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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Public Schools Act, 1872."

Extension of powers of new governing bodies of certain public schools.

2. All powers by the Public Schools Act, 1868, or any Act amending the same, vested in the new governing bodies of the said schools shall continue vested in such new governing bodies respectively until the twenty-fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she think fit, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to continue the same until the twenty-fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and from and after the said twenty-fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, or if such powers are continued by order of Her Majesty in Council until the twenty-fifth day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, from and after such last-mentioned day, and not before, the powers so vested in such new governing bodies as aforesaid shall pass to and vest in the said Special Commissioners, subject nevertheless as in the said Act mentioned.

Duration of powers of Commissioners.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, all powers conferred on the Special Commissioners by the Public Schools Act, 1868, or any Act amending the same, shall be in force until the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she think fit, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to continue the same until the twenty-fifth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

Amendment of section 21. of the Public Schools Act, 1868.

4. The additions and alterations mentioned in the twenty-first section of the Public Schools Act, 1868, shall be construed to include and authorise the construction of any new or separate buildings and any additions to or alterations in any existing buildings, for the purposes of any subordinate or other school established or to be established in connexion with any school to which the said Act applies.

Scheme for apportionment of property of Rugby School.

5. The new governing body of Rugby School may, at any time before the twenty-fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, submit to the Special Commissioners, and, if approved of by them, may lay a scheme before Her Majesty in Council for carrying into effect any arrangement which may be entered into between such governing body and the trustees of the Rugby Charity founded by Lawrence Sheriff, grocer, of London, in relation to the vesting of a portion of the property of such trustees in such new governing body for the use of Rugby School, and in relation to the payments to be made by the said trustees to the new governing body for the purposes of the said school, and in relation to any other matter or thing concerning the division of the property of the said trustees or the income thereof between the said new governing body and the said trustees for the purposes of the said school, and in relation to the mutual duties and obligations of the said trustees and the said governing body in respect of any property in which they may be mutually interested.

CHAPTER 55.

An Act for making better provision for the erection of Lighthouses on the Great Basses Rock, and on the Little Basses Rock, in the colony of Ceylon. [6th August 1872.]

18 & 19 Vict. c. 91.

WHEREAS by the Merchant Shipping Amendment Act, 1855, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and the Public Works Loan Commissioners are authorised to advance sums of money for the purpose of constructing a lighthouse on or near the coast of any British possession:

And whereas certain sums were advanced by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the establishment of a light-ship near the Little Basses Rock off the coast of Ceylon, part of which has been repaid out of the dues received in respect of such light-ship, leaving a balance of eight thousand three hundred and thirty-six pounds or thereabouts due to the last-mentioned Commissioners, and some further expenses to a small amount incurred in such establishment remain unpaid:

And whereas by the Basses Lights Act, 1869, the Public Works Loan Commissioners were required to advance, for the purpose of constructing a lighthouse on the Great Basses Rock, off the coast of Ceylon, a sum not exceeding seventy thousand pounds, at the rate of three and a quarter per cent. per annum, to be repayable within a period not exceeding fifty years, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury were authorised to guarantee, jointly with the Secretary of State in Council of India, the principal and interest of such loan, and the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury and Secretary of State (in this Act referred to as the guarantors) have given a joint guarantee for the said loan of seventy thousand pounds (in this Act referred to as the loan of 1869), of which sixty thousand pounds have been actually advanced upon such guarantee in pursuance of the said Act at interest at the rate of three and a quarter per cent. per annum: 32 & 33 Vict. c. 77.

And whereas by an Order in Council of the eleventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, certain dues are required to be paid in respect of the Great Basses Lighthouse and the Little Basses Light-ship:

And whereas there is standing to the credit of the fund formed out of the dues received in respect of the Little Basses Light-ship or of the Great Basses Lighthouse and Little Basses Light-ship a balance of seventeen thousand pounds or thereabouts:

And whereas it is expedient to pay out of the said balance such sum as remains due to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the establishment of the Little Basses Light-ship, and any further expense of such establishment remaining unpaid, and to make further provision for the purpose of the construction of the said lighthouse on the Great Basses Rock, and also of a lighthouse on the Little Basses Rock, in substitution for the Little Basses Light-ship:

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:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Basses Lights Act, 1872." Short title.

