CHAPTER 32.

An Act to assent to certain Provisions in an Agreement between Her Majesty and the German Emperor.

[4th August 1890.]

WHEREAS an Agreement, dated the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety, has been concluded between Her Majesty the Queen and His Majesty the German Emperor, whereby, amongst other things, it was provided by the provisions set out in the schedule to this Act that, subject to the assent of Parliament, the Sovereignty of the Island of Heligoland, together with its dependencies, should be ceded to His Majesty the German Emperor:

And whereas it is expedient to give such assent:

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:

Assent to provisions in schedule.

1. The assent of Parliament is hereby given to those provisions of the said agreement which are set out in the schedule to this Act, and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty the Queen to do everything that appears to Her Majesty necessary or proper for carrying into effect those provisions.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Anglo-German Agreement Act, 1890.

SCHEDULE.

PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT REFERRED TO.

ARTICLE XII.

1. Subject to the assent of the British Parliament, the sovereignty over the Island of Heligoland, together with its dependencies, is ceded by Her Britannic Majesty to His Majesty the Emperor of Germany.

2. The German Government will allow to all persons natives of the territory thus ceded the right of opting for British nationality by means of a declaration to be made by themselves, and in the case of children under age by their parents or guardians, which must be sent in before the 1st of January, 1892.

3. All persons natives of the territory thus ceded, and their children born before the date of the signature of the present Agreement are free from the obligation of service in the military and naval forces of Germany.

4. Native laws and customs now existing will, as far as possible, remain undisturbed.

5. The German Government binds itself not to increase the customs tariff at present in force in the territory thus ceded until the 1st of January, 1910.

6. All rights to property which private persons or existing corporations have acquired in Heligoland in connexion with the British Government are maintained; obligations resulting from them are transferred to His

Majesty the Emperor of Germany. It is understood that the above term "rights to property" includes the right of signalling now enjoyed by Lloyd's.

7. The rights of British fishermen with regard to anchorage in all weathers, to taking in provisions and water, to making repairs, to transshipment of goods, to the sale of fish, and to the landing and drying of nets, remain undisturbed.

CHAPTER 33.

An Act for further promoting the Revision of the Statute Law by repealing Enactments which are superfluous or have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary.

[4th August 1890.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that certain enactments which may be regarded as superfluous or spent, or have ceased to be in force otherwise than by express specific repeal by Parliament, or have, by lapse of time or otherwise, become unnecessary, should be expressly and specifically repealed:

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:

Enactments in First Schedule repealed.

1. The enactments described in the First Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed, subject to the provisions of this Act and to the exceptions and qualifications in that schedule mentioned, and every part of a title, preamble, or recital specified after the words "In part, namely," in connexion with an Act mentioned in the said Schedule, may be omitted from any Revised Edition of the Statutes published by authority, and there may be added in that edition such brief statement of the Acts, officers, persons, and things mentioned in the title, preamble, or recital as may, in consequence of such omission, appear necessary.

Enactments in Second Schedule to be local and personal.

2. The Acts described in the Second Schedule to this Act may, subject to the exception therein contained, be omitted from any Revised Edition of the Statutes published by authority after the passing of this Act as if they were Local and Personal Acts.

Savings.

3. The repeal of any words or expressions of enactment described in the First Schedule to this Act shall not affect the binding force, operation, or construction of any statute, or of any part of a statute, whether as respects the past or future;

and where any enactment not comprised in the First Schedule to this Act has been repealed, confirmed, revived, or perpetuated by any enactment hereby repealed, such repeal, confirmation, revivor, or perpetuation shall not be affected by the repeal effected by this Act;