Property, Professions, Trades, and Offices, the following Rates and Duties; (that is to say,)

For every Twenty Shillings of the annual Value or Amount of all such Property, Profits, and Gains (except those chargeable under Schedule (B.) of the said Act), the Rate or Duty of Sixpence.

And for and in respect of the Occupation of Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, and Heritages chargeable under Schedule (B.) of the said Act, for every Twenty Shillings of the annual Value thereof—

In England the Rate or Duty of Threepence:

And in Scotland and Ireland respectively the Rate or Duty of Twopence Farthing:

Subject to the Provisions contained in Section Three of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Twenty-two, for the Exemption of Persons whose whole Income from every Source is under One hundred Pounds a Year, and the Relief of those whose Income is under Two hundred Pounds a Year.

CAP. XIX.

An Act to enable Joint Stock Companies carrying on Business in Foreign Countries to have Official Seals to be used in such Countries.

[13th *May* 1864.]

'WHEREAS there have been and may be established in the United Kingdom Companies whose Business is to be carried on in Countries not situate in the United Kingdom, and it is convenient and desirable that Investments may be made, and Mortgages, Conveyances, and Leases taken, and Contracts and Engagements entered into, on behalf of the Company, in such Countries, in the Name of the Company:' 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:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Companies Seals Act, 1864."

Power to Companies to have an Official Seal.

2. Any Company, under "The Companies Act, 1862," whose Objects require or comprise the Transaction of Business, as herein-before mentioned, in Foreign Countries, may cause to be prepared an Official Seal for and to be used in any Place, District, or Territory situate out of the United Kingdom in which the Business of the Company shall be carried on, and every such Official Seal may and shall be a Fac-simile of or as nearly as practicable a Fac-simile of the Common Seal of the Company, with the Exception that on the Face thereof shall be inscribed the Name of each and every Place, District, or Territory in and for which it is to be used: Provided that it shall be lawful for any such Company as aforesaid from Time to Time to break up and renew any Official Seal or Seals, and to vary the Limits within which it is intended to be used.

Power to Companies to appoint Agents abroad to affix Seals.

3. Every Company having or using any such Official Seal as is authorized by this Act may from Time to Time, by any Instrument or Instruments in Writing under the Common Seal of the Company, empower any Agent or Agents specially appointed for the Purpose, or any local Agent, Board, Committee, Manager, or Commissioner appointed under the Provisions of the Articles of Association of such Company, in any Place, District, or Territory situate out of the United Kingdom where the Business of the Company shall for the Time being be carried on, to affix such Official Seal to any Deed, Contract, or other Instrument to which the Company is or shall be made a Party in such Place, District, or Territory, and no other Order of the Company or the Board of Directors thereof shall be necessary to authorize any such Seal to be affixed to any Deed, Contract, or other Instrument.

4. Every

As to the Duration of Powers granted under Sect. 3. of this Act.

4. Every Power granted under the last preceding Section shall, as between the Company, their Successors and Assigns, on the one hand, and the Person or Persons dealing with the Agent or Agents, Board, Committee, Manager, or Commissioner named in the Instrument conferring the Power, and all Parties claiming through or under such Person or Persons, on the other hand, continue in force during the Period, if any, mentioned in the Instrument conferring the Power, or if no Power be there mentioned then until Notice of the Revocation or Determination of the Power shall have been given to such Person or Persons as aforesaid.

Person affixing Seal to Document to certify the Date when so affixed.

5. Whenever any such Official Seal as aforesaid shall be affixed to any Document, the Person affixing the same shall, by Writing under his Hand, and written on the Document to which the Seal may have been affixed, certify the Date when and the Place where the same was affixed; and any Document to which any such Seal shall have been duly affixed within the District or Territory or Place the Name whereof is inscribed on such Seal shall bind the Company in the same Way and to the same Extent and have the same Force and Effect as if it had been duly sealed with the Common Seal of the Company.

Companies not to exercise Powers of Act unless authorized.

6. The Powers given by this Act shall be exercised by such Companies only as are or shall be expressly authorized to exercise the same by their Articles of Association, or a special Resolution passed according to the Provisions of "The Companies Act, 1862," and shall be exercised by such Companies subject to any Directions or Restrictions in their Articles of Association or the special Resolutions contained.

Section 55. of 25 & 26 Vict. c. 89. not repealed.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall operate to repeal the Provisions of the Fifty-fifth Section of "The Companies Act, 1862," but such Section shall continue in force, and all Acts done or to be done thereunder shall be as valid and effectual as if this Act had not been passed.

CAP. XX.

An Act to remove certain Restrictions on the Negotiation of Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange under a limited Sum in *Ireland*. [13th *May* 1864.]

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:

So much of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 37. as prohibits or restrains the Negotiation in Ireland of Notes and Bills under 5*l.* repealed.

1. From and after the passing of this Act so much and such Parts of an Act passed in the Eighth and Ninth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter Thirty-seven, as prohibits the drawing, making, and issuing, or restrains or imposes any Penalty for or on account of the publishing, uttering, or negotiating in *Ireland* of any Promissory or other Note (not being a Note payable to Bearer on Demand), Bill of Exchange, Draft, or Undertaking in Writing, being negotiable or transferable, for the Payment of Twenty Shillings or above that Sum and less than Five Pounds, or on which Twenty Shillings or above that Sum and less than Five Pounds shall remain undischarged, made, drawn, or endorsed in any other Manner than is directed by the said Act, or which requires or directs that all such Notes, Bills, Drafts, or Undertakings as aforesaid which shall be issued in *Ireland* shall be made, drawn, or endorsed according to the Forms contained in the Schedules to the said Act, shall be and the same is and are hereby repealed.

Term of this Act.

2. This Act shall continue in force for Two Years, and until the End of the then next ensuing Session of Parliament.