SCHEDULE.

Number.	Name, &c. of the Person making or giving the Bill of Sale, or of the Person divested of Property.	Name, &c. of the Person to whom made or given.	Whether Bill of Sale, Assignment, Transfer, or what other Assurance, and whether absolute or conditional.	Date of Execution.	Date of Filing.	Sum for which made or given.	When and how paid or payable.	Defeazance.	Date of Satisfaction.

CAP. LVI.

An Act to make further Provisions in relation to certain Friendly Societies.

[31st *July* 1854.]

'WHEREAS certain Friendly Societies were established and enrolled under the Acts passed in the Tenth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Fifty-six, and the Fourth and Fifth Years of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Forty, relating to Friendly Societies, or under One of them: And whereas the Scope and Operation of Friendly Societies since the passing of the said Acts have been limited by Law in respect to the Amount for which Policies of Assurance payable on the Death of Members of such Societies may be granted; but some of the said Societies, established as aforesaid, and which grant or effect Policies of Assurance payable on Death, have not been so limited, and such last-mentioned Societies have therefore been excluded the Benefit of certain Provisions and Privileges made for and granted to Friendly Societies in respect to Exemption from Stamp Duties and otherwise; and it is desirable that there should be special Provisions made with respect to such of the said Societies so excepted and excluded as aforesaid:' 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: 10 G. 4. c. 56. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 40.

Act to apply only to certain Societies.

I. This Act shall relate to and include such of the said Societies only as grant and effect Policies of Assurance payable at Death exceeding the Sum of One thousand Pounds; and from and after the passing of this Act the said Societies shall cease to be Friendly Societies, and shall not be affected by the Provisions of any Act passed in the present or any future Session of Parliament relating to Friendly Societies, unless therein expressly named.

II. The

Acts and Parts of Acts now affecting such Societies to continue in force, except as after provided.

II. The several Provisions contained in the Acts relating to Friendly Societies which were wholly or in part in force on the First Day of this present Session of Parliament with respect to the Societies intended to be affected and provided for by this Act, save and except the Thirty-seventh and Fifty-first Sections of the Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and fifteen, shall, so far as they now affect such Societies, remain and be in force and unrepealed with respect to the said Societies, except as is herein-after provided.

No Exemption from Stamp Duties to exist as to Societies affected by this Act. Such Societies not to assure in favour of Nominees.

III. No Exemption from any of the Duties granted by any Act or Acts relating to Stamp Duties shall, from and after the passing of this Act, extend or be construed to extend to any of the Societies intended to be affected and provided for by this Act; and it shall not be lawful for such Societies, after the passing of this Act, to assure the Payment of any Money on the Death of any Member or Person whomsoever to any Nominee of such Member or Person, but only to the Person or Persons effecting and contracting for any Assurance with the said Societies respectively, or to his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns.

Societies affected by this Act may effect the Objects allowed by their Rules, and other legal Assurances.

IV. The Societies intended to be affected and provided for by this Act may carry on, transact, and effect all the Business and Purposes which have been from Time to Time and are duly specified in and allowed by the enrolled or certified Rules of the said Societies respectively, and also may grant, make, or effect all such Assurances on Lives, Survivorships, Contingencies, and Events dependent on or connected with Life or otherwise as may by Law be made or effected, and may make such new Rules or Alterations in Rules as shall not be repugnant to Law, without being required to submit the same to the Registrar of Friendly Societies, and shall not be required to transmit to such Registrar any Statement or Return of Sickness or Mortality or of Assets or Liabilities.

Provision for the Investment of the Funds of Societies affected by this Act.

V. The Trustees of the several Societies intended to be affected and provided for by this Act may from Time to Time lay out and invest the Funds of such Societies, as well in the Manner, and upon the Stocks, Funds, and Securities, which are now authorized by Law with regard to such Societies, as also in or upon Exchequer Bonds and Bills, and any Stocks, Funds, or Securities guaranteed by the Government of *Great Britain*, and Bonds of the City of *London*, or on Mortgage, or in the Purchase of any reversionary, contingent, or other Estate or Interest in any Freehold, Leasehold, or Copyhold Property in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or of any such Estate or Interest in any of the Stocks, Funds, or Securities herein-before mentioned and referred to respectively, or of any such Estate or Interest in any Sum or Sums of Money secured upon any such Real and Personal Estate as aforesaid, or upon the Security of any Rates, Tolls, Duties, Assessments, Bonds, Stocks, Debentures, or other Securities of any Persons, Body, or Company authorized by Act of Parliament, Charter, or otherwise to be raised, levied, or mortgaged, and also upon Security of any Life Policy or Policies, although the Amount of the Loan may exceed the then present Value thereof, provided the Premiums on such Policy or Policies and the Interest of the Loan be collaterally secured by or upon some of the Securities herein-before mentioned, and shall and may from Time to Time vary and transpose the said Securities so purchased, and sell the same respectively.

