(2.) This Act shall apply in the case of any person liable to pay rates in respect of any payment in lieu of tithe as in the case of the owner of tithe rentcharge.

3. This Act may be cited as the Tithe Rentcharge (Rates) Act, 1899. Short title.

4. This Act shall apply to every rate as defined by section nine of the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896 (except any rate which the owner of tithe rentcharge is liable, as compared with the occupier of buildings, to be assessed to or to pay in the proportion of one half or less than one half), which is made after the fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and during the continuance of the said Agricultural Rates Act, 1896. Application and duration. 59 & 60 Vict. c. 16.

CHAPTER 18.

An Act to amend certain provisions of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, affecting the Congested Districts Board, and to make further provision for the expenses of that Board out of money provided by Parliament.

[1st August 1899.]

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. Where the Congested Districts Board make an offer to the Land Judge for the purchase of an estate or part of an estate for the purpose of re-selling the same to the tenants thereon, the provisions of section forty of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896 (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), shall be suspended, and shall not have effect in the case of that estate or part of an estate unless and until the offer is refused by the Land Judge, or is withdrawn. Amendment of 59 & 60 Vict. c. 47. s. 40, in case of purchase by Congested Districts Board.

2.—(1.) Where the Land Commission have made an advance to the Congested Districts Board under sub-section (1) of section forty-three of the principal Act, and the land purchased by the Board is subject to any superior interest as defined by section thirty-one of the principal Act, or any incumbrance as defined by section thirty-four of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, the Land Commission may on the application of the Board exercise any powers for the apportionment and redemption of superior interests conferred on them by the Land Purchase Acts, and may direct that a sum of guaranteed land stock equivalent at the price of the day to the redemption price of the superior interest, or the amount due in respect of such incumbrance, as the case may be, shall be advanced and disposed of in like manner as if the advance were Provision for redemption of superior interests in case of purchase of land by Congested Districts Board. 54 & 55 Vict. c. 66. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 33.

made to a tenant for the purchase of his holding, and the amount of such advance shall be repaid by the Board in the manner provided by sub-section (3) of the said section forty-three.

(2.) Rules for the purposes of this section may be made by the Land Commission, and shall be laid before Parliament.

Amendment of 59 & 60 Vict. c. 47. ss. 43 and 44, with respect to registration of land and stamp duty. 54 & 55 Vict. c. 66.

3.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1) of section forty-three of the principal Act, the Land Commission shall not make an advance under that sub-section unless the ownership of the land is registered under the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, 1891.

(2.) Where the ownership of any land has been registered under the said Act of 1891, after the date of an agreement for the sale thereof to the Congested Districts Board, no fee shall be payable to the Local Registration of Title Office on the transfer to the trustees of the Board of that land, and in no case shall any such fee be payable on any sale by that Board to a tenant of his holding upon any land the ownership of which is registered.

(3.) So much of sub-section (5) of section fourty-four of the principal Act as exempts the holdings therein mentioned from the provisions of the said Act of 1891 is hereby repealed.

(4.) No stamp duty shall be payable on any purchase of land by the Board for the purpose of sales to tenants.

Amendment of 59 & 60 Vict. c. 47. s. 43 (2) with respect to limit of advance and repeal of s. 43 (6).

4.—(1.) The limit provided by sub-section (2) of section forty-three of the principal Act in respect of advances which may be made by the Land Commission to the Congested Districts Board may, in exceptional cases, with the consent of the Treasury, be exceeded to such extent and for such periods as the Treasury may determine.

(2.) Sub-section (6) of the said section forty-three (which prohibits the Land Commission from making an advance in respect of the purchase of a small holding) is hereby repealed.

Provision of money for Congested Districts Board. 54 & 55 Vict. c. 48.

5. For the purposes of sub-section (3) of section forty of the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1891, and for other purposes of the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts, there shall be paid, as from the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, to the Congested Districts Board, subject to such conditions as the Treasury may require, out of money provided by Parliament, an annual sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand pounds.

Short title and construction.

6.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Act, 1899.

(2.) This Act shall be construed as one with the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Acts, and together with those Acts may be cited collectively.