2. This Act shall be construed as one with the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the Merchant Shipping Amendment Act, 1855, (in this Act referred to as the principal Acts,) and with the Basses Lights Act, 1869. Construction of Act with 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104. and 18 & 19 Vict. c. 91.

3. For the purpose of constructing lighthouses on the said Great Basses Rock and Little Basses Rock, the Public Works Loan Commissioners are hereby required to advance in pursuance of the principal Acts, out of the moneys at their disposal, which are applicable for advances under the Harbours and Passing Tolls, &c. Act, 1861, in addition to the loan of 1869, a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole seventy-five thousand pounds. The sums advanced by the Public Works Loan Commissioners in pursuance of this Act shall be secured on the fund formed out of the dues mentioned in this Act, and shall be repayable, as to each portion thereof, within a period not exceeding fifty years from the date of the advance of such portion. Loan by Public Works Loan Commissioners.

When the aggregate amount borrowed from the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of the principal of the loan of 1869, and of the loan advanced in pursuance of this Act, does not exceed one hundred thousand pounds, the interest payable in respect thereof shall be at the rate of three pounds five shillings per annum on each hundred pounds; but when such aggregate amount exceeds one hundred thousand pounds, the interest payable in respect of one hundred thousand pounds shall be at the rate aforesaid, and the interest payable in respect of the excess shall be at the rate of five pounds per annum on each hundred pounds.

Substitution of lighthouse for light-ship in Order in Council as to dues.

4. As soon as a light is exhibited in the Little Basses Lighthouse so much of the said Order in Council of the eleventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine as directs what dues are to be paid shall be construed as if Little Basses Lighthouse were substituted therein for Little Basses Light-ship, and while such Order remains in force the dues shall be paid under the said Order accordingly, in like manner as if a new Order, altered as provided by this section, had been made in the manner and with the consent required by the principal Acts.

The dues payable in respect of the Great Basses Lighthouse and the Little Basses Lighthouse shall be altered only with the consent—

(*a.*) so long as the said guarantee is in force, of the guarantors; and

(*b.*) so long as any money is due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in pursuance of this Act, of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Payment of balance due for Little Basses Light-ship.

5. As soon as may be after the passing of this Act all sums then remaining due to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the establishment of the said Little Basses Light-ship, and any further expenses of such establishment remaining unpaid, shall be paid out of the balance standing to the credit of the fund formed out of the dues received in respect of such light-ship, or in respect of the Great Basses Lighthouse and such light-ship, and the remainder of the last-mentioned balance shall form part of the fund formed by this Act.

Application of dues of Great and Little Basses Lights.

6. The dues levied under the said Order in Council of the eleventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, or any new Order made in lieu thereof, in respect of the Great Basses Lighthouse, and of the Little Basses Lighthouse, (after deducting any expenses incurred in collecting the same,) shall form one fund, which shall be applied for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in erecting and maintaining such lighthouses, and for no other purpose whatever; and the priority according to which such expenses shall be paid shall (so far as conveniently may be, and subject to any other arrangement made so long as the said guarantee is in force with the consent of the guarantors,) be as follows:

(1.) The expenses of maintaining such lighthouses:

(2.) Then the interest on the unpaid balance of the loan of 1869 and the loan advanced in pursuance of this Act:

(3.) Then the amount for the time being required for repaying the principal of the loan of 1869 and the loan advanced in pursuance of this Act:

(4.) Then the amount required for repaying pari passu to the guarantors all sums which they may respectively have paid on account of the said guarantee, with interest on such sums after the rate of five per cent. per annum from the time at which they were paid.

Until a light is exhibited in the Little Basses Lighthouse the provisions of this section shall be construed as if the term "Little Basses Lighthouse" included the Little Basses Light-ship.

Saving for securities and guarantee under 32 & 33 Vict. c. 77.

7. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice any security or guarantee given under the Basses Lights Act, 1869; and the loan of 1869 shall be secured on the fund formed out of the dues mentioned in this Act in like manner as if it were the same fund as the fund mentioned in the Basses Lights Act, 1869.

Repeal of sections 5 & 7 of 32 & 33 Vict. c. 77.

8. Sections five and seven of the Basses Lights Act, 1869, are hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything duly done or suffered before the passing of this Act.