The allowance and expenses paid to the Bank of England in pursuance of this Act shall be deemed to be part of the annual sums payable for the management of the National Debt within the meaning of the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, and shall be paid accordingly out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

Bank of England may lend on credit of Treasury bills.

13. The Bank of England may lend to Her Majesty, upon the credit of Treasury bills, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the principal sums named in such bills.

CHAPTER 3.

An Act to amend the Publicans' Certificates (Scotland) Act, 1876. [23d March 1877.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Publicans' Certificates (Scotland) Act, 1876:

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 as "The Publicans' Certificates (Scotland) Act (1876), Amendment Act, 1877."

Subsection one of section seven of recited Act repealed.

2. Subsection one of section seven of the recited Act is hereby repealed, and in plac thereof it is enacted that the following words shall be deemed and be taken to be the firs. subsection of the seventh section of the recited Act, and the recited Act shall be read and construed as if the first subsection of the seventh section thereof had been originally expressed in the following words, viz.:

> The justices of the peace in quarter sessions assembled for each county, except the county of the city of Edinburgh, shall at the meeting of quarter sessions directed by law to be held in August of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, or at any adjournment thereof, and annually in every subsequent year, except the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, during which year no such appointment shall be made, at the meeting of quarter sessions to be held in March, or any adjournment thereof, appoint from among themselves, for the purposes of this Act, a county licensing committee, or they may appoint more than one such committee, and assign to any such committee such area of jurisdiction as they may think expedient.

As to county licensing committees already appointed.

3. Every county licensing committee already appointed under the provisions of the said Act shall continue in office until another such committee is appointed, in manner in the said Act provided, at the meeting of quarter sessions to be held in March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, or any adjournment thereof.

CHAPTER 4.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the granting of Licences for the sale of Beer, Ale, and Porter in Ireland. [23d March 1877.]

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 Beer Licences Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1877." This Act and "The Beerhouses (Ireland) Act, 1864," and "The Beerhouses "(Ireland) Act, 1864, Amendment Act, 1871," shall, so far as is consistent with the respective tenors of such Acts, be construed together as one Act, and may be cited together as "The Beerhouses (Ireland) Acts, 1864–1877."

2. From and after the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, it shall not be lawful for any officer of excise in Ireland to grant a licence or transfer of a licence for the sale of beer, ale, or porter to be drunk or consumed elsewhere than on the premises where sold, or to grant a renewal of any such licence as aforesaid to any person whomsoever, in respect of any premises, unless upon the production of a certificate that such premises, with premises belonging thereto and occupied therewith, if any, are rated for the relief of the poor for a sum of eight pounds or upwards, or in respect of any premises situate in any city or town, as defined by "The Licensing Act (Ireland), 1874," containing a population exceeding ten thousand, according to the then last parliamentary census, unless upon the production of a certificate that such premises, with the premises belonging thereto and occupied therewith, if any, are rated for the relief of the poor in a sum of fifteen pounds or upwards; nor unless upon the production of a certificate that such rated premises, wherever situate, have been in the exclusive occupation of such person for a period of three months at the least immediately preceding the date of such certificate. Every such certificate as is mentioned in this section shall be signed by two or more justices of the peace presiding at the petty sessions of the district in which such person resides, or, if in the Dublin Metropolitan Police district, by a divisional justice of the district in which such person resides. All applications for such certificates shall be made in the same manner, and subject to the like conditions, as to appeal and otherwise (so far as the same are applicable), as are prescribed by "The Beerhouses (Ireland) Act, 1864," in relation to applications for certificates under the said Act, as the same are amended by "The Licensing Act (Ireland), 1874."

No licences, transfers, or renewals for sale of beer, &c. for consumption elsewhere than on premises to be granted in respect of premises rated at less than 8*l.*, nor in cities, &c. with a population exceeding 10,000 unless premises are rated at 15*l.*

3. From and after the passing of this Act, the several provisions of the eleventh section of the Beerhouses (Ireland) Act, 1864, shall be and the same are hereby extended so as to apply to any person licensed to sell beer by wholesale to be consumed off the premises where sold, who shall keep his house or premises open for the sale of beer between the hours of seven o'clock in the morning and seven o'clock in the evening.

Extension of s. 11. of 27 & 28 Vict. c. 35.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to raise the sum of Seven hundred thousand pounds by Exchequer Bills or Exchequer Bonds for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

[23d March 1877.]

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 supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum 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:

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as the Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1877.

Short title

Exchequer Bills and Bonds.

2. Towards raising the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times not later than the said thirty-first day of March, to raise any sum or sums, not exceeding

Treasury may raise 700,000*l.* by Exchequer bills or bonds.