'that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* to authorize their Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to pay to any Person or Persons who sall prove him, her, or themselves, to the Satisfaction of such Commissioners, or of the said Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, to be the Next of Kin or legal Representative, or otherwise entitled to any Share of Prize Money, belonging to any deceased Officer, Soldier, or other Person, any such Share not exceeding Fifty Pounds, although such Person shall not have regularly taken out Letters of Administration to or have procured the Probate of any Will of the Party originally entitled thereto, to enable him legally to demand such Share of Prize Money:

'And whereas it is expedient to enlarge and better define the Powers of the said Commissioners with respect to the Payment of small Sums of Prize and other Money belonging to deceased Officers and Soldiers, and to indemnify the said Commissioners in respect of the Exercise of such Powers:'

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:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as The Army Prize (Shares of Deceased) Act, 1864.

Interpretation of "Prize Money."

2. In this Act the Term "Prize Money" includes Bounty Money, Grant, or other Allowance of Money in the Nature of Prize or Grant, in the Hands of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea*, or of their Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, or Secretary, for Distribution.

Sect. 25. of recited Act repealed, and new Provision herein named substituted.

3. Section Twenty-five of the recited Act is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the following Provision shall take effect as Part of the recited Act; namely,—

The Commissioners of the Royal Hospital at *Chelsea* may in any Case, if they think fit, authorize their Treasurer or Secretary to pay the Share of Prize Money, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, belonging to any deceased Officer, Soldier, or other Person, to or among any Person or Persons showing himself, herself, or themselves, to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners, to be entitled thereto or to Shares thereof (as the Case may be), without Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration to the Estate of any deceased Person being obtained or taken out.

Indemnity to Commissioners.

4. Every Payment made in pursuance of this Act shall be good and valid as against all Persons; and the said Commissioners and their Treasurer and Secretary for the Time being are by virtue of this Act absolutely discharged from all Liability in respect of any Money paid in pursuance of this Act.

Indemnity for past Payments.

5. Any Payment made before the passing of this Act, that would have been valid if made after the passing of this Act, shall be deemed good and valid as against all Persons; and the said Commissioners, and every their Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and Secretary for the Time being are by virtue of this Act absolutely discharged from all Liability in respect of any Money so paid.

CAP. XXXVII.

An Act to amend and extend the Act for the Regulation of Chimney Sweepers. [30th *June* 1864.]

3 & 4 Vict. c. 85.

'WHEREAS by the Act of the Session of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria* (Chapter Eighty-five), "for the Regulation of Chimney Sweepers and Chimneys," Provision was made to prevent any Person compelling or knowingly allowing a Child or young Person under the Age of Twenty-one Years to ascend or descend a Chimney or enter a Flue for the Purpose of sweeping, cleaning, or coring the same, or for extinguishing Fire therein:

'And

'And whereas it is expedient to amend in some Particulars and to extend the said Act '(hereafter in this Act called the Principal Act):'

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:

General.

Short Titles.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Chimney Sweepers Regulation Act, 1864," the Principal Act may be cited as "The Chimney Sweepers and Chimneys Regulation Act, 1840;" and the Principal Act and this Act may be cited together as "The Chimney Sweepers and Chimneys Regulation Acts, 1840 and 1864."

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall commence and take effect on the First Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Interpretation of Terms.

3. In this Act—

The Term "Sheriff" includes Stewart:

The Term "Chimney Sweeper" means a Person using the Trade or Business of a Chimney Sweeper.

This Act to be construed with Principal Act.

4. This Act shall be construed together with the Principal Act as One Act, and for this Purpose the Expression "this Act" when used in the Principal Act shall be taken to include the present Act.

Application of Penalties.

5. Any pecuniary Penalty recovered under this Act shall be applied as directed in the Principal Act.

Protection of Children and young Persons.

Restriction on Employment of Children under Ten.

6. It shall not be lawful for a Chimney Sweeper to employ a Child under the Age of Ten Years to do or assist in doing any Work or Thing in or about the Trade or Business of such Chimney Sweeper elsewhere than within the House or Place of Business of such Chimney Sweeper, or the Yard or Buildings (if any) connected therewith.

Chimney Sweeper entering House to sweep Chimneys, &c. not to bring with him Persons under Sixteen.

7. It shall not be lawful for a Chimney Sweeper, on any Occasion of his entering a House or Building for the Purpose of sweeping, cleaning, or coring a Chimney or Flue therein or belonging thereto, or for extinguishing Fire in any such Chimney or Flue, to cause or knowingly allow a Person under the Age of Sixteen Years in his Employment or under his Control to enter before, with, or after him into any Part of such House or Building, or to be therein for any Part of the Time during which such Chimney Sweeper himself continues therein for any such Purpose as aforesaid.

Penalties for before-named Offences.

8. If any Chimney Sweeper acts in contravention of either of the foregoing Enactments, he shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Power to Justices to impose Imprisonment.

9. Where under Section Two of the Principal Act a Chimney Sweeper is convicted of the Offence of compelling or knowingly allowing a Person under the Age of Twenty-one Years to ascend or descend a Chimney or enter a Flue for any Purpose in that Section mentioned, the Justices or Sheriff before whom he is convicted may, in lieu of the Imposition of any such pecuniary Penalty as is authorized by that Section, adjudge the Offender to be imprisoned in the Common Gaol or House of Correction for any Term not exceeding Six Months, with or without Hard Labour.

Burden of Proof of Age to lie on Chimney Sweeper.

10. In any Prosecution of a Chimney Sweeper for any Offence against the Principal Act or against this Act, where the Age of any young Person or Child comes in question, the Proof of the Age of such young Person or Child shall lie on the Defendant.

Abolition of minimum Penalty.

11. Section Two of the Principal Act shall be read as if the Words "or less than Five Pounds" were omitted therefrom.