XVII. And for the Protection of Persons acting in the Execution of this Act, be it enacted, That all Actions and Prosecutions to be commenced against any Person for any thing done in pursuance of this Act shall be commenced within Six Calendar Months after the Fact committed, and not otherwise; and Notice in Writing of such Action, and of Cause thereof, shall be given to the Defender One Calendar Month at least before the Commencement of the Action; and no Prosecutor shall recover in any such Action if Tender of sufficient Amends shall have been made before such Action brought, or if a sufficient Sum of Money shall have been paid into Court after such Action brought, by or on behalf of the Defender. Venue. Notice of Action. Tender of Amends.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to *England*, *Wales*, or *Ireland*. Limits of Act.

CAP. LXIX.

An Act to prevent the Application of Corporate Property to the Purposes of Election of Members to serve in Parliament. [1st *August* 1832.]

'WHEREAS the Property belonging to Cities, Towns, Cinque Ports, and Boroughs Corporate in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* may be wasted and dissipated by the Application thereof in or towards the Expences attendant upon Parliamentary Elections, to the great Detriment of such Municipal Corporations; and it is expedient to make Provision to prevent such Detriment, and also to ensure the Freedom of Election by restraining the Application of Corporate Property as before mentioned:' 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, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for any Municipal Corporation as aforesaid, or any Court, Guild, Council, or Assembly constituting or composed of the ruling or governing Part or Class thereof, or any Corporate Officer, Trustee, or other Person acting on behalf of such Corporation or any Part thereof, to pay, transfer, give, bestow, or apply any Sum or Sums of Money, or any Parliamentary or other Stocks, Funds, or Securities for Money, or any Personal Chattel, belonging to or vested in the same Corporation or any Part thereof, or in any Individual in Trust for or for the Benefit of such Corporation, in satisfaction, compensation, or discharge of any Expences incident to or incurred or occasioned by the Election of a Member to serve in the Commons House of Parliament, or by any Person offering himself as a Candidate at or previous to a Parliamentary Election; and that all Bonds, Covenants, Recognizances, or Judgments given, executed, or suffered by any such Corporation, or any Part or Class thereof, or by any Corporate Officer, Trustee, or other Person in the Name or on the Behalf of such Corporation, for the Purpose of securing the Payment of such Expences, shall be utterly void. Monies or Personal Property belonging to Municipal Corporations not to be applied in or towards Parliamentary Elections; and all Bonds, &c. for securing the same void.

II. And be it further enacted, That any Gifts, Transfers, Payments, or Gratuities, Bonds, Covenants, Recognizances, or Judgments, made, paid, given, executed, or suffered by any Corporation, Payments, &c. made for the Purpose of inducing any

Person to exert himself in Elections at a future Time to be considered as within this Act.

tion, Part of a Corporation, or Corporate Officer, or Trustee, or other Person as aforesaid, for the Purpose of inducing or influencing any Person or Persons to labour in Parliamentary Elections at a future Time, or to pay, satisfy, or incur any such Expences as aforesaid, at a future Time, shall be deemed to be Payments, Transfers, Applications, and Securities forbidden and declared void by this Act, although the same may be ostensibly and colourably made, paid, given, executed, or suffered for any other Cause or Consideration.

All Dispositions of Real Property, for the Purpose of satisfying or securing any Expences hereby prohibited, to be void.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Conveyances, Mortgages, Leases, or other Assurances or Dispositions of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments belonging to or vested in or held in Trust for any Municipal Corporation, made or executed for the Purpose of securing, satisfying, or compensating any Expences, Debts, Payments, or Disbursements, Liabilities or Engagements, incurred or to be incurred by the same Corporation, or any Part or Class thereof, or any Member, Officer, or Trustee thereof, or by any other Person on behalf of such Corporation, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and all Estates, Charges, and Incumbrances thereby created, shall be utterly void.

All Votes and other Proceedings contrary to this Act to be void.

IV. And be it further enacted, That all Votes, Orders, or Resolutions, Acts, Bye Laws, or other Proceedings made, passed, or adopted by any Municipal Corporation, or any Part or Class thereof, or any Member or Members thereof, for the Purpose of directing or authorizing, or pretending to direct or authorize, any Payment, Matter, or Thing forbidden by this Act, or for the Purpose of evading the Provisions hereby enacted, shall be utterly void.

