Session and Chapter.	Long Title.	Short Title.
11 & 12 Vict. c. 37. - [1848.]	An Act to amend the law relative to the assignment of ecclesiastical districts.	The Church Building Act, 1848.
14 & 15 Vict. c. 97. - [1851.]	An Act to amend the Church Building Acts -	The Church Building Act, 1851.
17 & 18 Vict. c. 32. - [1854.]	An Act to facilitate the apportionment of the rent when parts of lands in lease are taken for the purposes of the Church Building Acts.	The Church Building Act, 1854.
19 & 20 Vict. c. 55. - [1856.]	An Act for transferring the powers of the Church Building Commissioners to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England.	The Church Building Commissioners (Transfer of Powers) Act, 1855.
32 & 33 Vict. c. 94. - [1869.]	An Act to amend the New Parishes Acts and Church Building Acts.	The New Parishes Acts and Church Building Acts Amendment Act, 1869.

CHAPTER 66.

An Act to provide for the disunion of the Sees of Gloucester and Bristol, and the constitution of a separate Bishopric of Bristol. [14th August 1884.]

WHEREAS by an Order in Council made in pursuance of the Act of the session of the sixth and seventh years of the reign of King William the Fourth, chapter seventy-seven, intituled "An "Act for carrying into effect the reports of the Commissioners "appointed to consider the state of the Established Church in "England and Wales with reference to ecclesiastical duties and "revenues, so far as they relate to episcopal dioceses, revenues, and "patronage," the sees of Gloucester and Bristol were united:

And whereas it is expedient that the said sees should be disunited and that the bishopric of Bristol should be reconstituted as a separate bishopric with a diocese and cathedral church in accordance with this Act:

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 Bishopric of Bristol Act, 1884. Short title.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Bishoprics Act, 1878, (in this Act referred to as the principal Act) shall have effect as if the bishopric of Bristol were a new bishopric mentioned in the schedule to the principal Act, and as if the schedule to this Act formed part of the schedule to the principal Act, and as if the principal Act had been passed at the date of the passing of this Act. Application of 41 & 42 Vict. c. 68.

3. With respect to the constitution of the bishopric of Bristol in pursuance of this Act, the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say: Provisions as to constitution of bishopric of Bristol.

(1.) The dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Bristol shall be the dean and chapter of the bishopric of Bristol as constituted in pursuance of this Act, and in the construction of the principal Act shall be deemed to have been founded at the time at which the bishopric of Bristol is founded in pursuance of this Act and the principal Act, and so much of the principal Act as applies to the condition of a bishopric before a dean and chapter is constituted shall not apply to the bishopric of Bristol when founded in pursuance of this Act:

(2.) On the bishopric of Bristol being constituted as aforesaid, the sees of Gloucester and Bristol shall be disunited, and the bishop of the said see of Gloucester shall cease to be and to be called Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, and shall continue to be and shall be called Bishop of Gloucester, and shall cease to possess and exercise within or in relation to any part of the diocese of Bristol as constituted in pursuance of this Act the rights, privileges, and jurisdictions conferred on the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol at the union of the said bishoprics, but save as aforesaid, the said Bishop of Gloucester shall continue to have all such rights, privileges, and jurisdictions as may immediately before the constitution of the said bishopric of Bristol in pursuance of this Act be exerciseable by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol:

(3.) On the bishopric of Bristol being constituted as aforesaid, the existing episcopal consistory court of Gloucester shall be the court of the Bishop of Gloucester, and the existing episcopal consistory court of Bristol shall be the court of the Bishop of Bristol:

(4.) On all future avoidances of the see of Gloucester after the constitution of the bishopric of Bristol in pursuance of this Act, the licence for the election of a bishop of Gloucester shall issue to the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Gloucester:

(5.) Her Majesty may in the Order in Council constituting the said bishopric of Bristol, or in any other Order in Council, insert such provisions as to Her Majesty may seem requisite for the purpose of effecting the disunion of the sees of Gloucester and Bristol, and carrying out the intentions of this Act in relation thereto; and the said provisions shall on the said Order in Council taking effect, have the same force as if enacted in this Act.

Section 2.

SCHEDULE.

Bishopric of Bristol.

1. The bishop to be Bishop of Bristol.
2. The diocese to consist of—
   (*a.*) The deanery of Bristol (City Division and Rural Division), and
   (*b.*) The following three deaneries of North Wilts, that is to say,
   Malmesbury North, and
   Malmesbury South, and
   Cricklade, and

(*c*.) The following parishes in the county of Somerset, heretofore in the diocese of Bath and Wells; that is to say,
Easton in Gordano with Pill, and
Portbury, and
Portishead.

3. The cathedral church of Bristol to be the cathedral church.

4. Subject to the rights enjoyed by any person at the passing of this Act, there shall be transferred to the endowment fund of the bishopric of Bristol, such portion of the endowment or income of the bishopric of Gloucester as would if no deduction were made for first-fruits and tenths, yield a net annual sum of five hundred pounds, but such transfer shall be subject to the payment by the Bishop of Bristol of a proportionate part of the first-fruits and tenths payable by the Bishop of Gloucester.

5. The bishop to be subject to the metropolitan jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

CHAPTER 67.

An Act to prohibit charges for Improvements upon Ecclesiastical Lands otherwise than with the consent of the Patron and Bishop. [14th August 1884.]

WHEREAS by the Improvement of Land Act, 1864, the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales (herein-after referred to as "the Commissioners") are empowered upon application of corporations to sanction the charging of their lands with moneys borrowed for the improvement thereof, and it is provided (section twenty) that when the land to which the application relates, or any part of such land, is held in right of any church, chapel, or other ecclesiastical benefice, the Commissioners shall not sanction any improvement of such land or of so much thereof as is so held unless and until the patron of the benefice and (in England) the bishop of the diocese shall signify to the Commissioners by writing under their hands their respective consents to such application: 27 & 28 Vict. c. 114.

And whereas there are in force certain Acts which have been passed as local and personal Acts, constituting companies with powers to advance moneys for the improvement of lands, under some of which Acts powers exist whereby the incumbents of benefices can charge their lands with moneys borrowed for the improvement thereof without such consent, and it is expedient to extend to all such cases similar provisions to that contained in the said section twenty of the Lands Improvement Act, 1864:

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. The Commissioners shall not sanction any improvement of any land held in right of any church, chapel, or other ecclesiastical benefice unless and until the patron of such benefice, and the bishop of the diocese in which such lands are situate, shall signify to the Commissioners by writing under their hands their consent respectively to such application, nor shall any charge upon any such land of money expended, or purporting to be expended, for the improvement thereof, whether under any general or local Act, Ecclesiastical lands not to be charged for improvement without consent of patron and bishop.