CAP. LXII.

An Act to extend and continue an Act of the Twelfth Year of Her present Majesty, to prevent the spreading of contagious or infectious Disorders among Sheep, Cattle, and other Animals. [4th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty (Chapter One hundred and seven), for preventing, until the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to the End of the then Session of Parliament, the spreading of contagious or infectious Disorders among Sheep, Cattle, and other Animals: And whereas the said Act has by sundry Acts been continued until the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and if Parliament be then sitting, then further until the End of the then Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said Act should be extended and further continued:' 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: 11 & 12 Vict. c. 107.

I. Any Person bringing or attempting to bring for Sale any Horse or other Animal into any Market, Fair, or other open or public Place where Animals are commonly exposed for Sale, knowing such Horse or other Animal to be infected with or labouring under the Disease called Glanders, and any Person turning out, keeping, or depasturing any Horse or other Animal infected with or labouring under any such Disease in or upon any Forest, Chase, Wood, Moor, Marsh, Heath, Common, Waste Land, Open Field, Road Side, or other undivided or uninclosed Land, shall on Conviction of any such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds; and the said Act shall be read and construed as if this Enactment were incorporated therein, and all the Provisions of the said Act with respect to the Penalties or Forfeitures thereby imposed, and the Recovery and Application thereof, shall be applicable accordingly. Penalty on Persons bringing glandered Horses, &c. into Market, or turning them out on uninclosed Land.

II. The said Act as extended by this Act shall continue and be in force until the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, or if Parliament be then sitting until the End of the then Session of Parliament. Recited Act continued until 1st Sept. 1856, and End of then Session.

CAP. LXIII.

An Act to repeal certain Stamp Duties, and to grant others in lieu thereof, to give Relief with respect to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers and Supplements thereto, to repeal the Duty on Advertisements, and otherwise to amend the Laws relating to Stamp Duties. [4th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to repeal the Stamp Duties now payable in respect of the several Instruments, Matters, and Things mentioned or described in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and to impose other Stamp Duties in lieu thereof, and also to give Relief with respect to the Stamp Duties on Newspapers and Supplements thereto, and otherwise to amend the Laws relating to Stamp Duties, and to repeal the Duty charged on Advertisements:' 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:

I. From and after the passing of this Act the several Stamp Duties now payable in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, under or by virtue of any Act or Acts of Parliament for or in respect of the several Instruments, Matters, and Things mentioned or described in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and whereon other Duties are by this Act granted, shall respectively cease and determine, and shall be and the same are hereby repealed; and in lieu and Stamp Duties on Instruments in the Schedule annexed repealed, and others granted in lieu thereof.

and instead thereof there shall be granted, raised, levied, collected, and paid in and throughout the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, to and to the Use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for and in respect of the several Instruments, Matters, and Things described or mentioned in the said Schedule, or for or in respect of the Vellum, Parchment, or Paper upon which any of them respectively shall be written, the several Duties or Sums of Money set down in Figures against the same respectively, or otherwise specified and set forth in the said Schedule, which said Schedule, and the several Provisions, Regulations, and Directions therein contained with respect to the said Duties, and the Instruments, Matters, and Things charged therewith, shall be deemed and taken to be Part of this Act, and shall be applied, observed, and put in execution accordingly: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to repeal or alter any of the said Stamp Duties now payable in relation to any Deed or Instrument which shall have been signed or executed by any Party thereto, or which shall bear Date before or upon the passing of this Act.

The new Duties to be denominated Stamp Duties, and to be under the Care of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Powers and Provisions of former Acts to be in force.

II. The said Duties by this Act granted shall be denominated and deemed to be Stamp Duties, and shall be under the Care and Management of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the Time being; and all the Powers, Provisions, Clauses, Regulations, Directions, Allowances, and Exemptions, Fines, Forfeitures, Pains, and Penalties contained in or imposed by any Act or Acts, or any Schedule thereto, relating to any Duties of the same Kind or Description heretofore payable in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* respectively, and in force at the Time of the passing of this Act, shall respectively be in full Force and Effect with respect to the Duties by this Act granted, and to the Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, Instruments, Matters, and Things charged and chargeable therewith, and to the Persons liable to the Payment of the said Duties, so far as the same are or shall be applicable in all Cases not hereby expressly provided for, and shall be observed, applied, allowed, enforced, and put in execution for and in the raising, levying, collecting, and securing of the said Duties hereby granted, and otherwise in relation thereto, so far as the same shall not be superseded by, and shall be consistent with the express Provisions of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been herein repeated and specially enacted, *mutatis mutandis*, with reference to the said Duties by this Act granted.

