40 Geo. 3.—*cont.*	
c. 70.	An Act for discharging certain Arrears of Quit, Crown, and Composition Rents, which have been growing due for Twenty Years before the Twenty-ninth Day of September One thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, on the Terms and in manner therein mentioned.
c. 78.	*An Act the title of which begins with the words,*—An Act for amending an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament,—*and ends with the words,*—weighing and delivery of Bark imported into this Kingdom.
c. 79.	An Act to oblige Ships more effectually to perform their Quarantine, and to prevent the Plague and other infectious Distempers being brought into Ireland, and to hinder the spreading of Infection.
c. 80. in part.	*An Act the title of which begins with the words,*—An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the Thirty-fifth Year of His present Majesty's Reign,—*and ends with the words,*—further regulation of the election of Members to serve in Parliament. Section Six.
c. 81.	*An Act the title of which begins with the words,*—An Act to enable all ecclesiastical Persons and Bodies, Rectors, Vicars, and Curates,—*and ends with the words,*—against such Persons as were liable to the same.
c. 83.	An Act to facilitate the building and re-building of Churches and Chapels.
c. 84. in part.	*An Act the title of which begins with the words,*—An Act for repealing an Act passed in the Twenty-fifth Year of His present Majesty,—*and ends with the words,*—a complete School of Physic in this Kingdom. Section One. Sections Five to Eight. Section Twelve from "and until such Hospital" to the end of the Section. Section Thirty-six. Section Forty-one from "that such of the Fellows" to "Fellowships respectively" Section Forty-three. Section Forty-four from "provided that" to the end of the Section.
c. 86.	An Act to continue an Act passed in the Thirty-seventh Year of His Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act for regulating the Import, Export, and Sale of Coffee, and securing the Duties payable thereon.
c. 87.	*An Act the title of which begins with the words,*—An Act to continue and amend two several Acts passed in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Years,—*and ends with the words,*—Paper Printed, Painted, or Stained, to serve for Hangings and other Uses.
c. 88.	An Act to amend an Act for repair of the Public Roads, and to revive and explain an Act for holding Vestries in the Province of Ulster, and for empowering the Lord Lieutenant, or other Chief Governor, to reduce the expence of the Police Establishment.
c. 89.	*An Act the title of which begins with the words,*—An Act for indemnifying such Persons as have acted since the First Day of June,—*and ends with the words,*—Sheriffs and other Officers to make the Returns therein specified.
c. 91.	*An Act the title of which begins with the words,*—An Act to empower the Colonels or Commanding Officers of the Militia,—*and ends with the words,*—willing to re-enlist before their Time of Service shall expire.
c. 96.	An Act to revive, amend, continue, or make perpetual certain Temporary Statutes.

CHAPTER 25.

An Act to give facilities for providing Dispensary Houses and Dwelling Houses for Medical Officers of Dispensary Districts in certain parts of Ireland. [21st July 1879.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to authorise a further advance of "money for the purposes of improvement of landed property in

29 & 30 Vict. c. 40.

"Ireland," after reciting that great benefits had been derived under certain Acts therein recited, the advance of a further sum of money for the purposes of the said Acts was authorised, and the objects for which such loans might be made were extended, in the manner and subject to the conditions therein set forth:

And whereas for the purpose of more effectually affording medical relief to the poor within dispensary districts of unions in Ireland, it is expedient to give facilities for obtaining loans for the erection, enlargement, improvement, or purchase of houses or buildings as dispensary houses or dwelling houses for medical officers of such districts, and to authorise the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, out of moneys issued to them or to be issued to them in pursuance of the provisions of any of the Acts specified in the schedule to this Act annexed, to make loans to the amount, upon the security, and upon the terms and conditions by this Act authorised; and to make such other provisions as are in this Act contained:

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.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

The expression "the Commissioners of Public Works" means the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland:

The expression "the Local Government Board" means the Local Government Board for Ireland:

The expression "the Medical Charities Acts" means the Act 14 & 15 Vict. c. 68., and the Acts amending the same:

The expression "owner" means an owner of land within the meaning of the Acts specified in the schedule to this Act annexed:

The expression "dispensary" means a dispensary house for the medical officer of any dispensary district appointed under the Medical Charities Acts:

The expression "dispensary residence" means a dwelling house for any such medical officer.

Loans may be made by Commissioners of Public Works for erecting dispensaries, &c.

3. In addition to the purposes for which loans may be made under the provisions of any of the Acts specified in the schedule to this Act annexed, the Commissioners of Public Works, where they think fit, may, upon an application made to them by any owner under the provisions of this Act, and upon production of a certificate signed by the secretary of the Local Government Board according to the provisions of this Act and subject to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be made by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, make a loan for the purpose of assisting such owner in the erection, enlargement, structural improvement, or purchase of any house or building to be used as a dispensary or as a dispensary residence for the dispensary district in which such house or building is situate.

Owners must obtain certificate from Local

4. Where any owner intends to apply for a loan under the provisions of this Act he shall cause notice of such intention,

Government Board before applying for loans.

together with plans and specifications of the house or building proposed to be erected, enlarged, improved, or purchased in any dispensary district, and of such enlargement and improvement, and with an estimate of the cost of such erection, enlargement, improvement, or purchase, to be forwarded to the Local Government Board; and the said Board may, if they so think fit, grant to such owner a certificate, to be signed by the secretary of the said Board, which certificate shall state—

(*a.*) That a dispensary or dispensary residence (as the case may be) in such dispensary district is requisite for the purpose of affording medical relief in such district:

(*b.*) That a house or building if erected, enlarged, improved, or purchased in accordance with the said plans, specifications, and estimate will be conveniently situated and suitably adapted for the purpose of a dispensary or dispensary residence as aforesaid.

