damages, and shall, if oral evidence is to be taken on the question of damages, allow the accused person to be examined as a witness on the question of damages, and shall, after hearing parties, give decree as in an ordinary action before the sheriff court.

Construction and hooping of herring barrels.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in section forty of the Act passed in the session of the forty-eighth year of His Majesty King George the Third, chapter one hundred and ten, it shall be lawful to pack, ship, or export cured white herrings in barrels made in such manner and of such materials, and with such hoops as may be approved by the Fishery Board, who are hereby empowered to make regulations on the subject, and from time to time to alter the same.

Powers of sea fishery officers.

10. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, sea fishery officers shall have all the powers conferred upon sea fishery officers by section twelve of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1883.

Transfer of powers of Board of Trade.

11. All the powers and duties of the Board of Trade, so far as they can be exercised in Scotland, with respect to—

(*a.*) Oyster and mussel fisheries contained in the Sea Fisheries Acts and the Fisheries (Oyster, Crab, and Lobster) Act, 1877;

40 & 41 Vict. c. 42.

(*b.*) Crab and lobster fisheries contained in the last-mentioned Act;

44 Vict. c. 11.

(*c.*) Clam and bait beds contained in the Sea Fisheries (Clam and Bait Beds) Act, 1881,

are hereby transferred to the Fishery Board.

CHAPTER 71.

An Act to amend the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, in relation to the Pensions of Clerks of the Crown and Clerks of the Peace. [14th August 1885.]

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:

Payment by Parliament of pensions of clerks of the Crown and clerks of the peace.

1. Whereas under the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, any special pension granted to the clerk of the Crown or clerk of the peace of any county or borough, on his retirement, is payable by the grand jury or the town council of such county or borough out of local rates, in the same manner as the salary of such clerk of the Crown or clerk of the peace was paid previous to the occurrence of such vacancy in office:

And whereas it is provided by the same Act that if a temporary clerk of the Crown or temporary clerk of the peace is appointed to fill such vacancy, the grand jury or town council shall pay out of local rates the salary of such temporary officer during his continuance in office as such temporary officer:

And whereas it is expedient to relieve the grand jury or town council from the liability arising under the circumstances aforesaid to pay the special pension aforesaid so long as they continue liable to pay the salary of such temporary clerk of the Crown or temporary clerk of the peace:

Therefore from and after the passing of this Act, whenever a special pension is granted under the twenty-fourth section of the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877, to a clerk of the Crown or clerk of the peace for any county or borough, on his retirement from office, and a temporary clerk of the Crown or temporary clerk of the peace is appointed to fill that office,— 40 & 41 Vict. c. 56. s. 24.

It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury to pay the special pension so granted, until such clerk of the Crown or clerk of the peace shall die, or until the offices of clerk of the Crown and clerk of the peace for that county or borough are united under the provisions of the same Act, whichever shall first happen.

From and after the time when such offices are united, the Treasury shall cease to pay such pension, and such pension shall be thenceforth paid by the grand jury of the county; or, in the case of a borough, by the town council having the fiscal powers of a grand jury.

Any special pension payable by a grand jury or town council under the said Act, or under this Act, shall be presented and paid to the officer to whom such pension is granted, at the same times and in the same manner as the salary of the office was presentable and payable at the time of the passing of the said County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Act, 1877; and in this enactment the term "salary" shall include any payments customarily made by a grand jury or town council to such officer, whether such payments were of a fixed amount and were described as a salary, or not.

2. This Act shall apply to every special pension granted after the passing of this Act to a clerk of the Crown or clerk of the peace. Application of Act. Retrospective as to Dublin.

This Act shall also apply to the special pension granted before the passing of this Act to Edward Geale, Esquire, formerly clerk of the Crown of the city of Dublin, and of the county of Dublin.

The treasurer of the city of Dublin and the Finance Committee of the Grand Jury of the county of Dublin respectively, shall, as soon as reasonably can be after the passing of this Act, furnish to the Commissioners of the Treasury a statement of all sums paid out of the funds of the city or county respectively to the said Edward Geale on account of his special pension; and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of the Treasury to repay to such treasurer and Finance Committee respectively, to be accounted for by them as money received on account of grand jury cess, such sums as they find to have been paid to the said Edward Geale out of the funds of the city and of the county respectively as aforesaid.

All payments by the Commissioners of the Treasury under this Act shall be made out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the County Officers and Courts (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1885. Short title.