Power for Judge or Court to enforce the Attendance of Witnesses before Arbitrators.

VI. All Powers and Provisions of any Act or Acts of Parliament for ordering and enforcing the Attendance of Witnesses before an Arbitrator under any Reference made a Rule of Court, and for punishing Disobedience to any such Order, shall apply to any Arbitration of any Difference or Dispute under or pursuant to the Rules of any of the Societies intended to be affected and provided for by this Act, for which Purpose a Copy of the Resolution of the Board of Directors, or Committee, or Board of Management of any such Society, authorizing such Reference, signed by the Chairman or any Director or the Secretary of such Society, may be made a Rule of any of Her Majesty's Courts at *Westminster*.

Power to purchase and hold Buildings for Offices of Society.

VII. The Trustees for the Time being of any Society intended to be affected and provided for by this Act may from Time to Time, with the Consent of the Board of Directors, or Board or Committee of Management thereof, purchase, hire, or take upon Lease, and adapt and furnish, any Buildings for the Purpose of holding the Meetings and transacting the Business of such Society, and shall hold the same in trust for the Use of such Society, and may,

may, with such Consent as aforesaid, mortgage, sell, exchange, or let the same or any Part thereof; and the Receipt in Writing of such Trustees shall be a valid and legal Discharge for the Money arising from any such Mortgage, Sale, Exchange, or Lease, and for any other Moneys payable to them by virtue of this Act; and no Purchaser, Mortgagee, Lessee, Assignee, or other Person shall be bound to ascertain or show whether any such Consent shall have been given as aforesaid, or be answerable for the Misapplication or Nonapplication of the Moneys in any such Receipt expressed to be received, or be bound to see to the Application thereof: Provided always, that any Building which now belongs to any such Society may be held and dealt with in the same Manner as if it had been acquired under or by virtue of this Act.

Trustees of Friendly Societies not to invest Funds in Savings Banks, &c.

VIII. It shall not be lawful for the Trustees of any Friendly Society coming under the Provisions of this Act to make any Investment of the Funds of such Society either in a Savings Bank, or with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt: Provided always, that where the Funds or any Part thereof of any such Friendly Society shall be invested in a Savings Bank or with the said Commissioners, such Funds shall be withdrawn from such Savings Bank or from the said Commissioners by the said Trustees within the Space of Twelve Months after the passing of this Act, if required by the said Commissioners.

Short Title.

IX. In citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Proceedings and Instruments, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Friendly Societies Discharge Act, 1854."

Extent of Act.

X. This Act shall extend to *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and the Islands of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, and *Man*.

CAP. LVII.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Appointment of Returning Officers in certain Cases. [31st *July* 1854.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, it is amongst other things enacted, that the Writ for making any Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for any Borough, Town Corporate, Port, or Place returning Members to serve in Parliament in *England* and *Wales* shall thereafter be directed to the Returning Officer of such Borough, Town Corporate, Port, or Place respectively: And whereas by another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Sixth and Seventh Years of His late Majesty, Chapter One hundred and one, it was amongst other things enacted, that if at any Time during which any Precept ought to be issued or other Act done by or with regard to the Returning Officer for any City, Borough, or Town, the Office of Returning Officer shall happen to be vacant, it shall be lawful for the Sheriff of the County in which such City, Borough, or Town is situate, by Writing under his Hand to appoint some fit Person as his Deputy to perform the Duties of Returning Officer during such Vacancy: And whereas Difficulties and Delay may arise in the Appointment of such sufficient Deputy, in the Case of a Vacancy in the Office of Returning Officer, by reason of the Writ being directed to such Returning Officer, and there being no Person qualified to receive and execute the same:' 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:

Sheriff to be Returning Officer in Boroughs where the Office of Returning Officer shall be vacant.

I. Every Writ for making any Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for any Borough, City, or Town shall be directed to the Returning Officer of the said Borough or his Deputy, and in their Absence to the Sheriff of the County in which the said City, Borough, or Town is situate; and in all Cases whatever, whenever there shall be, either from temporary Vacancy or from some other Cause, no Person duly qualified in any Borough, City, or Town to perform the Duties of a Returning Officer for the same, the Sheriff of the County in which such Borough, City, or Town is situate shall be charged with the Execution of the said Writ, and shall execute the same and in all respects perform the Duties of and incidental