CHAPTER 63.

An Act to amend the twenty-third section of "The Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886."

[24th December 1888.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the delegation of powers by the Crofters Commission to one or more of their number:

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:

Delegation of powers.

1.—(1.) In executing the provisions of this Act it shall be competent for the Crofters Commission to delegate the duties thereby prescribed to one or more of their number, assisted by two valuers or assessors; but any determination arrived at by such commissioner or commissioners shall be subject to review, upon appeal, by the whole three commissioners.

49 & 50 Vict. c. 29.

(2.) This section shall be read in place of the twenty-third section of the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886, and shall have the same effect as though it were enacted in the said Act.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Crofters Commission (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1888.

CHAPTER 64.

An Act to amend the Law of Libel.

[24th December 1888.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law of libel:

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:

Interpretation.

1. In the construction of this Act the word "newspaper" shall have the same meaning as in the Newspaper Libel and Registration Act, 1881.

Repeal of 44 & 45 Vict. c. 60. s. 2.

2. Section two of the Newspaper Libel and Registration Act, 1881, is hereby repealed.

Newspaper reports of proceedings in court privileged.

3. A fair and accurate report in any newspaper of proceedings publicly heard before any court exercising judicial authority shall, if published contemporaneously with such proceedings, be privileged: Provided that nothing in this section shall authorise the publication of any blasphemous or indecent matter.

Newspaper reports of proceedings of public meetings

4. A fair and accurate report published in any newspaper of the proceedings of a public meeting, or (except where neither the public nor any newspaper reporter is admitted) of any meeting of a vestry,