As to Duties on Newspapers and Supplements.

III. No higher Stamp Duty than One Penny shall be chargeable on any Newspaper printed on One Sheet of Paper containing a Superficies not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and ninety-five Inches:

A Supplement published with any Newspaper duly stamped with the Duty of One Penny, such Supplement being printed on One Sheet of Paper only, and together with such Newspaper containing in the aggregate a Superficies not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and ninety-five Inches, shall be free from Stamp Duty:

Any other Supplement to any such duly stamped Newspaper shall not be chargeable with any higher Stamp Duty than One Halfpenny, provided it does not contain a Superficies exceeding One thousand one hundred and forty-eight Inches:

And any Two Supplements to any such duly stamped Newspaper shall not be chargeable with any higher Stamp Duty than One Halfpenny on each, provided each of such Supplements be printed and published on One Sheet of Paper only, and that they contain together a Superficies not exceeding in the aggregate Two thousand two hundred and ninety-five Inches:

The Superficies in all the Cases aforesaid to be One Side only of the Sheet of Paper, and exclusive of the Margin of the Letter Press.

Allowance for Newspaper Stamps on hand.

IV. Where any Person shall be possessed of any Stamps for Newspapers rendered useless by this Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, on Application to them or to their proper Officer in that Behalf, at any Time within Six Calendar Months after the Commencement of this Act, to cancel and make Allowance for the same, as in the Case of spoiled Stamps.

After passing of this Act all Duties on Advertisements to cease.

V. 'And whereas it is expedient to repeal the Duties now payable on Advertisements:' From and after the passing of this Act the Duties now payable under any Act or Acts in force for or in respect of any Advertisement contained in or published with any Gazette or other Newspaper, or contained in or published with any other periodical Paper, or in or with

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any Pamphlet or literary Work, and all Enactments, Clauses, Provisions, and Regulations for levying, collecting, and securing the said Duties, but so far only as they relate to such Duties, shall respectively cease and determine, and shall be and the same are hereby repealed, save and except as to any of the said Duties which shall have been charged or incurred on or before the Day of the passing of this Act, and any Arrear thereof, and as to all Fines and Penalties incurred or which may be incurred in respect of the said Duties or Arrears, all which said Duties and Arrears, Fines and Penalties, 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 on Assignments of Judgment in Ireland, and Writs of Acknowledgment in Scotland.

VI. 'Whereas it is expedient to remove Doubts which have arisen as to the Stamp 'Duties chargeable upon Assignments of Judgment in *Ireland*; and it is also expedient to 'reduce the Stamp Duties now chargeable in *Scotland* upon Writs of Acknowledgment by 'Persons infeft of Lands in favour of the Heirs or Disponees of Creditors:' In lieu of the Stamp Duties now payable upon the Instruments herein-after mentioned there shall be chargeable (besides any progressive Duties to which the same respectively may be liable by reference to the Head of Progressive Duty in the Schedule to the Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-seven,) the respective Stamp Duties following; (that is to say,)

For and upon every Assignment of any Judgment in *Ireland*, One Pound Fifteen Shillings:

And for and upon any Writ of Acknowledgment by any Person infeft of Lands in *Scotland* in favour of the Heir or Disponee of a Creditor fully vested in right of an heritable Security constituted by Infeftment, Ten Shillings.

Power to Treasury to compound with Bankers in Scotland for the Stamp Duties on their Promissory Notes.

