"The permanent annual charge of the National Debt" means the permanent annual charge for the National Debt within the meaning of the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, and the Acts amending the same.

10. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the National Debt (Conversion of Stock) Act, 1884. Short title of Act.

CHAPTER 24.

An Act to amend the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act.

[3rd July 1884.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the provisions of the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act as to certain colonies or dependencies: 20 & 21 Vict. c. 39. 37 & 38 Vict. c. 41.

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:

1. Upon application made by the governor or person exercising the functions of governor of any of Her Majesty's colonies or dependencies, and after it has been shown to the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the system of jurisprudence as administered in such colony or dependency answers to and fulfils the conditions specified in section three of the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act, and also that the attorneys and solicitors of the superior courts of law or equity in England are admitted as attorneys and solicitors in the superior courts of law and equity of such colony or dependency, on production of their certificates of admission in the English courts, without service in the colony or dependency or examination, except in the laws of the colony or dependency in so far as they differ from the laws of England, Her Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council direct the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act to come into operation as to such colony or dependency, although persons may in certain cases be admitted as attorneys or solicitors in such colony or dependency without possessing all the qualifications for admission or having fulfilled the conditions specified in the said section three, and thereupon, but not otherwise, the provisions of the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act shall apply to persons duly admitted as attorneys and solicitors in such colony or dependency after service and examination; that is to say, no attorney or solicitor of any such colony or dependency shall be admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in England unless, in addition to the requirements of the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act, he prove by affidavit that he has served for five years under articles of clerkship to a solicitor or attorney-at-law in such colony or dependency, and passed an examination to test his fitness and capacity, before he was admitted an attorney or solicitor in such

Extension of 20 & 21 Vict. c. 39. 37 & 38 Vict. c. 41. to colony on application of governor, &c.

colony or dependency, and further that he has since been in actual practice as attorney or solicitor in such colony or dependency for the period of seven years at the least.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act Amendment Act, 1884.

CHAPTER 25.

An Act to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other Duties, and to amend the Laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue.

[3rd July 1884.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary supplies to defray Your Majesty's public expenses, and making an addition to the public revenue, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the several duties hereinafter mentioned, and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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 Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1884.

PART I.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Import duties on tea.

2. The duties of customs now chargeable upon tea shall continue to be levied and charged, on and after the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland; (that is to say,)

Tea, the pound - - - - Sixpence.

Duty on licence for hackney carriage. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 115. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 89. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 101.

3. On and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, the duty on an excise licence for a hackney carriage, that is to say, as so defined by the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869, or as deemed so to be by virtue of the Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847, or the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862 (whether adopted in any town or burgh or not), shall be the duty of fifteen shillings and no more.

Reduction of duties on carriages commenced to be used on or after the 1st October.

4. Where a person has, on or after the first day of October in any year, commenced to keep and use a carriage for which a licence is required under the Act of the thirty-second and thirty-third years of Her Majesty's reign, chapter fourteen, he shall, upon delivering a declaration in writing signed by him to the above effect, be entitled to take out such licence upon payment of the duties