CHAPTER 11.

An Act to remove certain Doubts with respect to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so far as it applies to Ireland. [2nd July 1896.]

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:

Declaration as to meaning of 53 & 54 Vict. c. 70. s. 99.

1.—(1.) It is hereby declared that where the town commissioners of any town in Ireland, not being an urban sanitary district, have adopted Part Three of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, they shall have the same powers under Part Three of that Act of acquiring land and otherwise as any other local authority, and the said Part Three and the sections of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, applied for the purpose of that Part, shall apply accordingly as if such town commissioners were a sanitary authority; and if such town commissioners are not already a body corporate, they shall, for the purpose of holding such land, and of suing and being sued in respect thereof, be nevertheless deemed a body corporate with perpetual succession.

41 & 42 Vict. c. 52.

(2.) Any instrument relating to such land shall be duly executed by such town commissioners if executed in manner provided by section fifty-nine of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to conveyances by commissioners who are not a body corporate.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 16.

Forms.

2. It is hereby declared that the forms in the Fourth Schedule to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, may be altered in Ireland so as to be in conformity with the forms ordinarily used in Ireland under the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851, and need not be under seal.

14 & 15 Vict. c. 93.

Short title and construction. 53 & 54 Vict. c. 70. 56 & 57 Vict. c. 33. 57 & 58 Vict c. 55.

3. This Act may be cited as the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Act, 1896, and shall be construed as one with the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, 1890, 1893, and 1894, and those Acts and this Act may be cited collectively as the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1896.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act for the better reporting of Floating Derelicts. [2nd July 1896.]

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Derelict Vessels (Report) Act, 1896.

Notice of derelict vessels to be given by masters to Lloyd's agents.

2. Every master or other person for the time being in command of any British ship, after the passing of this Act, who shall become aware of the existence on the high seas of any floating derelict vessel, shall notify the same to the Lloyd's agent at his next place of call or arrival, and shall, together with such notification, furnish to the Lloyd's agent all such information as he may possess as to the supposed locality or identity of such derelict vessel, and the date when and place where the same may have been observed by or reported to him, and the Lloyd's agent shall forthwith on receipt of such notification and information transmit the same to the secretary of Lloyd's in London.

And if any such master fails to make such a report he shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

Letters to be sent to Lloyd's in default of agents.

3. If there shall be no Lloyd's agent at the next place of call or arrival, then and in such case the notification shall be made and the information furnished by such master or other person as aforesaid, to the secretary of Lloyd's, London.

Information to be published by Lloyd's.

4. Any information received by the society of Lloyd's as aforesaid, in pursuance of this Act, shall be published by the society forthwith in the same manner and to the same extent as its reports of shipping casualties, and the society shall also forthwith communicate such information to the Board of Trade.

CHAPTER 13.

An Act to extend the Time for the Repayment of Loans granted by Queen Anne's Bounty to Incumbents of Benefices. [20th July 1896.]

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:

Extension of term for repayment of loans.

1. When the income of a benefice, since the date of the mortgage thereof to Queen Anne's Bounty, has become diminished in amount, the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty may, by resolution passed by them at a Board meeting, before the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, at their discretion, with the previous consent of the patron, extend the term fixed for the repayment of any money lent by them to or for the incumbent of any such benefice, under the powers of one or more of the Acts enumerated in the schedule hereto, that is to say:—

By extending such term for any period not exceeding twenty years, so that by such extension the amount of the annual instalments payable in respect of the loan shall be reduced as from the day of the annual payment due next before the date of the resolution to be passed in respect of such benefice; and such extension may be granted notwithstanding the original term may have been before extended, and in the case of any