and 35 & 36 Vict. c. 57. s. 5, respectively.

sections respectively) may grant or refuse, either absolutely or upon terms, any application for a writ of attachment, or other process or order of arrest or imprisonment, and any application to stay the operation of any such writ, process, or order, or for discharge from arrest or imprisonment thereunder.

Short title and construction.

2. This Act may be cited as the Debtors Act, 1878, and shall be construed as one with the Debtors Act, 1869, as regards England, and as one with the Debtors Act (Ireland), 1872, as regards Ireland; and the Debtors Act, 1869, and this Act may be cited as the Debtors Acts, 1869 and 1878, and the Debtors Act (Ireland), 1872, and this Act may be cited as the Debtors Acts (Ireland), 1872 and 1878.

CHAPTER 55.

An Act to enable the Trustees of the British Museum to remove portions of their Collections. [13th August 1878.]

WHEREAS the British Museum was established and the management thereof vested in a corporate body of Trustees by virtue of an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of King George the Second, chapter twenty-two, and intituled "An Act "for the purchase of the Museum or Collection of Sir Hans Sloane and of the Harleian "Collection of Manuscripts, and for providing one general repository for the better "reception and more convenient use of the said collections, and of the Cottonian Library, "and of the additions thereto," wherein it was provided that a general repository should be erected within the cities of London or Westminster, or the suburbs thereof, in such convenient place as the Trustees should direct, for the reception of the several collections in the title of the said Act mentioned, and of such other collections and libraries as, with the approbation of the Trustees, should be admitted into the said general repository, which several collections, additions, and libraries so received into the said general repository should remain and be preserved therein for public use to all posterity: And whereas the British Museum has since its foundation become so greatly extended in various departments of literature, science, and art as to render necessary for the reception of the additions which are from time to time made to it a much larger space than can be conveniently obtained in the neighbourhood of the present Museum: And whereas, in addition to collections of books, manuscripts, antiquities, objects of natural history, and other miscellaneous objects, the Trustees of the British Museum are possessed of a number of pictures: And whereas it is expedient that power should be given to the said Trustees to provide room for the additions to the Museum by disposing in manner herein-after mentioned of the collections referred to in the schedule annexed hereto, and of the said pictures:

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:

Power to remove certain collections to South Kensington.

1. The Trustees of the British Museum may, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, remove the collections specified in the said schedule hereto, or any of them, or any part thereof, to the Natural History Museum now in course of erection at South Kensington, there to remain and be preserved for public use to all posterity.

Power of Trustees over pictures.

2. The Trustees of the British Museum may, if they think fit, and with such consent as aforesaid, assign and deliver to the Trustees and Director of the National Gallery, or to the Trustees of the National Portrait Gallery, or partly to the one body and partly to the other, all or any pictures belonging to them; and all pictures assigned and delivered in pursuance of this Act shall be held by the assignees on trust to preserve the same for public use to all posterity; but upon their being so assigned and delivered the Trustees of the British Museum shall be deprived of all right to and be released from all responsibility in respect of such pictures.

Power to give away duplicate

3. The Trustees of the British Museum may also give away any duplicate works, objects, or specimens not required for the purposes of the Museum: Provided always,

that the power hereby conferred shall not extend to any duplicate works in the Royal Library of King George the Fourth, or in the Cracherode, Grenville, or Banksian Libraries, or to any objects presented to the Museum for use and preservation therein. works, objects, &c.

4. If any question arises as to the particular collection to which any object in the British Museum belongs, such question shall for the purposes of this Act be finally determined by the Trustees of the Museum. Questions as to classification of objects.

5. Except in so far as is herein-before expressed, nothing herein contained shall affect the rights, powers, duties, or obligations of the Trustees of the British Museum. Saving clause.

6. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the British Museum Act, 1878. Short title of Act.

SCHEDULE.

Collections at the British Museum belonging to the following departments:

Zoology.	Mineralogy.
Geology and Palæontology.	Botany.

CHAPTER 56.

An Act to amend the Law respecting the expense of regulating Commons.

[13th August 1878.]

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 may be cited as the Commons (Expenses) Act, 1878, and together with the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1876, as the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1878. Short title.

2. The Inclosure Commissioners may, if they think fit, insert in any provisional order for the regulation of a common a provision for the raising and payment of the expenses of and incidental to the regulation of such common, either wholly or partly, by a sale of a portion of the common; and they shall in such case specify in the provisional order the situation and the maximum quantity of the portion of the common which may be so sold; and where such provision is made the said expenses may be raised and paid accordingly in manner provided by the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1868. Raising of expenses of regulation of common by sale of portion of common.

3. Where in a provisional order for the regulation of a common the Inclosure Commissioners insert, in pursuance of section fourteen of the Commons Act, 1876, a provision for the raising of money to be applied towards the improvement or protection of such common by means of the sale of any portion, they shall in the provisional order specify the situation and maximum quantity of the portion which may so be sold; and they may, if they think fit, also insert in the order a provision for the investment of the proceeds of such sale or any part of those proceeds, and for the application of the annual income of the investment towards the improvement or protection of such common, and for the sale of such investment or any part thereof from time to time, and the application of the proceeds of such sale towards the improvement or protection of such common. Amendment of 39 & 40 Vict. c. 56. s. 14. as to raising money for improvement or protection of common.

4. The Commissioners may, if they think fit, specify in any provisional order for the regulation of a common, as one of the terms and conditions of the regulation, the appropriation of an allotment for the labouring poor, and the provisions of the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1876, with respect to such allotments made upon the inclosure of a common shall apply to any such allotment made on the regulation of a common. Provision of allotments for the labouring poor on regulation.