And whereas the Local Government Board, Ireland, have like powers:

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the extent of such powers as respects authorities and vessels, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

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:

Short title and construction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Health Act, 1889.

This Act, so far as it relates to England, shall be construed as part of section one hundred and thirty of the Public Health Act, 1875, and as regards that part of the county of London to which section fifty-two of the Sanitary Act, 1866, applies, as part of that section.

Explanation of powers of Local Government Board to make regulations under 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55. s. 130, and 29 & 30 Vict. c. 90. s. 52.

2. Regulations of the Local Government Board made in relation to cholera and choleraic diarrhœa in pursuance of section one hundred and thirty of the Public Health Act, 1875, or of section fifty-two of the Sanitary Act, 1866, may provide for such regulations being enforced and executed by the officers of Customs as well as by other authorities and officers, and without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by the said sections may provide for the detention of vessels and of persons on board vessels, and for the duties to be performed by pilots, masters of vessels, and other persons on board vessels;

(2.) Provided that the regulations, so far as they apply to the officers of Customs, shall be subject to the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs;

(3.) The officers of Customs, for the purpose of the execution of any powers and duties under the said regulations, may exercise any powers conferred on such officers by any other Act.

Application to Ireland.

3. In this Act so far as it applies to Ireland—

(*a.*) references to section one hundred and thirty of the Public Health Act, 1875, shall be read and construed as references to section one hundred and forty-eight of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878;

41 & 42 Vict. c. 52.

(*b.*) the expression "Local Government Board" shall mean the Local Government Board for Ireland.

CHAPTER 65.

An Act to amend the Law as to the Council of India.

[30th August 1889.]

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:

Power to reduce number of Council.

1. The Secretary of State may, if and whenever he thinks fit, and provided that the total number of the Council be not thereby

reduced below ten, record his intention to abstain from filling any vacancy in the Council of India, and such vacancy shall thenceforward remain unfilled.

2. This Act may be cited as the Council of India Reduction Act, 1889. Short title.

CHAPTER 66.

An Act to facilitate the Construction of Light Railways in Ireland. [30th August 1889.]

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. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Light Railways (Ireland) Act, 1889. Short title.

2.—(1.) This Act shall not extend to England or Scotland. Extent of Act.

(2.) The Lord Lieutenant by Order in Council may from time to time declare that it is desirable that a light railway should be constructed between certain places for the development of fisheries or other industries, but that owing to the circumstances of the district special assistance from the State is required for its construction, and declare that the provisions herein-after enacted shall be applicable to such light railway, and thereupon the provisions of this Act shall be applicable to a light railway between the said places; but the provisions of this Act shall not apply except to a light railway specified in such an Order in Council as aforesaid, and shall cease to apply to such railway unless the same be constructed within a period to be mentioned in the said order or such extended period as shall be named in any subsequent order.

3. This Act shall apply only (*a*) where the promoters of the light railway are an Irish railway company having a railway open for traffic; or (*b*) where the promoters have made an agreement approved of by the Treasury for the maintenance, management, and working of the light railway by such a railway company; or (*c*) where the promoters in making application to the grand jury of any county under the Tramways (Ireland) Acts propose that a barony or baronies in the county shall guarantee the payment of dividends upon a portion of the paid-up capital of the light railway, pursuant to the provisions of the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883, which promoters are hereby authorised to do. Who may be promoters. 46 & 47 Vict. c. 43.

4.—(1.) If the report of the Board of Works made upon the inquiry directed by the ninth section of the Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1860, as altered by this Act, shall have approved of the undertaking with or without any modification thereof, the Treasury may sanction such undertaking or any modification thereof of which they may approve and make an agreement with such Treasury agreements with and advances to railway companies.