VII. 'And whereas under and by virtue of certain Acts of Parliament now in force the 'Governor and Company of the Bank of *Scotland*, and the Royal Bank of *Scotland*, and the '*British* Linen Company in *Scotland* are respectively authorized and empowered to make 'and issue and re-issue their Promissory Notes payable to Bearer on Demand on unstamped 'Paper, giving Security, and keeping and producing true Accounts of all the Notes so 'issued by them respectively, and accounting for and paying the Stamp Duties payable in 'respect of such Notes: And whereas it is expedient to authorize and empower the Com-'missioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to compound with the said Banks, as well as all 'Bankers in *Scotland*, for the Stamp Duties on their Promissory Notes payable to Bearer 'on Demand, as well as for Stamps payable on their Bills of Exchange:' It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being, or any Three of them, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to compound and agree with the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *Scotland*, and the Royal Bank of *Scotland*, and the *British* Linen Company in *Scotland*, and all or any other Bankers in *Scotland*, or elsewhere, respectively, for a Composition in lieu of the Stamp Duties payable on the Promissory Notes of the said Banks and Bankers respectively payable to the Bearer on Demand, as well as for Stamps payable on their Bills of Exchange; and such Composition shall be made on such Terms and Conditions, and with such Security for the Payment of the same, and for keeping, producing, and rendering of such Accounts, as the said last-mentioned Commissioners may deem to be proper in that Behalf; and upon such Composition being entered into by such Banks and Bankers respectively it shall be lawful for them to issue and re-issue all Notes and to draw all such Bills for which such Composition shall have been made on unstamped Paper, anything in any Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Stamp Duty on Scrip Certificates.

VIII. From and after the passing of this Act the following Stamp Duty shall be charged and paid; (that is to say,)

	£	s.	d.
On any Scrip Certificate, that is to say, any Document denoting or intended to denote the Right or Title of the Holder thereof or any Person to any Share or Shares in any Joint Stock or other Company, or proposed or intended Company, or any Certificate declaring or entitling the Holder thereof or any Person to be or become the Proprietor of any Share or Shares of or in any such Company, where such Certificate or the Right or Title to such Share or Shares shall be or be intended to be transferable by the Delivery of such Certificate, or otherwise than by Deed or Instrument in Writing -	0	0	1

Receipts for Land or Assessed Taxes or Income Tax exempt from Stamp Duty.

IX. No Receipt given for any Sum or Sums of Money received for or on account of Land Tax, or the Duties of Assessed Taxes, or the Duties on Profits arising from Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices, by any Collector or Receiver of such Taxes or Duties, or by any Person having Authority to collect or receive the same, shall be subject or liable to any Stamp Duty.

Stamps denoting Duty on Policies of Life Assurance may be impressed or affixed.

X. The Duties granted by an Act of the present Session of Parliament on Policies of Assurance may be denoted either by a Stamp impressed upon the Paper whereon any such Instrument is written, or by an adhesive Stamp affixed thereto, and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall provide Stamps of both Descriptions for the Purpose of denoting the said Duties.

Certain Particulars to be written on adhesive Stamps for Policies.

XI. The adhesive Stamps to be so provided for the Purpose aforesaid shall be adapted for the Writing of the following Particulars thereon; (that is to say,) the Date and Number of the Policy, and the Names of the Person insured and of One of the Directors of the Assurance Company, or other Person by whom the same shall be signed; and where an adhesive Stamp shall be used or intended to be used for or upon any such Policy, such Stamp shall be firmly and securely affixed and made to adhere to such Policy, and all the several Particulars aforesaid shall be fairly and distinctly written upon such Stamp at or before the Time of the signing thereof by such Director or other Person aforesaid, or in default thereof such Director or other Person signing such Policy shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

The SCHEDULE referred to by this Act.

