Authority of Parliament, exceeds Five hundred Persons, to purchase or lease Lands, and to accept Gifts and Grants of Land, for the Purpose of forming any Public Walk, Exercise or Play Ground, and to levy Rates for maintaining the same, and for Removal of any Nuisances or Obstruction to the free Use and Enjoyment thereof, and for improving any open Walk or Footpath, or placing convenient Seats, or Shelters from Rain, and for other Purposes of a similar Nature.

Purpose of forming Public Walks, &c. and levy Rates for maintaining the same, &c.

II. This Act may be adopted for any Borough, or for any Parish having a Population of Five hundred or upwards, (according to the last Account for the Time taken by Authority of Parliament,) in the same Manner as the Act of the Ninth and Tenth *Victoria*, Chapter Seventy-four, may be adopted in such Borough or Parish.

Adoption of Act, according to 9 & 10 Vict. c. 74.

III. Where the Act is adopted in a Borough or in such a Parish, the Provisions of the Act of the Ninth and Tenth *Victoria*, Chapter Seventy-four, for the Purposes below specified applicable in the like Cases where that Act is adopted, shall take effect for the Purposes of this Act, *viz.*: All the Provisions concerning

As to Public Baths and Wash-houses.

1. The Authority by which and the Manner in which the Act is to be carried into execution:
2. The Mode of providing the Expenses of carrying the Act into execution (excluding the Provisions for borrowing Money for such Expenses):
3. The Appointment (in the Case of a Parish) of Commissioners, the Tenure of Office and Procedure, and the Audit of their Accounts:
4. The Powers of the Councils and Commissioners for the Purposes of the Act (except the Powers of borrowing Money).

IV. After the Adoption of this Act it shall be lawful for the Ratepayers in Meeting assembled to rate such Parish to a separate Rate, to be called the "Parish Improvement Rate;" provided that such Rate be agreed to by a Majority of at least Two Thirds in Value of the Ratepayers assembled at such Meeting.

Ratepayers, after Notice given, to rate Parishes.

V. Corporate Bodies shall be allowed to attend Meetings to be held as aforesaid and to vote thereat by some Person to be deputed by them for that Purpose under their Corporate Seal.

Corporate Bodies may attend and vote.

VI. Provided always, That previous to any such Rate being imposed a Sum in Amount not less than at least One Half of the estimated Cost of such proposed Improvement shall have been raised, given, or collected by private Subscription or Donation.

One Half of estimated Cost to be raised by Subscription.

VII. Such Rate shall not exceed Sixpence in the Pound.

Amount of Rate.

CAP. XXXI.

An Act to repeal a certain Enactment for restraining the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* from lending Money on Mortgage. [3d *July* 1860.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Parliament of *Ireland* in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Years of King *George* the Third, Chapter Sixteen, a Bank was established and a Company incorporated by the Name of "The Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*" (herein-after called the Corporation): And whereas it has been found necessary from Time to Time by certain other Acts to make certain Amendments therein: And whereas it is by Section Seven of the said recited Act, amongst other things, provided "that nothing therein contained shall be construed to enable the said Corporation, or any "Person or Persons on their Behalf, to lend or advance any Sum or Sums to be secured "by Mortgage or Sale of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments redeemable, anything therein "contained to the contrary notwithstanding:" And whereas it is expedient that the said Provision should be repealed:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty,

21 & 22 G. 3. c. 16. (I.)

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:

Provision restraining Bank of Ireland from lending Money on Mortgage, repealed.

I. The said recited Provision of the said Act of the Parliament of *Ireland* of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Years of King *George* the Third shall be repealed; and it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, or any Person or Persons on their Behalf, to lend or advance any Sum or Sums of Money to be secured by Mortgage or Sale of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments redeemable, if the said Corporation shall so think fit.

Recited Act and this to be read as One Act.

II. So much of the said recited Act as remains unrepealed, and this Act, shall be read and construed together as One Act.

CAP. XXXII.

An Act to abolish the Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts in *Ireland* in Cases of Defamation, and in *England* and *Ireland* in certain Cases of Brawling.

[3d *July* 1860.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish the Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts of *England* and *Ireland* over Persons not in Holy Orders in Suits for Brawling, and to abolish the Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts of *Ireland* in Suits for Defamation, as hath already been done with respect to the like Jurisdiction in *England*:' 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:

Jurisdiction of Ecclesiastical Courts in Suits for Defamation and Brawling abolished as against Persons not in Holy Orders.

Persons in Custody for Defamation, &c. under Order of Ecclesiastical Courts to be discharged.

Order for Discharge not to be made until Costs lawfully incurred are paid.

I. That it shall not be lawful for any Ecclesiastical Court in *England* or *Ireland* to entertain or adjudicate upon any Suit or Cause of Brawling commenced after the passing of this Act against any Person not being in Holy Orders, nor shall it be lawful for any Ecclesiastical Court in *Ireland* to entertain or adjudicate upon any Suit or Cause of Defamation commenced as aforesaid; and in the Case of every Person committed or to be committed to Gaol under any Writ De contumace capiendo, issued in consequence of any Proceedings before any Ecclesiastical Court in any Cause or Suit for Defamation of Character, or where such Person is not in Holy Orders for Brawling, the Judge of the Ecclesiastical Court before whom such Proceedings shall have been had shall make an Order upon the Officer in whose Custody such Person shall be at any Time hereafter for discharging such Person out of Custody, and such Officer shall on the Receipt of such Order forthwith discharge such Person; and it shall not be necessary for such Person to take any Oath of future Obedience to his or her Ordinary: Provided always, that such Order shall not be made unless the Costs lawfully incurred in any such Suit shall have been previously paid into the Registry of such Ecclesiastical Court; provided further, that where any such Suit for Brawling or Defamation has been commenced before the passing of this Act, and final Judgment has not been given thereupon, or where final Judgment has been given, but the Defendant has not been taken under a Writ De contumace capiendo pursuant to such Judgment, the Court, upon Payment by the Defendant of the Costs of Suit incurred by the Promoter of the Office of the Judge to the Time of the passing of this Act, shall stay all further Proceedings therein.

Penalty for making a Disturbance in Churches, Chapels, Churchyards, &c.

18 & 19 Vict. c. 81.

II. Any Person who shall be guilty of riotous, violent, or indecent Behaviour, in *England* or *Ireland* in any Cathedral Church, Parish or District Church or Chapel of the Church of *England* and *Ireland*, or in any Chapel of any Religious Denomination, or in *England* in any Place of Religious Worship duly certified under the Provisions of the Eighty-first Chapter of the Statute passed in the Session of Parliament of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Law concerning the certifying*