acceptance of the bill so as to satisfy the requirements of the said Statute, and it is expedient that the meaning of the said enactment should be further declared:

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. An acceptance of a bill of exchange is not and shall not be deemed to be insufficient under the provisions of the said Statutes by reason only that such acceptance consists merely of the signature of the drawee written on such bill. Declaration of law.

2. Nothing in this Act shall affect the validity or invalidity of any verdict or judgment recovered or given before the passing of this Act. Saving.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Bills of Exchange Act, 1878. Short title.

CHAPTER 14.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Public Baths and Washhouses.

[27th May 1878.]

WHEREAS the Act passed in the session held in the ninth and tenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventy-four, intituled "An Act to encourage "the establishment of Public Baths and Washhouses," was amended by the Act passed in the session held in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter sixty-one, intituled "An Act to amend the Act for the establishment of Public Baths "and Washhouses," and it is expedient further to amend the said first-recited Act, and to provide for the establishment of covered swimming baths and other purposes: 9 & 10 Vict. c. 74. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 61.

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 for all purposes as the Baths and Washhouses Act, 1878. Short title.

The words "covered swimming bath" in this Act shall mean a swimming bath protected by a roof or other covering from the weather. "Covered swimming bath."

2. This Act and the recited Acts, as amended by the Statute Law Revision Act, 1875, and the Public Health Act, 1875, and by this Act, shall be construed and carried into execution as one Act; and the words "the council and the commissioners" when used in this Act shall include the urban authority mentioned in the tenth section of the Public Health Act, 1875. Construction of Act. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 66. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

3. All the provisions of the recited Acts respectively shall be construed to extend and to have extended from the passing of such Acts respectively to covered swimming baths as well as to baths, washhouses, and open bathing places. Covered swimming baths authorised.

4. The council and the commissioners respectively may from time to time provide covered swimming baths, and make such reasonable charges for the use thereof as they shall think fit, not exceeding the charges mentioned in the schedule annexed to this Act. As to charges for swimming baths.

5. The council and the commissioners respectively may during such period, not exceeding five months in any one year, as they shall think fit, from the beginning of the month of November to the end of the month of March, close any covered swimming bath or open swimming bath, and may either keep the same closed or may establish therein a gymnasium or such other means of healthful recreation as they shall think fit, or may during such period allow any covered or open swimming bath to be used as an empty building for such purposes of healthful recreation or exercise as they shall think fit during such period as aforesaid, and may at any time allow any portion of the public baths not required by the commissioners to be used for holding vestry meetings or other parochial purposes: Provided always, that no covered or open swimming bath when closed may be used for music or dancing. Power to close swimming baths for a limited period.

Power to make byelaws.

6. The council and the commissioners respectively may make byelaws for the regulation, management, and use of the open or swimming baths when used for any of the purposes mentioned in the fifth section of this Act; and all the provisions in the principal Act relating to byelaws shall extend and apply to byelaws made under this section.

Power to appoint officers.

7. The council and the commissioners respectively may appoint and remove at pleasure such officers and servants as shall be necessary for the management and superintendence of any gymnasium or other means of recreation established under this Act, and may appoint reasonable salaries, wages, and allowances for such officers and servants.

Power to make charges for gymnasium, &c.

8. The council and the commissioners respectively may from time to time make such reasonable charges for the use of the gymnasium or other means of recreation established under this Act, or for the use of any covered swimming bath as an empty room, as they shall think fit.

Powers of borrowing, &c. extended to this Act.

9. The provisions in the twenty-first, twenty-second, and twenty-third sections of the principal Act authorising the borrowing and advancement of money for the purposes of that Act, shall be taken to authorise the borrowing and advancement of money in like manner for the purposes of this Act; and the approval of the Local Government Board shall be substituted for that of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in all cases where money is borrowed for the purposes of the principal Act or this Act.

Power to remove offenders.

Baths, &c. to be considered public and open places.

10. The council and the commissioners respectively, and their respective servants and agents, may remove any person offending against any of the byelaws made under this Act and the recited Acts, or any of them; and any bath or washhouse, or open bathing place, or covered swimming bath, established under this Act and the recited Acts, or any of them, shall be taken to be a public and open place, so as to make offences against decency therein criminal offences.

Power to refuse admittance to baths, &c. to offenders.

11. The council and the commissioners respectively, and their respective officers and servants, may refuse admittance to any bath, washhouse, open bathing place, or covered swimming bath, or any of them, to any person (1) who shall have been convicted of wilfully disobeying any of the byelaws in such bath, washhouse, open bathing place, or covered swimming bath; (2) who shall have been convicted of any offence against public decency in any of such baths, washhouses, open bathing places, or covered swimming baths as aforesaid.

Power to make superannuation allowances to officers, &c. employed about baths, &c. within the metropolis. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 31.

12. The provisions of an Act passed in the session held in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter thirty-one, intituled "An Act to provide for "superannuation allowances to officers of vestries and other boards within the area of "the Metropolis Local Management Act," shall extend to and include officers and servants employed in and about any baths, washhouses, open bathing places, or covered swimming baths established under this Act and the recited Acts, or any of them, by the council or the commissioners within the area of the Metropolis Local Management Act.

Expenses of Act and income arising to be applied as under principal Act.

13. The expense of carrying this Act into execution shall be defrayed, and the income arising from the use in any manner of any covered swimming bath established under the provisions of this Act and the recited Acts, or any of them, shall be applied, in the same manner as that in which the expenses of the principal Act are thereby directed to be defrayed, and the income arising from baths, and washhouses, and open bathing places, is thereby directed to be applied.

Increase of charge.

14. The charge of one halfpenny, fixed by the tenth and eleventh Victoria, chapter sixty-one, section seven, and part five of the schedule to that Act, shall be increased to one penny.

The SCHEDULE above referred to.

CHARGES FOR COVERED SWIMMING BATHS.

1ST CLASS.—Any sum not exceeding eightpence for each person.
2ND CLASS.—Any sum not exceeding fourpence for each person.
3RD CLASS.—Any sum not exceeding twopence for each person.

CHAPTER 15.

An Act to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other Duties, and to amend the Laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue. [27th May 1878.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary supplies to defray Your Majesty's public expenses, and making an addition to the public revenue, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the several duties herein-after mentioned, and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1878. Short title.

PART I.

Customs.

2. The duties of Customs now chargeable upon tea shall continue to be levied and charged on and after the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland; (that is to say,) Import duties on tea.

Tea, the pound - - - - - - Sixpence.

3. In lieu and instead of the duties and drawbacks payable or allowable on tobacco under the Customs Tariff Act, 1876, there shall be charged on and after the fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight upon tobacco imported into Great Britain or Ireland the following duties; (that is to say,) Duties and drawback on tobacco. 39 & 40 Vict. c. 35.

	£	s.	d.
Tobacco manufactured, viz.:			
Segars - - - - - - - the lb.	0	5	4
Cavendish or negrohead - - - - - the lb.	0	4	10
Snuff containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - - - - - - the lb.	0	4	1
Snuff not containing more than 13 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - - - - - - the lb.	0	4	10
Being cavendish or negrohead manufactured in bond - the lb.	0	4	4
Other manufactured tobacco - - - - the lb.	0	4	4
Tobacco unmanufactured, viz.:			
Containing 10 lbs. or more of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - - - - - - - the lb.	0	3	6
Containing less than 10 lbs. of moisture in every 100 lbs. weight thereof - - - - - - - the lb.	0	3	10

And there shall be allowed upon tobacco exported from Great Britain or Ireland on and after the fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, on the expor-