CHAPTER 23.

An Act to make better provision respecting fortifications, works, buildings, and land situate in a Colony, and held for the defence of the Colony.

[23d July 1877.]

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:

Power by Order in Council to transfer colonial fortifications to governor of colony.

1. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, on the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State and of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury that it is expedient so to do, by Order in Council to vest any fortifications, works, buildings, or land in any colony held in trust for the defence of that colony (whether vested in Her Majesty, or in one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or in the principal officers of the Board of Ordnance, or in the commanding Royal Engineer, or other officer), and the care and disposal of such fortifications, works, buildings, or land, in the governor of the colony, for such estate and interest, and upon such terms and conditions, and subject to such reservations, exceptions, and restrictions as are specified in the Order; and the governor for the time being of the colony shall, by virtue of this Act and the Order, take and hold (subject to the provisions of the Order) the premises transferred to and vested in him accordingly.

Every representation to Her Majesty proposed to be made in pursuance of this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and shall lie for not less than forty days on the table of both Houses before it is submitted to Her Majesty.

Saving for other interests

2. Nothing in an Order made in pursuance of this Act shall affect any estate, interest, right, or claim in or to any fortifications, works, buildings, or land comprised in the Order other than such as at the date of the Order was vested in or held in trust for Her Majesty.

Definitions: "Colony:"

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

The expression "colony" means any dominion, colony, island, territory, province, or settlement situate within Her Majesty's dominions, but without the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, and not forming part of India as defined for the purposes of the Acts for the time being in force relating to the Government of India, and for the purposes of this Act the whole of the dominion, colonies, islands, territories, provinces, and settlements under one central legislature is deemed to be a colony:

"Governor."

The expression "governor" includes any lieutenant-governor, or officer administering the government of a colony, and any other person defined by an Order in Council under this Act to be the governor of the colony.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as "The Colonial Fortifications Act, 1877."

CHAPTER 24.

An Act to apply the sum of twenty million pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight. [23d July 1877.]

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 making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned;