CHAPTER 28.

An Act to repeal the Convention (Ireland) Act, passed in the Irish Parliament in the thirty-third year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, and to amend and declare the Law in certain cases in respect to Assemblies and Public Meetings. [21st July 1879.]

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:

Repeal of 33 G. 3. c. 29. (I.)

1. A certain Act of the Parliament of Ireland, passed in the thirty-third year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to prevent the election or appointment of unlawful "assemblies under pretence of presenting public petitions or other "addresses to His Majesty or the Parliament," shall be and is hereby repealed.

Re-enactment of part of repealed Act.

2. Notwithstanding the repeal of the aforesaid Act of the Irish Parliament, it shall equally continue and shall be an offence punishable with fine and imprisonment, or with one only of such punishments, at the discretion of the Court before which the offender is convicted, for any person or persons, either as elector, candidate, or representative, to take part in the election or proceedings of any assembly, other than Parliament as by law constituted, which shall propose to take or shall take upon itself, or wilfully permit to be attributed to it the functions of either House of Parliament, or any of them, or having for its object or tendency to bring Parliament into hatred or contempt.

This Act shall not exempt any person from any proceeding for an offence punishable at common law or under any statute.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Convention (Ireland) Act Repeal Act, 1879.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Marriages of British subjects on board Her Majesty's ships. [21st July 1879.]

WHEREAS officers commanding Her Majesty's ships on foreign stations have permitted marriages to be solemnized according to religious rites or ceremonies, or to be contracted per verba de presenti in the presence of such officers, in the belief that marriages were authorised by law to be so solemnized and contracted, and doubts have arisen with respect to the validity of such marriages, and it is expedient to confirm the same:

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 as the Confirmation of Marriages on Her Majesty's Ships Act, 1879.

Confirmation of marriages of British subjects solemnized on board Her Majesty's ships.

2. All marriages, both of the parties being British subjects, which before the passing of this Act have been solemnized on board one of Her Majesty's vessels on a foreign station in the presence of the officer commanding such vessel, whether solemnized according to any religious rite or ceremony, or contracted per verba de presenti, shall be valid in like manner as if the same had been solemnized within Her Majesty's dominions with the due observance of all forms required by law.

Provided that this enactment shall not render valid any marriage which before the passing of this Act has been declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction in any proceeding touching such marriage, or any right dependent on the validity or invalidity thereof, or render valid any marriage where either of the parties has before the passing of this Act and during the life of the other party lawfully intermarried with any person.

CHAPTER 30.

An Act to amend the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

[21st July 1879.]

WHEREAS conflicting decisions have been given in England and in Scotland in regard to the meaning and effect of section six of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, and it is expedient, in this respect and otherwise, to amend the said Act: 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:

38 & 39 Vict. c. 63.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Sale of Food and Drugs Act Amendment Act, 1879.

In sale of adulterated articles no defence to allege purchase for analysis.

2. In any prosecution under the provisions of the principal Act for selling to the prejudice of the purchaser any article of food or any drug which is not of the nature, substance, and quality of the article demanded by such purchaser, it shall be no defence to any such prosecution to allege that the purchaser, having bought only for analysis, was not prejudiced by such sale. Neither shall it be a good defence to prove that the article of food or drug in question, though defective in nature or in substance or in quality, was not defective in all three respects.

Officer, inspector, or constable may obtain a sample of milk at the place of delivery to submit to analyst.

3. Any medical officer of health, inspector of nuisances, or inspector of weights and measures, or any inspector of a market, or any police constable under the direction and at the cost of the local authority appointing such officer, inspector, or constable, or charged with the execution of this Act, may procure at the place of delivery any sample of any milk in course of delivery to the purchaser or consignee in pursuance of any contract for the sale to such purchaser or consignee of such milk; and such officer, inspector, or constable, if he suspect the same to have been sold contrary to any of the provisions of the principal Act, shall submit the same to be analysed, and the same shall be analysed, and proceedings shall be taken, and penalties on conviction be enforced in like manner in all respects as