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„ Metropolitan Commons Supplemental Act, 1881 (Brook Green, Eel Brook Common, &c.), 44 Vict. c. xviii.
„ Metropolitan Board of Works (Hackney Commons) Act, 1881, 44 & 45 Vict. c. cxlvii.
„ Metropolitan Open Spaces Act, 1881, 44 & 45 Vict. c. 34.
„ Various Powers Act, 1882 (Peckham Rye and Tooting Beck), 45 & 46 Vict. c. lvi.

PART II.—*Embankment Acts.*

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„ „ (South) Act, 1863, 26 & 27 Vict. c. 75.
„ „ Amendment Act, 1864, 27 & 28 Vict. c. cxxxv., 27 & 28 Vict. c. 61.
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„ „ (Chelsea) Act, 1868, 31 & 32 Vict. c. cxxxv., 32 & 33 Vict. c. 134.
„ „ (North) Act, 1870, 33 & 34 Vict. c. xcii.
„ „ „ „ 1872, 35 & 36 Vict. c. lxvi.
„ „ (Land) Act, 1873, 36 & 37 Vict. c. 40.
„ „ (South) Act, 1873, 36 Vict. c. vii.
Charing Cross and Victoria Embankment Approach Act, 1873, 36 & 37 Vict. c. c.
Metropolitan Board of Works (Various Powers) Act, 1876 (Chelsea Embankment), 39 & 40 Vict. c. lxxix.

CHAPTER 28.

An Act to amend the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867.

[20th August 1883.]

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 for all purposes as the Companies Act, 1883.

Construction of Act.

2. This Act shall, so far as is consistent with the terms thereof, be construed as one with the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall come into force on the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

Wages and salary to be preferential claims.

4. In the distribution of the assets of any company being wound up under the Companies Acts, 1862 and 1867, there shall be paid in priority to other debts,—

(*a.*) All wages or salary of any clerk or servant in respect of service rendered to the company during four months before the commencement of the winding up not exceeding fifty pounds; and

(*b.*) All wages of any labourer or workman in respect of services rendered to the company during two months before the commencement of the winding up.

Such claims to rank equally.

5. The foregoing debts shall rank equally among themselves, and shall be paid in full, unless the assets of the company are insufficient to meet them, in which case they shall abate in equal proportions between themselves.

6. Subject to the retention of such sums as may be necessary for the costs of administration or otherwise, the liquidator or liquidators or official liquidator shall discharge the foregoing debts forthwith, so far as the assets of the company are and will be sufficient to meet them, as and when such assets come into the hands of such liquidator or liquidators or official liquidator. Liquidator to discharge same upon receipt of sufficient assets.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to consolidate the Accounting Departments of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and for other purposes.

[20th August 1883.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that there should be but one accounting department for the Supreme Court of Judicature and all the courts and divisions thereof, and it is further expedient to amend certain provisions of the Chancery Funds Act, 1872, and to provide for facilitating the business of the said department: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 44. s. 10.

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 commencement of this Act there shall be one accounting department for the Supreme Court of Judicature. Pay office of the Supreme Court.

2. All securities and money at the time of the commencement of this Act vested in the Paymaster-General in pursuance of the Chancery Funds Act, 1872, and all securities and money at any time after the commencement of this Act transferred or paid into or deposited in court, to the credit of any cause, matter, or account, in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, shall be vested in Her Majesty's Paymaster-General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and shall continue to be and be subject to all the provisions of the Chancery Funds Act, 1872, and to the rules heretofore made and now in force under that Act, subject to such alterations therein and to such other and further rules as shall from time to time be made as thereby provided. Funds in Chancery Division. 35 & 36 Vict. c. 44. s. 10.

3. (*a.*) The Lord Chancellor, with the concurrence of the Treasury, may at any time after the passing of this Act direct that all moneys in court, or to be hereafter paid into court, in any other division of the High Court of Justice, and all securities in court placed or to be placed to the credit of any cause, matter, or account, in any such division, shall be transferred, or paid, or placed (as the case may be) to the account or credit of the Paymaster-General for and on behalf of the Supreme Court of Judicature. Funds in other divisions.

(*b.*) All moneys and securities transferred, paid, or placed to the said account or credit of the Paymaster-General under this section shall be held by the Paymaster-General for the time being in trust to attend the orders of the Court in regard thereto, and subject to rules to be made under this Act.

(*c.*) The Consolidated Fund shall be liable to make good to the suitors of the Court the moneys and securities so transferred, paid, or placed to the account or credit of the Paymaster-General.