apply to policies of sea insurance. Penalty on stamping, 100*l*.

section, be an instrument which may legally be stamped after the execution thereof, and the penalty payable by law on stamping the same as aforesaid shall be the sum of one hundred pounds.

Title of Act.

3. This Act may be cited as the Sea Insurances (Stamping of Policies) Amendment Act, 1876.

CHAPTER 7.

An Act to amend the Law relating to certain Appointments to the Council of India. [7th April 1876.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Ninety-seven (in this Act referred to as the Act of 1869), it was, among other things, provided that the Members of the Council of India were to hold their offices for a Period of Ten Years, and for such further Period as is in Section Three of the said Act mentioned:

And whereas, regard being had to the composition of the said Council contemplated in Section Ten of the Act of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter One Hundred and Six (in this Act referred to as the Act of 1858), it is expedient to amend the said first-mentioned Act in certain particulars:

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:

Appointment of persons with professional or other qualifications.

1. Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1869, the Secretary of State for India may, if he thinks fit, subject to the Condition as to the Number of Appointments herein-after laid down, appoint any Person having professional or other peculiar qualifications to be a Member of the said Council under this Act; and every Person so appointed shall hold his office in the same manner, and shall be entitled to the same Salary, Pension, and other Rights and Privileges, and be subject to the same Disabilities, as if he had been elected or appointed before the passing of the Act of 1869.

Where any Person appointed under this Act is at his appointment a Member of the Council, his period of service for the purposes of this Act shall be reckoned from the time of his first appointment or election to the Council.

The special reasons for every appointment under this Act shall be stated in a Minute of the Secretary of State for India, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament. Not more than Three Persons appointed under this Act shall be Members of the Council at the same time; nor shall the provisions of Sections Seven and Ten of the Act of 1858, with reference to the Number of the Council, and the Qualification of the major part of the Members, be affected by this Act.

CHAPTER 8.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters. [7th April 1876.]

WHEREAS the raising or keeping a standing army within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in time of peace, unless it be with the consent of Parliament, is against law:

And whereas it is adjudged necessary by Her Majesty and this present Parliament that a body of forces should be continued for the safety of the United Kingdom, and the