rates in certain urban districts. 17 & 18 Vict. c. 103. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 56. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 104.

thereof, the provisions of section seventy of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1838, and section twenty-one of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1849, with respect to the making of the poor rate, shall apply to the making of any rate under the said Act of 1854 or such local Act, instead of the provisions in that behalf of section sixty-one of the said Act of 1854 and so much of the provisions of section sixty thereof as relate to the fixing of a day on which the rate is to be payable and the publication of notices in respect of such rate.

Short title and construction.

5. This Act may be cited as the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1901, and shall be construed with the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 (in this Act referred to as "the principal Act"), and may be cited with the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 1898 and 1900, as the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 1898 to 1901.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to confirm certain Acts of Colonial Legislatures.

[17th August 1901.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to confirm certain Colonial Acts the validity of which is open to doubt by reason of their not having been reserved for the signification of Her late Majesty's pleasure:

Be it therefore enacted by the King'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:

Confirmation of certain Acts of Colonial Legislatures.

1. Each of the Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act shall be deemed to be and to have been, as from the date of the assent thereto of the Governor of the Colony by whose Legislature it was passed, as valid as if it had been reserved for the signification of Her late Majesty's pleasure and Her late Majesty's assent to the Act had been duly given and signified in the colony at the date aforesaid.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Colonial Acts Confirmation Act, 1901.

SCHEDULE.

ACTS CONFIRMED.

Acts of the Colony of New South Wales.

The Federal Elections Act, 1900 (No. 73 of 1900).

The Parliamentary Electorates Redistribution Act, 1900 (No. 84 of 1900).

Act of the Colony of Queensland.

The Parliament of the Commonwealth Elections Act and the Elections Acts, 1885 to 1898, Amendment Act of 1900 (No. 25 of 1900).

Acts of the Colony of Western Australia.

An Act to correct certain errors in the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899 (No. II. of 1900).

The Constitution Act Amendment Act, 1900 (No. V. of 1900).

CHAPTER 30.

An Act to extend the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1889. [17th August 1901.]

BE it enacted by the King'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 52 & 53 Vict. c. 13.

1. The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1889, as amended by any enactment, shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, apply with the necessary modifications in the case of a tenant desirous of purchasing land, notwithstanding that the sale of his holding is not about to be made under the Land Purchase Acts.

Provision where tenant is a tenant purchaser under the Purchase Acts.

2.—(1.) Where a tenant to whom an advance is made in pursuance of this Act is the proprietor of a holding charged with an annuity under the Land Purchase Acts, an account shall be taken of the amount outstanding in respect of the original advance, and the original holding and any additional parcel of land purchased under this Act shall be deemed one holding and shall be charged with a new annuity for the repayment of such outstanding amount together with the amount of the advance made in respect of such additional parcel and shall be discharged from the annuity payable in respect of the original advance.

(2.) An annuity payable in pursuance of this section shall continue for such term of years as the Land Commission, on the application of the purchaser, may determine.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Purchase of Land (Ireland) (No. 2) Act, 1901.

CHAPTER 31.

An Act to provide for the Construction and Working of a Submarine Cable from the Island of Vancouver to New Zealand and to Queensland. [17th August 1901.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the construction of a submarine cable (in this Act called the Pacific cable) from the Island of Vancouver on the west coast of the Dominion of