one hundred pounds, or, if the offence is not prosecuted in a summary manner, not exceeding ten pounds for every day until the officer or surveyor returns, or until such time as would enable him after leaving the ship to return to the port from which he is taken, and such expenses may be recovered in like manner as the penalty.

CHAPTER 24.

An Act to grant Money for the purpose of certain Local Loans. [29th June 1893.]

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:

Grants for public works.

1.—(1.) For the purpose of local loans there may be issued by the National Debt Commissioners the following sums:—

(*a.*) For the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loans Commissioners any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of one million five hundred thousand pounds.

(*b.*) For the purpose of loans by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of eight hundred thousand pounds.

(2.) The sums so issued shall be issued during a period ending on the day on which a further Act granting moneys for the purposes of those loans comes into operation and in accordance with the provisions of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Public Works Loans Act, 1893.

CHAPTER 25.

An Act to amend the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892. [27th July 1893.]

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:

Short title and construction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1893, and shall apply to Scotland only. It shall be read and construed along with the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892 (hereinafter called "the said Act").

Modifications of 55 & 56 Vict. c. 55. s. 9.

2. The provisions of the second and third sub-sections of the ninth section of the said Act are hereby repealed, and the fourth sub-section thereof shall read as if the words "the boundaries of a populous place are defined," were substituted for the words

"a populous place is declared to be a burgh," and in lieu of the repealed sub-sections the following provisions shall have effect :—

Meeting of householders to be convened to consider adoption of Act.

(1.) Where upon an application to any sheriff or sheriffs the boundaries of a populous place have been defined as provided in the said Act, the sheriff or sheriffs shall thereupon, but only upon the requisition of any seven or more householders, accompanied, if the sheriff or sheriffs shall so require, with a satisfactory undertaking to pay the expenses after mentioned, convene a meeting of householders for the purpose of considering whether the provisions of the said Act shall be adopted and carried into execution, and such populous place declared to be a burgh.

The expression "householders" shall have the same meaning as in the said Act, and it shall be the duty of the county assessor or assessors under the Valuation Acts, within fourteen days of an application or applications to that effect, to furnish to the sheriff or sheriffs for the purposes of this Act, a certified copy or list of the names and designations of all householders within the area on payment of a fee of not more than one shilling for each hundred names; and such copy or list shall be sufficient proof of the qualification of the householders named therein.

Calling and intimation of meeting.

(2.) The meeting shall be held not less than twenty-one days nor more than thirty days after the day on which the sheriff receives the requisition in question, and such meeting and the purpose thereof shall be duly advertised in some newspaper circulating in such populous place, and by posting handbills in the form of Schedule (A.) hereunto annexed, at least three days before such meeting. The meeting shall be held in such convenient place as the sheriff or sheriffs shall assign, and one of them shall attend and preside at such meeting, and shall appoint a clerk thereat, who shall take a minute of the proceedings.

Power of meeting to adopt the Act or to decline to adopt it.

(3.) The meeting may determine whether the said Act shall be adopted and carried into execution, or shall appoint a committee of their own number, not exceeding nine, to inquire and report to a future meeting to be held on such day as shall be appointed, and such future meeting shall, upon a report of such committee, proceed in all respects in the manner herein directed for such first meeting. The sheriff shall ascertain the determination of such meeting by a show of hands, or in such other manner as shall appear to him expedient and in the case of an equality of votes, shall have a casting vote. Such determination shall be final unless a poll of householders shall be then demanded in writing by any seven persons present and qualified to vote at such meeting.

Poll to be taken by ballot.

(4.) In the event of a poll being demanded, the sheriff shall direct it to proceed at such polling place or places, and on such day as he shall fix, not more than seven days from the date of such demand, between the hours of eight in the morning and eight in the afternoon. The sheriff shall act as returning officer, and shall appoint the necessary number of presiding officers

and poll clerks, and shall have poll or ballot books prepared in the form of Schedule (B.) hereunto annexed. The voting shall be by ballot, subject to such regulations as may be issued by the Secretary for Scotland, and no one shall be entitled to vote whose name is not upon the copy or list of householders furnished by the assessor as aforesaid.

Declaration of poll.

(5.) As soon after the close of the poll as may be, the presiding officer or officers shall seal up the ballot boxes and transmit them to the sheriff, who shall publicly declare the result of the poll to the adjourned meeting; and such declaration shall be final, unless any householder then present shall then and there demand a scrutiny, and on such householder finding caution or security to the satisfaction of the sheriff for the reimbursement of the expenses attending the same, such scrutiny shall be made by such sheriff in such way and manner as he may deem proper, and shall be reported to another adjourned meeting to be held within three days, and the result of such scrutiny shall be final, and the person demanding such scrutiny shall be liable in the expenses thereof.

Majority necessary to adopt the Act.

(6.) Any resolution to adopt the provisions of the said Act shall be effectual if it be carried by a majority of the persons qualified and voting as aforesaid, and the sheriff shall thereupon find and declare, as the case may be, either that the said Act has or has not been adopted, and in the event of the said Act being adopted he shall further find and declare that such populous place is a burgh, and shall forthwith cause such finding and declaration to be recorded in the sheriff court books of the county. Such finding and declaration shall be forthwith reported to the Secretary for Scotland.

(7.) The provisions of the forty-seventh section of the said Act shall apply to all proceedings under this Act.

Expenses attending meeting.

3. In case of the adoption of the said Act all the expenses incurred in connection therewith shall, subject to such audit as the sheriff shall prescribe, be defrayed out of the burgh general assessment; but in case the provisions of the said Act shall not be adopted, then the whole expenses shall be defrayed by the persons signing the application in that behalf and the party who shall have disbursed such expenses is hereby authorised to recover these in a summary way before the sheriff, whose determination shall be final.

Extension of Act.

4. Where a poll is directed to be taken under the three-hundred-and-sixth section of the said Act the above enactments and procedure shall, so far as applicable, extend and apply to such poll.

SCHEDULES.

SCHEDULE (A.)

Notice is hereby given, that in virtue of the powers contained in an Act passed in the year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act [specify this Act]," the householders within the boundaries following, viz. [repeat them as in the recorded deliverance of the sheriff] are hereby required to meet upon the day of next, at of the clock, within , for the purpose of considering whether the provisions of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, shall be adopted and carried into execution, and the populous place declared to be a burgh.

Dated at , the day of 18 .

Signed,

Sheriff.

SCHEDULE (B.)

FORM OF POLL OR BALLOT PAPER.

Counterfoil.	Adopt, or not, the provisions of Act. The Voter shall answer "Yes" or "No."
The number will correspond with that on the back of the poll or ballot paper.	

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to explain and amend certain Provisions of the Prison Act, 1877, with respect to the Superannuation of Prison Officers. [27th July 1893.]

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:

Explanation of "existing officer," and "prison service" in 40 & 41 Vict. c. 21.

1. For the purposes of superannuation allowance the expression "existing officer of a prison" in the Prison Act, 1877, shall include and be deemed to have included any person who immediately before the commencement of that Act was an officer attached to a prison, and was appointed to hold, in immediate succession to his office, any of the offices mentioned in sections six and seven of that Act, and a superannuation allowance may be granted to any existing officer of a prison on the like conditions as if he had remained an officer of a local prison; and the expression "prison service" shall