rent or meter rent due from him, the Undertakers shall not be entitled to require from the next tenant of such premises the payment of the arrears left unpaid by the former tenant, unless such incoming tenant has undertaken with the former tenant to pay or exonerate him from the payment of such arrears. Arrears of gas rents, &c.

40. If any person supplied with gas or with any gas meter or fittings by the Undertakers, neglects to pay to the Undertakers the rent due for such gas, or the rent or money due to the Undertakers for the hire or fixing of such meter, or any expenses lawfully incurred by the Undertakers in cutting off the gas from the premises of such person, the Undertakers may recover the sum so due in like manner as a penalty under this Act. Recovery of rents, &c.

41. Whenever any person neglects to pay any rent or sum due and payable by him to the Undertakers, the Undertakers may recover the same, with full costs of suit, in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the remedy of the Undertakers under this enactment shall be in addition to their other remedies for the recovery of such rent or sum. Recovery of sums due to Undertakers.

Legal Proceedings.

42. Any summons or warrant issued for any of the purposes of this Act may contain, in the body thereof, or in a schedule thereto, several names and several sums. Contents of summons or warrant.

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45. Every notice which the Undertakers are by this Act required to serve upon any person shall be served by being delivered to the person for whom it is intended, or by being left at his usual or last-known place of abode, or sent by post addressed to such persons, or if such person or his address be not known to the Undertakers, and cannot after due inquiry be found or ascertained, then by being affixed for three days to some conspicuous part of the premises to which such notice relates. Service of notice by Undertakers.

46. No justice or judge of any county court or quarter sessions shall be disqualified from acting in the execution of this Act by reason of his being liable to the payment of any gas rent or other charge under this Act. Liability to gas rent not to disqualify justices from acting.

CHAPTER 20.

An Act for enabling Bodies Corporate to hold Property in Joint Tenancy. [9th August 1899.]

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.—(1.) A body corporate shall be capable of acquiring and holding any real or personal property in joint tenancy in the same manner as if it were an individual; and where a body corporate and an individual, or two or more bodies corporate, become entitled to any such property under circumstances or by virtue of any instrument which would, if the body corporate had been an individual, have created a joint tenancy, they shall be entitled to the property as joint tenants. Power for corporations to hold property as joint tenants.

Provided that the acquisition and holding of property by a body corporate in joint tenancy shall be subject to the like conditions

and restrictions as attach to the acquisition and holding of property by a body corporate in severalty.

(2.) Where a body corporate is joint tenant of any property, then on its dissolution the property shall devolve on the other joint tenant.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Act, 1899.

CHAPTER 21.

An Act to provide for Seats being supplied for the use of Shop Assistants. [9th August 1899.]

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:

Seats to be provided in shops, &c.

1. In all rooms of a shop, or other premises where goods are actually retailed to the public, and where female assistants are employed for the retailing of goods to the public, the employer carrying on business in such premises shall provide seats behind the counter, or in such other position as may be suitable for the purpose, and such seats shall be in the proportion of not less than one seat to every three female assistants employed in each room.

Penalty.

2. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this Act shall be liable, on summary conviction, for a first offence to a fine not exceeding three pounds, and for a second or subsequent offence to a fine not less than one pound and not exceeding five pounds.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall come into force on the first day of January one thousand nine hundred.

Construction and short title.

4. This Act shall be read and construed as one with the Shop Hours Acts, 1892 to 1895, and may be cited separately as the Seats for Shop Assistants Act, 1899.

CHAPTER 22.

An Act to amend the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879. [9th August 1899.]

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:

Amendment of schedule to 42 & 43 Vict. c. 49.

1. The First Schedule to the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879, shall include the offences mentioned or referred to in the schedule