(5) Proviso (*b*) to section fifteen of the Local Government Act, 1888, which relates to the promotion of Bills in Parliament by a county council, is hereby repealed.

Amendment of Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 50. 62 & 63 Vict. c. 47.

2. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary therein contained, the powers conferred on the council of a county in Scotland by section fifty-six of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, as read with subsection (1) of section eleven of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1899, shall be extended so as to authorise such council to promote Provisional Orders or Bills under or in pursuance of the last-mentioned Act as well as to oppose them. Section one of this Act shall not apply to Scotland.

Short title and commencement.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the County Councils (Bills in Parliament) Act, 1903.

(2) It shall come into operation on the first day of October nineteen hundred and three.

CHAPTER 10.

An Act to provide for the borrowing by Local Education Authorities for certain purposes. [21st July 1903.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:

Provision of working balance by borrowing. 2 Edw. 7. c. 42.

1. A local education authority may, with the consent or sanction of the Local Government Board, borrow under section nineteen of the Education Act, 1902, or in such other manner as that Board may approve, such sums as in the opinion of that Board are required to provide a working balance for carrying that Act into effect, and the consent or sanction or approval so given shall be conclusive as to the power of the local education authority to borrow.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Education (Provision of Working Balances) Act, 1903.

CHAPTER 11.

An Act to remove Doubts as to the Mode of Execution of certain Contracts entered into on behalf of the Secretary of State for India in Council. [21st July 1903.]

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the proper mode of the execution of certain contracts on behalf of the Secretary of State in Council, and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed:

Be it therefore enacted by the King'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:

Definition.

1. The expression "the Secretary of State" means the Secretary of State in Council of India.

Mode of executing contracts.

2. Every contract for or relating to the manufacture, sale, purchase, or supply of goods, or for or relating to affreightment or the carriage of goods, or to insurance, may be entered into, made, and signed on behalf of the Secretary of State by any person upon the permanent establishment of the Secretary of State, duly empowered by the Secretary of State in this behalf, subject to such rules and restrictions as the Secretary of State may from time to time prescribe. And contracts so entered into, made, and signed shall be as valid and effectual as if entered into as prescribed by the fifth section of the Government of India Act, 1859. 22 & 23 Vict. c. 41.

Contracts to be laid before the Secretary of State.

3. Particulars of all contracts so entered into as aforesaid shall be laid before the Secretary of State in such manner and form and within such times as the Secretary of State may from time to time prescribe.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Contracts (India Office) Act, 1903.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to enable the Postmaster General to issue Postal Orders of the value of Twenty-one Shillings.

[21st July 1903.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:

Alteration of maximum amount of postal orders. 43 & 44 Vict. c. 33. 46 & 47 Vict. c. 58.

1. The maximum amount of an order issued in pursuance of the Post Office (Money Orders) Act, 1880, as amended by the Post Office (Money Orders) Act, 1883, shall be twenty-one shillings, and accordingly "twenty-one" shall be substituted for "twenty" in section two of the last-mentioned Act.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Post Office (Money Orders) Act, 1903, and may be cited with the Post Office Acts, 1837 to 1898, and may be cited with and shall be construed as one with the Post Office (Money Orders) Acts, 1848 to 1883.