referred to as "the principal Act,") a board, denominated "The Loan Fund Board," was established for the superintendence of all loan societies and for other purposes in the said Act mentioned:

And whereas by section forty-six of the principal Act, it was, amongst others, enacted that the said Loan Fund Board should cause a sufficient number of forms of notes to be printed in the manner therein directed, and should, subject to the conditions therein stated, and upon payment for every form of such note of one penny, transmit or deliver such number of the said forms as they should be required to each loan society established under the principal Act:

And whereas the revenues of the said Loan Fund Board have been insufficient for the purposes of the principal Act, and it is expedient, with a view to increase such revenues to amend the principal Act by providing that the sum payable upon every such note shall be increased in manner by this Act provided:

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 as "The Loan Societies (Ireland) Act, 1843, Amendment Act, 1872." Short title.

2. The sum to be paid by each loan society established under the principal Act for every form of a note supplied to them by the Loan Fund Board in pursuance of section forty-six of the principal Act, shall, after the passing of this Act, be twopence instead of one penny, as prescribed by the said section. Price of forms of promissory note.

CHAPTER 18.

An Act for regulating Inquiries by the Board of Trade. [27th June 1872.]

WHEREAS by the Metropolis Water Act, 1871, it is provided that certain inquiries shall be conducted by the Board of Trade:

And whereas doubts have been entertained as to the mode in which in this and other similar cases such inquiries should be conducted:

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:

1. That wherever in any Act of Parliament it is directed that an inquiry shall be held or instituted by the Board of Trade, the same shall be deemed to have been duly held or instituted if conducted by any person or persons duly authorised in that behalf by the President of the said Board, by writing under his hand or under the hand of one of the Secretaries of the said Board. Inquiries may be conducted by persons authorised.

CHAPTER 19.

An Act for the Prevention and Punishment of Criminal Outrages upon Natives of the Islands in the Pacific Ocean. [27th June 1872.]

WHEREAS criminal outrages by British subjects upon natives of islands in the Pacific Ocean, not being in Her Majesty's dominions, nor within the jurisdiction of any civilized power, have of late much prevailed and increased, and it is expedient to make further provision for the prevention and punishment of such outrages: