And whereas it appears by the report of the said Commissioners as to the said borough of Cashel, that corrupt practices extensively prevailed in Cashel at both the said elections:

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. From and after the passing of this Act the boroughs of Sligo and Cashel shall respectively cease to return any member or members to serve in Parliament. Disfranchisement of Sligo and Cashel.

2. Whereas the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in the borough of Sligo by their report, dated the third day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy, reported to Her Majesty that the persons named in the schedules (E.) and (F.) annexed to their said report had been guilty of bribery in either giving or receiving bribes at the said election in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight: Be it enacted, that none of the persons so named in the said schedules shall have the right of voting for the county of Sligo in respect of a qualification situated within the said borough of Sligo. Persons reported guilty of bribery in Sligo disqualified as voters for the county of Sligo in respect of qualification arising in said borough.

3. Whereas the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in the said borough of Cashel, by their report dated the eighteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, reported to Her Majesty that the persons named in the schedules (C.) and (D.) annexed to their said report had been guilty of bribery in either giving or receiving bribes at the said election in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight: Be it enacted, that none of the persons so named in the said schedules, except Patrick Connor named in the said schedule (C.), shall have the right of voting for the county of Tipperary in respect of a qualification situated within the said borough of Cashel. Persons reported guilty of bribery in Cashel disqualified as voters for the county of Tipperary in respect of qualification arising in said borough.

4. Any copy of either of the said reports by the said Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in either of the said boroughs of Sligo or Cashel, with the schedules thereunto annexed, purporting to be printed by the Queen's authority, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be sufficient evidence of either of the said reports, and of the schedules annexed thereto. Evidence of reports.

CHAP. 39.

An Act to facilitate transfers of Ecclesiastical Patronage in certain cases.

[1st August 1870.]

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. The powers and provisions contained in the seventy-third section of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, in the twenty-second section of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and in the twelfth section of the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, shall be held to authorise the transfer, by the process and with the consents therein mentioned, of the ownership of any advowson or other right of patronage in any spiritual preferment, or any estate or interest in the same; provided always, that it shall appear to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, and shall be so stated in the scheme submitted by them to Her Majesty in Council for Provisions of 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113. s. 73., 4 & 5 Vict. c. 39. s. 22., 31 & 32 Vict. c. 114. s. 12., to authorise transfer of any advowson.

effecting such transfer, that the same transfer will tend to make better provision for the cure of souls in the parish or district in or in respect of which the right of patronage or advowson arises or exists; and provided always, that such transfer may take effect as from or to any ecclesiastical corporation, aggregate or sole, notwithstanding any statute of mortmain.

CHAP. 40.

An Act for authorising a guarantee of a loan to be raised by the Government of New Zealand for the construction of roads, bridges, and communications in that country, and for the introduction of settlers into that country.

[1st August 1870.]

WHEREAS the Government of New Zealand propose to raise by way of loan a sum not exceeding one million pounds for the purposes of the construction of roads, bridges, and communications in that country, and of the introduction of settlers into that country, and it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in this Act referred to as "the Treasury," to guarantee such loan:

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.

1. This Act may be cited as the New Zealand (Roads, &c.) Loan Act, 1870.

Power to Treasury to guarantee loan.

2. The Treasury may guarantee, in such manner and form as they think fit, payment of the principal of all or any part of any loan not exceeding one million pounds raised by the Government of New Zealand for the purposes of the construction of roads, bridges, and communications in that country, and of the introduction of settlers into that country, and payment of the interest of any such loan at a rate not exceeding four per cent.

Conditions of guarantee.

3. The Treasury shall not give any guarantee under this Act, unless and until provision has been made, either before or after the passing of this Act, by an Act of the Legislature of New Zealand, or otherwise to the satisfaction of the Treasury,—

(1.) For raising the said loan, and appropriating the same to the purposes mentioned in this Act:

(2.) For charging the Consolidated Revenue of New Zealand with the payment of the principal and interest of the said loan immediately after the charges on that fund existing at the time of the passing of this Act:

(3.) For payment by the Government of New Zealand of a sinking fund at the rate of two per centum per annum on the entire amount of the said loan, or so much as is raised for the time being, commencing at the date at which the whole of such loan is raised, or at the expiration of ten years from the passing of the Act (whichever date first happens), and for charging the Consolidated Revenue of New Zealand with the payment of such sinking fund immediately after the principal and interest of the said loan:

(4.) For charging the Consolidated Revenue of New Zealand with any sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom under this Act, with interest thereon at the rate of five per centum per annum, immediately after the sinking fund of the said loan:

(5.) For rendering to the Governor of New Zealand, for transmission to the Treasury, an annual abstract of the accounts of the expenditure of the money raised by means of the said loan under such heads as the Treasury from time to time desire: