the Order of Committal by the Justice of the Peace before whom the Offender shall be charged, and in the Indictment to be preferred against such Offender, to lay the Property of any such Chattel, Money, or valuable Security as aforesaid in the King's Majesty.

Venue.

V. And be it enacted, That every Offender against this Act may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and punished either in the County or Place in which he shall be apprehended, or in the County or Place where he shall have committed the Offence.

Act may be amended this Session.

VI. And be it further enacted, That this Act may be amended, altered, or repealed by any Act or Acts to be passed in this present Session of Parliament.

CAP. V.

An Act to provide for carrying on the Business of the Court of Session in *Scotland* when interrupted by the Death or necessary Absence of any of the Judges thereof. [13th *February* 1832.]

'WHEREAS by the Laws now in force for regulating the Proceedings in the Court of Session in *Scotland* no sufficient Provision is made for carrying on the Business of the said Court in the Event of the Death, Sickness, or necessary Absence of any of the Lords Ordinary in the Outer House, or in the Event of the Judges in either Division of the Inner House being reduced to less than a Quorum by such Casualties; whereby great Delays and Inconveniences have been suffered, and it is expedient that these should be remedied:' Be it therefore enacted by the King'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, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be competent to the Judges of the Court of Session, or a Quorum thereof, in the Case of the Death, Sickness, or other necessary Absence of any of the Lords Ordinary of either Division of the Court, or of the junior Lord Ordinary acting as Ordinary on the Bills, to make such Regulations by Act of Sederunt as may be necessary for carrying on the Business of the Outer House, and that either by appointing One of the Judges of either Division of the Inner House to officiate in the Outer House or Bill Chamber during such Absence of any of the above Lords Ordinary, or by appointing a Lord Ordinary of one Division

Judges of the Court of Session empowered to make Regulations for carrying on the Business of the said Court in certain Cases.