CHAPTER 14.

An Act to render valid Marriages heretofore solemnized in the Chapel of Ease called "Saint Paul's Church at Pooley Bridge," in the parish of Barton in the county of Westmorland. [8th June 1874.]

WHEREAS the church or chapel known as Saint Paul's Church at Pooley Bridge, in the parish of Barton in the county of Westmorland and diocese of Carlisle, was, on the twenty-ninth day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, duly consecrated for the performance of divine service, but no authority has ever been given by the bishop of the said diocese, or otherwise, for the publication of banns and solemnization of marriages therein:

And whereas divers marriages have nevertheless been solemnized in the said church or chapel under an erroneous impression on the part of the minister thereof that by virtue of the consecration of the said church or chapel, or otherwise, marriages might be lawfully solemnized therein, and entries of the said marriages so solemnized have from time to time been made in the register books kept either at the said church or chapel, or at the parish church of Barton aforesaid:

And whereas it is expedient, under the circumstances aforesaid, to remove all doubts touching the validity of the marriages so solemnized in the said church or chapel:

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. All banns of matrimony and marriages published or solemnized before the passing of this Act in the church or chapel known as Saint Paul's Church at Pooley Bridge, in the parish of Barton aforesaid, shall be as valid as if the same had been published or solemnized in a church duly consecrated and licensed for marriages. Marriages heretofore solemnized in Chapel of St. Paul at Pooley Bridge to be valid.

2. No minister who has solemnized any of the said marriages shall be liable to any ecclesiastical censure, or to any other proceedings or penalties whatsoever, by reason of his having so solemnized the same respectively. Minister officiating not liable to censure.

3. The registers of the marriages so solemnized, or copies of such registers, shall be received in all courts of law and equity as evidence of such marriages respectively, in the same manner as registers of marriages in parish churches, or copies thereof, are by law receivable in evidence. Registers of such marriages to be evidence.

CHAPTER 15.

An Act to amend the Act of sixteenth and seventeenth Victoria, chapter one hundred and nineteen, intituled "An Act for the Suppression of Betting Houses." [8th June 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act of the session of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and nineteen, intituled "An Act for the suppression of Betting Houses," and to extend the provisions of such Act to Scotland:

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 shall be construed as one with the Act of the session of the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and nineteen, intituled "An Act for the suppression of Betting Houses" (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), and the principal Act and this Act may be cited together as the Betting Act to be construed with 16 & 17 Vict. c. 119. Short title.

Acts, 1853 and 1874, and each of them may be cited separately as the Betting Act of the year in which it was passed.

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall not come into operation until the thirty-first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

Penalty on persons advertising as to betting.

3. Where any letter, circular, telegram, placard, handbill, card, or advertisement is sent, exhibited, or published,—

(1.) Whereby it is made to appear that any person, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, will on application give information or advice for the purpose of or with respect to any such bet or wager, or any such event or contingency as is mentioned in the principal Act, or will make on behalf of any other person any such bet or wager as is mentioned in the principal Act; or,

(2.) With intent to induce any person to apply to any house, office, room, or place, or to any person, with the view of obtaining information or advice for the purpose of any such bet or wager or with respect to any such event or contingency as is mentioned in the principal Act; or,

(3.) Inviting any person to make or take any share in or in connection with any such bet or wager;

every person sending, exhibiting, or publishing, or causing the same to be sent, exhibited, or published, shall be subject to the penalties provided in the seventh section of the principal Act with respect to offences under that section.

Extension to Scotland.

4. The twentieth section of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the principal Act, as amended by this Act, shall extend to Scotland, with the following modifications and provisions:

(1.) The term "distress" shall mean poinding and sale:
The term "misdemeanour" shall mean a crime and offence:

(2.) All offences or penalties under this Act and the principal Act shall be prosecuted and recovered before the sheriff of the county or his substitute in the sheriff court, at the instance of the Procurator Fiscal, or of any private person, under the provisions of the Summary Procedure Act, 1864, and all the jurisdictions, powers, and authorities necessary for the purposes of this section are hereby conferred on the sheriffs and their substitutes:

(3.) Every pecuniary penalty which is adjudged to be paid under this or the principal Act, shall be paid to the clerk of the court, and shall be by him accounted for and paid to the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer on behalf of Her Majesty:

(4.) The thirteenth and fourteenth sections of the principal Act shall not apply to Scotland, but it shall be competent to any person who is convicted under this Act or the principal Act to appeal against such conviction to the High Court of Justiciary, in the manner prescribed by such of the provisions of the Act of the twentieth year of the reign of King George the Second, chapter forty-three, and any Acts amending the same as relate to appeals in matters criminal, and by and under the rules, limitations, convictions, and restrictions contained in the said provisions.

CHAPTER 16.

An Act to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to repeal and alter other Duties, and to amend the Laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue. [8th June 1874.]

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