now or shall at the passing of this Act be legally entitled to the same, as if this Act had never been passed.

General Issue.

VII. In case any Action, Suit, Bill of Indictment, or Information shall after the passing of this Act be brought, carried on, or prosecuted against any Person or Persons hereby meant or intended to be indemnified, recapacitated, or restored, for or on account of any Forfeiture, Penalty, Incapacity, or Disability whatsoever incurred or to be incurred by any such Neglect or Omission, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and upon their Defence give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence upon any Trial to be had thereupon.

CAP. VIII.

An Act to continue Appointments under the Act for consolidating the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and for completing Proceedings under the Tithe Commutation Acts. [21st *March* 1857.]

14 & 15 Vict. c. 53.

'WHEREAS under an Act of the Session holden in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Fifty-three,) "to consolidate and continue the "Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and to provide for the Completion of Proceedings "under the Tithe Commutation Acts," certain Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers as therein mentioned were limited to continue for Two Years next after the Day of the passing of that Act, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no Commissioner or other Officer or Person appointed or continued under that Act was to hold his Office for a longer Period than Two Years next after the Day of the passing of that Act, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas by the Acts of the Session holden in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and twenty-four, and of the Session holden in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Fifty-two, the said Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers have been continued, and the Period limited for the holding of Office under the said first-mentioned Act has been extended until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said Powers of the said first-mentioned Act should be continued, and that the said Period thereby limited should be extended as 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: The Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers limited to continue as aforesaid by the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty shall be further continued until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and the Period limited for the holding of Office under the said Act shall in like Manner be extended until the said First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

16 & 17 Vict. c. 124. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 52.

Powers of Appointment of Commissioners, &c. under 14 & 15 Vict. c. 53. continued.

CAP. IX.

An Act for settling and securing an Annuity on the Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre*, in consideration of his eminent Services. [21st *March* 1857.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

'WHEREAS the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* did, by an humble Address to Your Majesty, pray Your Majesty that you would be graciously pleased to confer some signal Mark of Your Royal Favour upon the Right

'Honourable