tained, Notices, &c. of applying for Compensation, if served before passing of Act, to be as valid as if served after passing of Act.

hundred and fifty-two, if such Person or Persons shall, before the passing of this Act, have served or posted any Notice or Notices of any Application by him or them for Compensation for such Damages, or have lodged any application for such Compensation, or have given or caused to be given an Examination on Oath in the Manner respectively directed by the said Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of King *William* the Fourth, in relation to Applications for Compensation under that Act, the Service or posting of such Notice or Notices, or the Lodgment of such Application so made, and the Examination on Oath so given shall be deemed to be as valid and effectual for the Purposes of this Act as if the same had been made after the passing of this Act; and all Proceedings already taken towards obtaining Compensation for any such unlawful Acts or Offences as aforesaid, but which at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be incomplete or insufficient by reason of the existing Law not extending to any such unlawful Acts or Offences, shall and may be carried on and completed under the Authority of this Act as if this Act had passed previously to the said First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

CAP. XXXIX.

An Act to repeal the Duties, Allowances, and Drawbacks of Excise on Soap.

[8th *July* 1853.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal the Duties, Allowances, and Drawbacks of Excise on Soap:' 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: All Duties of Excise on Soap made in *Great Britain*, and on Soap brought from *Ireland* into *Great Britain*, and all Allowances in respect of the said Duties, and all Drawbacks of Excise on Soap exported to Foreign Parts, or removed from *Great Britain* into *Ireland*, and also all Enactments, Clauses, Provisions, Regulations, and Penalties for levying, collecting, and securing the said Duties, and paying the said Allowances and Drawbacks, and for preventing Frauds in relation thereto, shall respectively cease and determine, and shall be and the same are hereby repealed, from and after the respective Times herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) as to the said Duties on Soap made in *Great Britain*, and as to all such Allowances and Drawbacks as aforesaid, from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and as to the said Duties on Soap brought from *Ireland* into *Great Britain* from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four; save and except as to any of the said Duties which shall have been charged on or before the respective Times aforesaid, and any Arrear thereof, and as to all Allowances on any Soap which on or before the said Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three shall have been used in any Manufactures in respect whereof any Allowance of the said Duties is by Law granted and payable, and also as to any Drawback which shall be payable in respect of the Exportation or Removal of any Soap on or before the said last-mentioned Day, and also as to all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures incurred in respect of the said Duties, Allowances, and Drawbacks respectively, or in relation thereto, all which said Duties, Allowances, Drawbacks, Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures so excepted as aforesaid shall respectively be sued for, recovered, levied, paid, and applied in the same Manner as if this Act had not been passed.

Duties, Allowances, and Drawbacks of Excise on Soap repealed.