8. The Treasury shall publish from time to time in the London Gazette the sums which will be issued by them in pursuance of this Act in each quarter of a financial year to the National Debt Commissioners. Supplemental provisions as to new and old sinking funds.

All annuities, bonds, bills, and loans purchased or redeemed by the National Debt Commissioners in pursuance of this Act shall be forthwith cancelled in such manner as the Treasury may from time to time direct; and any such direction shall be a sufficient indemnity to the Bank of England and the Bank of Ireland for anything done in pursuance thereof.

9. In this Act— Definitions.

The expression "Treasury" means the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury;

The expression "National Debt Commissioners" means the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt;

The expression "Bank of England" means the Governor and Company of the Bank of England;

The expression "Bank of Ireland" means the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland;

The expression "financial year" means the twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March;

The expression "loan borrowed under any Act to meet ways and means" means a loan borrowed in pursuance of an Act authorising sums to be borrowed on the credit of any sum which the Treasury are authorised by an Act to issue out of the Consolidated Fund towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty; and

The expression "Consolidated Fund" means the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

10. This Act may be cited as the Sinking Fund Act, 1875. Short title.

CHAPTER 46.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to afford further Facilities for the Erection of certain Bridges in Ireland." [2d August 1875.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the session of Parliament holden in the fourth and fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the more effectually providing for the erection of certain bridges in Ireland," which Act was amended by another Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to extend and amend the provisions of the Acts for the extension and promotion of public works in Ireland; and for the recovery of public moneys advanced for the use of counties, parishes, and other districts in Ireland, on the faith of grand jury presentments and parochial assessments," and under the provisions of the said Acts, grand juries of counties were empowered to co-operate for making and improving bridges situate between such counties: 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 61. 2 & 3 Vict. c. 50.

And whereas by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirtieth and thirty-first years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty, the said Acts were amended and facilities were afforded for the purchase or taking of any property in any bridge or ferry, or in the tolls thereof, which might be necessary for the purposes of the said Acts, and for making presentment for the moneys requisite therefor:

And whereas by section twenty-six of the said last-mentioned Act, after reciting that "in cases where a bridge or ferry is situate wholly within the limits of a county or county of a city, it is expedient to enable the grand jury of any neighbouring county or county

" of a city to co-operate with the grand jury of any such first-mentioned county or county " of a city for any of the purposes of the recited Acts and of this Act," it was enacted " that it shall be lawful for the grand jury of such neighbouring county or county of a " city, upon and after application made and approved at presentment sessions for the " county at large to consent to co-operate with the grand jury of any such first-named " county or county of a city for the purposes aforesaid, and to signify such consent by a " resolution entered on the record of its proceedings, and thereupon all the provisions of " the recited Acts and of this Act shall extend and be applicable in like manner as if the " said bridge or ferry were situate between the said counties, and all acts and proceedings " by the said Acts and this Act provided shall and may be done, had, and taken " accordingly :"

And whereas it is expedient further to extend the provisions of the said section and to make the same applicable to the erection of bridges wholly within the limits of any one county or county of a city or county of a town:

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:

Co-operation of grand juries for building bridges wholly within one county.

1. In cases where it is proposed to erect a bridge wholly within the limits of any one county, it shall be lawful for the grand jury of any neighbouring county, upon and after application made and approved at presentment sessions for the county at large to consent to co-operate with the grand jury of any such first-named county, for the purposes of the herein-before recited Acts, and to signify such consent by a resolution entered on the record of its proceedings; and thereupon all the provisions of the herein-before recited Acts shall extend and be applicable in like manner as if such bridge was proposed to be erected over a river forming the boundary between the said counties, and all acts and proceedings by the herein-before recited Acts provided shall and may be done, had, and taken accordingly.

The term " county " in this section shall include county of a city and county of a town.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited for all purposes as " The Bridges (Ireland) Act, 1875."

CHAPTER 47.

An Act to amend the Law in regard to Constables and Peace Officers in Scotland. [2d August 1875.]

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:

After 1st Oct. 1875 no constable appointed under the Scots Acts, 1617, 1633, and 1661 shall exercise powers of constables and peace officers under the " Poaching Prevention Act, 1862."

1. From and after the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five it shall not be lawful for any constable appointed under and in terms of the Act of the Parliament of Scotland passed in the year one thousand six hundred and seventeen, intituled " Anent the Justices for keeping of the King's Majesties peace, and their Con- " stables," or of the Act of the said Parliament passed in the year one thousand six hundred and thirty-three, intituled " Ratification of the Acts made in favour of the " Justices of the Peace and their Constables, and Commission to the Lords of Secret " Council thereanent," or of the Act of the said Parliament passed in the year one thousand six hundred and sixty-one, intituled " Commission and Instructions to the Justices " of Peace and Constables," to exercise any of the powers conferred on constables and peace officers by the Act of the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, intituled " An Act for the prevention of " poaching."