Corporate Officers or others making any Payment contrary to this Act, to make good the Amount or Value so misapplied.

V. And be it further enacted, That any Corporate Officer, Trustee, or other Person who shall make or concur in making any Payment, Transfer, or Application of Corporation Money, Stocks, Funds, or Securities, or Personal Chattel as aforesaid, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, shall be deemed and taken to have made the same in his own Wrong, and that he shall be individually liable to repay, satisfy, and make good the Amount or Value thereof to the same Corporation, notwithstanding any Release or pretended Indemnity which may be given to him in the Name of the same Corporation or any Part or Class thereof, or by any Person or Persons on behalf of such Corporation.

Corporators empowered to bring Actions or Suits in the Name of the Corporation.

VI. And in order to frustrate any fraudulent Connivance or Concealment, be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any Two or more Freemen, Burgesses, or Corporators of such Municipal Corporation to commence, bring, and prosecute any Action or Suit, at Law or in Equity, in the Name of the same Corporation, against any Officer, Trustee, or other Person who may have made such illegal Payment, Transfer, or Application as above mentioned, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if they, their Executors and Administrators, were jointly and severally appointed the irrevocable Attornies of such Corporation for that Purpose: Provided nevertheless, that before the Defendant in such Action or Suit shall be required to plead or answer, the Plaintiffs shall give reasonable Security for Payment of Costs, in case any shall become due from them, by the Event of the Action or Suit, in such Manner as the Court in which the same shall be brought may direct; such Costs to be taxed as between Attorney and Client.

VII. And

VII. And be it further enacted, That any Member of a Municipal Corporation who shall authorize, direct, or command any Payment, Transfer, or Application hereby forbidden, or who shall assent to or concur or participate in any Affirmative Vote, Order, or Proceeding relating thereto, or shall sign or seal in his individual Capacity or affix the Corporate Seal to any Deed or Instrument hereby declared void, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and, being thereof legally convicted in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench at *Westminster*, shall, in addition to such Punishment as the Court may award, be for ever disabled to take, hold, or exercise any Office in the same Corporation.

Members of Corporations offending against this Act guilty of a Misdemeanor.

CAP. LXX.

An Act to continue for One Year, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, several Acts relating to the Importation and keeping of Arms and Gunpowder in *Ireland*. [1st *August* 1832.]

'WHEREAS an Act was made in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled '*An Act to prevent improper Persons from having Arms in* Ireland, 'to continue in force for a certain Period therein mentioned: And 'whereas the said Act was by another Act made in the Fiftieth 'Year of His said Majesty's Reign continued and amended: And 'whereas by another Act made in the Fourth Year of the Reign 'of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth the said recited 'Acts of the Forty-seventh and Fiftieth Years of the Reign of 'His Majesty King *George* the Third were further continued, and 'the said Acts were by another Act made in the Tenth Year of the 'Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Fourth amended 'and further continued for One Year, and until the End of the 'then next Session of Parliament, when the same expired: And 'whereas another Act was made in the First and Second Years 'of the Reign of His present Majesty, whereby from the passing 'thereof the said recited Acts were revived and continued for One 'Year; and it is expedient that the said Acts should be further con-'tinued;' 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, That the said recited Act of the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, as the said Act is amended by the said recited Act of the Fiftieth Year of the same Reign, and by the said recited Act of the Tenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, and as the said Acts are revived by the said recited Act of the First and Second Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, shall be and the said Acts are hereby continued, and shall be and remain in force from the passing of this Act for One Year, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

47 G. 3. Sess. 2. c. 54.

Recited Act of 47 G. 3. as amended by the Acts of 50 G. 3. and 10 G. 4., and revived by the Act of 1 & 2 W. 4., further continued.

II. 'And whereas an Act was passed in the First Year of the 'Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to regulate for* 'One Year the Importation of Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition 'into Ireland, *and the making, removing, selling, and keeping of* 'Arms, Gunpowder, and Ammunition *in* Ireland, and the said Act 'is

The Act 1 W. 4. c. 44. further continued.