CHAPTER 22.

An Act to amend the Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876, so far as regards Appeals in Formâ Pauperis.

[29th June 1893.]

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:

Power to refuse to appeal in formâ pauperis.

1. Where in an appeal to the House of Lords a petition is presented for leave to sue in formâ pauperis, and the House on the report of its Appeal Committee determines that there is no primâ facie case for the appeal, the House may refuse the prayer of the petition.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Appeal (Formâ Pauperis) Act, 1893.

CHAPTER 23.

An Act to provide for prohibiting the Catching of Seals at certain periods in Behring's Sea and other parts of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to Behring's Sea.

[29th June 1893.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the Sea Fishery (Behring's Sea) Act, 1891, to other waters of the North Pacific Ocean adjacent to Behring's Sea, and for that purpose to repeal and re-enact that Act: 54 & 55 Vict. c. 19.

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:

Power to prohibit by Order in Council the hunting of seals in Behring's Sea and adjacent parts of the Pacific Ocean.

1.—(1.) Her Majesty the Queen may, by Order in Council, prohibit during the period specified by the Order, the catching of seals by British ships in such parts of the seas to which this Act applies as are specified by the Order.

(2.) While an Order in Council under this Act is in force—

(*a.*) a person belonging to a British ship shall not kill, take, or hunt, or attempt to kill or take, any seal during the period and within the seas specified by the Order; and

(*b.*) a British ship shall not, nor shall any of the equipment or crew thereof, be used or employed in such killing, taking, hunting, or attempt.

(3.) If there is any contravention of this Act, any person committing, procuring, aiding, or abetting such contravention shall be guilty of a misdemeanor within the meaning of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the ship and her equipment, and everything on board thereof, shall be liable to be forfeited to Her Majesty as if an offence had been committed under section one hundred and three 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104.