CHAPTER 56.

An Act to amend the Wild Birds Protection Acts.

[14th August 1896.]

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:

Extension of powers under 43 & 44 Vict. c. 35.

1. From and after the passing of this Act the powers exerciseable by the Secretary of State on application under section eight of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall extend to the making of an order prohibiting, for special reasons mentioned in the application, the taking or killing of particular kinds of wild birds during the whole or any part of that period of the year to which the protection of wild birds under that Act does not extend, or the taking or killing of all wild birds in particular places during the whole or any part of that period.

Publication of orders.

2. Public notice of any order made under this Act shall be given in the manner required by the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, with respect to orders made under that Act.

Explanation of 57 & 58 Vict. c. 24.

3. The powers exerciseable under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, by the county council of an administrative county are hereby declared to be exerciseable by the council of a county borough, and any expenses incurred by the council of a county borough under that Act or this Act may be defrayed out of the borough fund or borough rate.

Power to forfeit traps, nets, snares, &c.

4. Where any person is convicted of an offence against this Act or the principal Act, the court may, in addition to any penalty that may be imposed, order any trap, net, snare, or decoy bird used by such person for taking any wild bird to be forfeited.

Application to Scotland.

5. This Act shall apply to Scotland with the substitution of the Secretary for Scotland for a Secretary of State.

Extent of Act.

6. This Act shall not extend to Ireland.

Short title and collective title.

7. This Act may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1896, and shall be construed with the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1881, and the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, and those Acts and this Act may be cited collectively as the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1896.

CHAPTER 57.

An Act to provide for the Trial of Burglaries by Courts of Quarter Sessions.

[14th August 1896.]

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:

Trial of burglaries at quarter sessions.

1.—(1.) A court of quarter sessions shall, notwithstanding anything in the Quarter Sessions Act, 1842, have jurisdiction to try a person charged with burglary.

(2.) A justice of the peace when committing for trial a person charged with burglary shall, nevertheless, commit him for trial before a court of assize unless, owing to the absence of any circumstances which make the case a grave or difficult one, he thinks it expedient, in the interests of justice, to commit him for trial before a court of quarter sessions; and the Assizes Relief Act, 1889, shall apply. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 12.

Short title.

2.—(1.) The Act of the session of the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter thirty-eight, intituled "An Act to define the jurisdiction of justices in general and quarter sessions of the peace," is in this Act referred to, and may be cited, as the Quarter Sessions Act, 1842. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 38.

(2.) This Act may be cited as the Burglary Act, 1896.

Extent of Act.

3. This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland.

CHAPTER 58.

An Act for authorising the Treasury to guarantee the Interest on certain Capital of the West Highland Railway Company, and pay a Sum of Money to that Company. [14th August 1896.]

WHEREAS by the West Highland Railway Act, 1894, the West Highland Railway Company were authorised to construct an extension of their railway from Banavie to Mallaig (in this Act called the railway), with a pier and other works in connexion therewith, and to raise the necessary capital for that purpose, and by section fifty-two of the Act certain provisions were to take effect in the event of the Treasury being authorised to guarantee and guaranteeing, for a period of thirty years from the date of the opening for passenger traffic of the railway, the payment of interest or dividend at the rate of three pounds per centum per annum on two hundred and sixty thousand pounds of the share and loan capital to be raised under the Act, and granting a sum of thirty thousand pounds towards the cost of constructing the pier, breakwater, and other works by the Act authorised, and it is expedient that the Treasury be authorised to give such guarantee and make such grant: 57 & 58 Vict. c. clvi.

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 for Treasury to guarantee interest on

1.—(1.) The Treasury may, subject to the terms and conditions contained in the agreement dated the tenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, between William Hayes