administered, sworn, affirmed, or done by or before such Secretary or Resident, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, and shall be of like Force and Effect, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Oath, Affidavit, or Affirmation, or Notarial Act respectively, had been administered, sworn, affirmed, or done by or before any Justice of the Peace or Notary Public in any Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, or by or before any other legal or competent Authority of the like Nature.

Affidavits may be used in Courts in the United Kingdom.

14. Affidavits or Affirmations so taken as aforesaid shall and may be received, read, and made use of in and before any Court of Law or Equity or other Judicature whatever in any Part of the United Kingdom, or any Consular Court of Her Majesty, and the Judges and Officers thereof, in or in relation to any Action, Suit, Cause, Matter, or Proceeding in or before any such Court or Judicature, in like Manner, and shall be of the same Force and Effect, as Affidavits and Affirmations taken in or before such Court or Judicature, or by any Person duly commissioned or authorized by such Court or Judicature to take such Affidavits or Affirmations, and shall be filed and dealt with accordingly.

Documents to be admitted in Evidence without Proof of Signature.

15. Any Document purporting to have subscribed thereto the Signature of any such Secretary or Resident, in testimony of any such Oath, Affidavit, Affirmation, or Act having been administered, sworn, affirmed, had, or done by or before him, shall be admitted in Evidence, without Proof of any such Signature being the Signature of such Secretary or Resident, or of the official Character of such Secretary or Resident.

Persons forging Signature guilty of Felony.

16. If any Person shall forge any such Signature as last aforesaid, or shall tender in Evidence any such Document as aforesaid with a counterfeit Signature thereto, knowing the same to be counterfeit, he shall be guilty of Felony, and shall upon Conviction be liable to Penal Servitude for the Term of Four Years, or to be imprisoned, with or without Hard Labour, for any Term not exceeding Three Years nor less than One Year; and whenever any such Document has been admitted in Evidence by virtue of this Act, the Court or the Person who has admitted the same may, at the Request of any Party against whom the same is so admitted in Evidence, direct that the same shall be impounded and be kept in the Custody of some Officer of the Court or other proper Person for such Period, and subject to such Conditions, as to the said Court or Person shall seem meet; and every Person charged with committing any such Felony as last aforesaid may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and, if convicted, sentenced, and his Offence may be laid and charged to have been committed, in the County, District, or Place in which he may be apprehended or be in Custody; and every Accessory before or after the Fact to any such Offence may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and, if convicted, sentenced, and his Offence laid and charged to have been committed, in any County, District, or Place in which the principal Offender may be tried.

Interpretation of certain Terms.

17. The Terms "Lord High Commissioner," "Secretary to the Lord High Commissioner," and "Resident of the Lord High Commissioner," shall in the Construction of this Act include respectively any Person lawfully acting in any of the above Capacities.

CAP. LXXVIII.

An Act for impressing by Machinery Signatures of Names on Bank Notes and certain Bills of the Bank of *Ireland*. [29th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that the Name or Names of the Person or Persons for the 'Time being authorized by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* to sign 'Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, and Bank Bills of Exchange on behalf of the said Governor 'and Company should be impressed by Machinery upon such Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, 'and Bank Bills of Exchange, in such Form as may from Time to Time be adopted by the 'said Governor and Company, instead of being subscribed in the Handwriting of such Person

'or

'or Persons respectively: And whereas it is expedient to remove Doubts which might arise 'respecting the Validity of such Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, and Bank Bills of Exchange:' 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 impress Names on Bank Notes, &c. by Machinery.

1. That from and after the passing of this Act all Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, and Bank Bills of Exchange of the said Governor and Company whereon the Name or Names of any Person or Persons authorized to sign such Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, and Bank Bills of Exchange, on behalf of the said Governor and Company, may be impressed by Machinery, in such Form as may from Time to Time be adopted by the said Governor and Company, and with the Authority of the same, shall be and be taken to be good and valid to all Intents and Purposes as if such Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, and Bank Bills of Exchange had been subscribed in the proper Handwriting of the Person or Persons authorized by the said Governor and Company to sign the same respectively, and shall be deemed and taken to be Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, and Bank Bills of Exchange within the Meaning of all Laws and Statutes whatsoever, and shall and may be described as Bank Notes, Bank Post Bills, and Bank Bills of Exchange in all Indictments and other Criminal and Civil Proceedings whatsoever, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAP. LXXIX.

An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders made under an Act of the Fifteenth Year of Her present Majesty, to facilitate Arrangements for the Relief of Turnpike Trusts. [29th *July* 1864.]

14 & 15 Vict. c. 38.

'WHEREAS by an Act of the Fifteenth Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty-eight, "to facilitate Arrangements for the Relief of Turnpike Trusts, and to make certain 'Provisions respecting Exemptions from Tolls," herein-after referred to as the Principal 'Act, Power is given to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to make Pro-'visional Orders for reducing the Rate of Interest and for extinguishing the Arrears of 'Interest on Mortgage Debts charged or secured on the Revenues of Turnpike Roads, in 'Cases where such Revenues are insufficient for the Payment in full of the Interest charged 'thereon: And whereas by the Act of the Session of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth 'Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Forty-six, the Principal Act is extended 'to Turnpike Roads, the Acts relating to which are continued by any Annual Turnpike Acts 'Continuance Act, although their Revenues are not sufficient for such Payments as afore-'said: And whereas, in pursuance of the Principal Act, and the said Act extending the 'same, the several Provisional Orders referred to in the Schedule hereto have been made by 'Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, and there are stated 'in the said Schedule the Dates of such Orders, and such Particulars relating thereto as are 'therein specified: And whereas it is expedient that the said Provisional Orders should be 'confirmed and made absolute:' 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:

24 & 25 Vict. c. 46.

Provisional Orders confirmed.

1. The several Provisional Orders, the Dates of which are set forth in the First Column of the said Schedule, are hereby confirmed, and the Provisions thereof shall be of the like Force and Effect as if they had been expressly enacted by Parliament.