	Duty. £	s.	d.
ARTICLES of CLERKSHIP or Contract, whereby any Person shall first become bound to serve as a Clerk in order to his Admission as an Attorney or Solicitor in any of Her Majesty's Courts at Westminster or in Ireland, or in order to his Admission as a Proctor in the High Court of Admiralty in England, or the Court of Admiralty in Ireland, or in any of the Ecclesiastical Courts in Doctors Commons or in Ireland - - - -	80	0	0
CERTIFICATE to be taken out yearly by every Person admitted as an Attorney or Solicitor in any of Her Majesty's Courts at Westminster or in Ireland, or in any other Court in England holding Pleas where the Debt or Damage amounts to Forty Shillings; and by every Person admitted as a Writer to the Signet, or as a Solicitor, Agent, Attorney, or Procurator in any of the Courts in Scotland; and by every Person admitted or enrolled as a Notary Public in England, Scotland, or Ireland, who in his own Name or in the Name of any other Person shall commence, prosecute, carry on, or defend any Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding in any of the Courts aforesaid, or do any notarial Act whatever, for or in expectation of any Fee, Gain, or Reward, as an Attorney, Solicitor, Agent, Proctor, Procurator, or Notary Public, although not admitted or enrolled as such;			
If he shall reside within the Distance of Ten Miles from the General Post Office in the City of London, or within the City or Shire of Edinburgh, or in the City of Dublin, or within Three Miles thereof;			
And if he shall have been admitted for the Space of Three Years or upwards - - - - - -	9	0	0
Or if he shall not have been admitted so long - -	4	10	0
If he shall reside elsewhere, and if he shall have been admitted for the Space of Three Years or upwards - - -	6	0	0
Or if he shall not have been admitted so long - -	3	0	0
CERTIFICATE to be taken out yearly by every Person being a Member of One of the Four Inns of Court in England, and by every Person in Ireland who in the Character of Conveyancer, Special Pleader, Draftsman in Equity or otherwise, shall, for or in expectation of any Fee, Gain, or Reward, draw or			

	Duty. £	s.	d.
prepare any Conveyance of or Deed or Instrument relating to any Estate or Property, real or personal, or any other Deed or Contract whatever, or any Pleadings or Proceedings in any Court of Law or Equity;			
If he shall reside within the Distance of Ten Miles from the General Post Office in the City of London, or in the City of Dublin, or within Three Miles thereof - - - - -	9	0	0
And if he shall reside elsewhere - - - -	6	0	0
CONVEYANCE of any Kind or Description whatsoever, in England or Ireland, and Charter Disposition or Contract containing the first original Constitution of Feu and Ground Annual Rights in Scotland (not being a Lease or Tack for Years), in consideration of any annual Sum payable in Perpetuity, or for any indefinite Period, whether Fee Farm or other Rent, Feu Duty, Ground Annual, or otherwise:			
Where the annual Sum thereby reserved, secured, or made payable shall not exceed 20*s.* - - - - -	0	2	6
And where the same shall exceed 20*s.* and shall not exceed 12*l.*, then for every 20*s.* or any fractional Part of 20*s.* of such annual Sum -	0	2	6
And where the same shall exceed 12*l.* and shall not exceed 24*l.*, then for every 40*s.* and for any fractional Part of 40*s.* of such annual Sum - - - - - - -	0	5	0
And where the same shall exceed 24*l.*, then for every 4*l.* and for any fractional Part of 4*l.* of such annual Sum - - -	0	10	0

CAP. LXIV.

An Act for continuing and amending the Act for facilitating the Sale and Transfer of Incumbered Estates in *Ireland*. [15th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act further to facilitate the Sale and Transfer of Incumbered Estates in* Ireland: And whereas under the Provisions of the said Act certain Commissioners were duly appointed during Her Majesty's Pleasure for the Execution of the said Act: And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Act in certain Particulars, and to continue the Powers of the said Commissioners for the further Term herein-after mentioned:' 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: 12 & 13 Vict. c. 77.

Where an Incumbrance affecting any Land or Lease subject to be sold also affects a Lease not so subject, the Commissioners Jurisdiction to extend to such Lease.

I. Where Application has been made under the said Act, or shall hereafter be made under the said Act and this Act, or either of them, for a Sale of any Land or of any Lease within Sections Sixteen and Seventeen of the said Act, and all or any of the Incumbrances affecting such Land or Lease also affects any Lease of Land in *Ireland* not within the said Sections Sixteen and Seventeen of the said Act, Application may be made for Sale of such last-mentioned Lease; and the Jurisdiction and Powers of the Commissioners and all the Provisions of the said Act shall extend and be applicable to such last-mentioned Lease in like Manner as in the Case of a Lease within the said Sections Sixteen and Seventeen of the said Act.

The 22d Section of recited Act repealed, and other Provisions made in lieu thereof.

II. The Twenty-second Section of the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof be it enacted, That the Commissioners shall not make an Order for Sale of any Land or Lease, or any Part thereof, upon Application by an Incumbrancer on such Land or Lease, in case it be shown to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners by the Owner of such Land or Lease that no Part of such Land or Lease is subject to any Receiver,