CAP. VII.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes in *Ireland*. [28th *April* 1864.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Twenty-four, intituled *An Act to repeal certain Acts, and to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes in* Ireland: And whereas it is expedient that the said Act should be amended, so far as relates to the Hours thereby prescribed for keeping open the Offices of Public Notaries in *Ireland*:' 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: 9 G. 4. c. 24.

Notaries in Ireland not required to keep their Offices open from 6 to 9 o'Clock in the Evening.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, so much of the said Act of the Ninth Year of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Twenty-four, as requires that all Public Notaries practising in *Ireland* shall keep their Offices open from Six of the Clock in the Afternoon until Nine of the Clock in the Evening of any Day, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Notaries in Ireland not required to attend after 6 o'Clock in the Afternoon to receive Payment of any Bill or Note.

2. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall not be necessary for any Notary Public in *Ireland*, or any Person for him, at his House or Office, to be in attendance after the Hour of Six of the Clock in the Afternoon of any Day, in order to receive Payment of any Bill or Note; but every such Bill or Note whereof Payment shall not be made or duly or legally tendered at or before such Hour of Six of the Clock in the Afternoon shall be considered to be and shall be dishonoured, to all Intents and Purposes; and thereupon such Notary Public shall and may note or protest the same for Nonpayment, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAP. VIII.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to Conveyancers, Special Pleaders, and Draughtsmen in Equity practising in *Ireland*. [28th *April* 1864.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Laws relating to Conveyancers, Special Pleaders, and Draughtsmen in Equity practising in *Ireland*, in the Manner hereinafter mentioned:' 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:

Commencement of Act.

1. This Act shall commence and take effect on and from the Fifth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Commissioners of Inland Revenue not to grant Certificates to Persons herein mentioned, except on their depositing an Order from Benchers of King's Inns authorizing the same.

2. From and after the Commencement of this Act, it shall not be lawful for the Commissioners of Inland Revenue or any of their Officers to grant or issue to any Person any such stamped Certificate as is required to be taken out by every Person in *Ireland* who, in the Character of a Conveyancer, Special Pleader, Draughtsman in Equity, or otherwise, shall, for or in expectation of any Fee, Gain, or Reward, draw or prepare any Conveyance of, or Deed or Instrument relating to, any Estate or Property, Real or Personal, or any other Deed or Contract whatever, or any Pleadings or Proceedings in any Court of Law or Equity, unless and until such Person shall have left with the said Commissioners or their proper Officers an Order of the Benchers of the Honourable Society of *King's Inns* at *Dublin* granting him Permission to take out such stamped Certificate, or a Copy of such Order, certified under the Hand of their Treasurer, Sub-Treasurer, or Clerk; and the said Benchers, before they shall issue any such Order, shall satisfy themselves of the Qualification and Fitness of the Person applying therefor, and they shall prepare Rules for the Pur-

pose of defining what Qualification shall be required for such Order: Provided always, that such Order or Copy of such Order, certified as aforesaid, once granted by the said Benchers to any such Conveyancer, Special Pleader, or Draughtsman in Equity, shall be held to be good and valid for the Purposes of this Act until the same shall have been revoked for Misconduct by the said Benchers, which they are hereby authorized to do; and in case any such Order shall have been so revoked by the said Benchers, they shall transmit to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, certified as aforesaid, a Notice that such Person is no longer entitled to such Order, and that the same has been revoked accordingly: Provided also, that every Conveyancer, Special Pleader, and Draughtsman in Equity who on the Eleventh Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four was legally qualified and acting as such shall be deemed a qualified and fit Person, and as such entitled to an Order of the said Benchers to take out his stamped Certificate, unless the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Benchers.

Penalty on Persons acting as Attorneys, &c., unless qualified as herein provided.

3. Every Person who shall, for or in expectation of any Fee, Gain, or Reward, in anywise act or practise as a Conveyancer, Special Pleader, or Draughtsman in Equity in *Ireland*, without being duly qualified to act and practise as herein provided, other than and except Barristers-at-Law, and also Solicitors, Attornies, Proctors, or Notaries, and other than and except Officers in the Public Service of the State drawing or preparing official Instruments applicable to their respective Offices, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds nor less than Five Pounds, to any Person who shall sue or prosecute for the same, either by Action in any of Her Majesty's Superior Courts of Common Law at *Dublin* or before the Chairman in the Civil Bill Court at Quarter Sessions, or before any Court of Petty Sessions in *Ireland*, under the Provisions of the Acts relating to Summary Jurisdiction in *Ireland*, or any of them: Provided always that no Conveyance, Deed, or Instrument merely transferring any Shares or Stock in any Public Company, and in which there shall be no Trust or Limitation of the said Shares or Stock, shall be deemed a Conveyance, Deed, or Instrument within the Meaning of this Act.

CAP. IX.

An Act to allow the making of Malt Duty-free to be used in feeding Animals. [28th *April* 1864.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to allow Malt to be made Duty-free to be used in the feeding of Animals:' 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:

Malt may be made and used free of Duty in the feeding of Animals, if mixed with Linseed, &c.

1. It shall be lawful for any Person who shall give such Security as herein-after required in that Behalf, and upon taking out a proper Licence as a Maltster, to make Malt under the Provisions of this Act in a Malthouse approved by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the sole Purpose of being consumed in the feeding of Animals, and all Malt which shall be so made and which shall be mixed with Linseed Cake or Linseed Meal as herein-after directed in such Malthouse, or with such other Substance as may hereafter be approved by the said Commissioners, shall be free from the Duties of Excise chargeable on Malt; and it shall also be lawful for any Maltster (not being a Distiller) who shall be entitled to make Malt for the Purpose of being consumed in the distilling of Spirits under the Provisions of the Act passed in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter Ninety-four, to mix Malt with the Materials aforesaid for the sole Purpose of being consumed in the feeding of Animals, upon his complying with the Provisions and Regulations of this Act.

Persons making Duty-free Malt under

2. Every Person who shall intend to make Malt Duty free under the Provisions of this Act shall enter into a Bond to Her Majesty, with Two or more sufficient Sureties to the