Provided always, that before granting or refusing to grant any such certificate as aforesaid, the Local Government Board may direct an inquiry to be made by an inspector of the said Board as to the necessity of a dispensary or dispensary residence within such dispensary district, or as to the situation or fitness of the house or building proposed to be erected, enlarged, improved, or purchased for the purposes aforesaid.

Certificate from Local Government Board required before alteration allowed in plan, &c.

5. Before the Commissioners of Public Works sanction the alteration or modification of any plan, specification, or estimate originally approved of by them in respect of any house or building for which any loan has been agreed or ordered to be made under the provisions of this Act, or the substitution of any plan, specification, or estimate in whole or in part for any such plan, specification, or estimate originally approved of as aforesaid, they shall require the production by the owner of a certificate from the Local Government Board approving of such alteration, modification, or substitution, which certificate the Local Government Board are hereby authorised, if they so think fit, to grant to such owner.

Loan to be repaid by annuity.

6. Every loan made under the provisions of this Act shall bear interest at the rate of three and a half per centum per annum from the date of each advance to the fifth day of April or the tenth day of October which shall next happen after such advance, and shall be repaid by the payment to Her Majesty of an annual rentcharge of five pounds for every one hundred pounds of such loan from time to time advanced, and so in proportion for any lesser amount, to be payable for the term of thirty-five years, to be computed from the first of the said days which shall next happen after the advance in respect of which the rentcharge shall be charged, such rentcharge to be paid by equal half-yearly payments on the fifth day of April and the tenth day of October in every year, the first of such payments to be made on the second of such days which shall happen next after the issue of any such advance in respect of which the rentcharge shall be charged: Provided always, that the amount of such annual rentcharge may, by agreement, and with the sanction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, be increased to such amount as will repay the sum so advanced sooner than the said period of thirty-five years herein-before appointed.

Loan to be a charge upon lands.

7. All lands upon which any house or building may stand which has been erected, enlarged, improved, or purchased wholly or partly by means of a loan under this Act, and such house or building, and any other lands adjoining or in the neighbourhood of such first-mentioned lands and settled to the same uses, which the owner of the same may be willing by writing under his hand to make liable to the payment of such rentcharge and interest on such loan, shall be deemed to be and shall be well charged with the payment of such rentcharge and interest on such loan according to the provisions of this Act, and that in priority to all charges and incumbrances whatsoever affecting the same, save and except quitrents and rentcharges in lieu of tithes, and except all charges prior in date (if any) existing under any of the Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act annexed: Provided always, that in case such lands or house or building are held under any grant or demise, nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the right of the grantor or lessor in any such grant or demise or of any superior grantor or lessor.

Insurance of premises subject to loan.

8. When any loan has been made under the provisions of this Act, the Commissioners of Public Works, if they think fit, may insure against damage by fire all buildings and erections then or thereafter standing or being on the lands and premises charged with such loan, such insurance to be effected in such insurance office or company, and in such sum of money, not exceeding the amount of such loan, as the said Commissioners shall from time to time direct; and the said Commissioners shall keep on foot such insurance as aforesaid, and all premiums paid thereon by the said Commissioners shall be deemed to be included in all charges and securities whereby repayment of such loan shall be secured, and shall be forthwith recoverable in like manner as any instalment of the rentcharge payable in respect of such loan.

Repayment to be secured by an order of the Commissioners.

9. The repayment of every loan made under the provisions of this Act shall be secured by an order of the Commissioners of Public Works under their common seal, and, if they require it, by the further security of at least three persons, the sufficiency and solvency of which persons shall be made out to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners, such security to be subject to such conditions as the said Commissioners deem to be proper; and every such order shall set forth the amount of such loan, the names of the persons to whom or on whose application and on whose security the same has been made, and a description of the lands or premises charged therewith.

In all cases where the said Commissioners have made any such order they shall execute a duplicate thereof, under their common seal, and forthwith cause the said duplicate order to be lodged with the registrar of deeds in the office for registry of deeds in the city of Dublin, and the registrar of the said registry office, his and their assistants, deputies, and other officers, shall register the same in the same manner as any deeds or instruments are registered in the said office, and shall enter a memorial thereof in the abstract books and indexes of or relating to memorials registered and kept in the said office, and shall return such registry in any search made in such registry office: Provided always, that no fees shall be payable in respect of such registration.

Owner and board of guardians may enter into agreement for lease of building erected, &c. under this Act.

10. Any owner, and the board of guardians for any union, may either before or after any house or building has been erected, enlarged, improved, or purchased by such owner under the provisions of this Act, enter into any agreement for the lease by such owner to such board of guardians of such house or building, and of the land upon which the same is situate, and of any land connected therewith, at such rent for such term of years, and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon by such owner and such board of guardians, and as may be approved of by the Local Government Board; and any such owner may lease to such board of guardians, and such board of guardians may take on lease, such house or building at such rent, for such term of years, and upon such conditions as aforesaid.

Sale or lease of lands, &c. to board of guardians, who may build dispensary and obtain loans for such purpose.

11. Any owner may sell or lease to the board of guardians of any union, and such board of guardians may purchase or take on lease, in the case of sale for such consideration, or in case of lease, at such rent for such term of years (not being more than sixty years), and subject to such conditions, as may be approved by the Local Government Board, any land, not being more than five acres, situate within any dispensary district within such union, and any house or building situate upon such land; and such board of guardians may erect on any land so purchased or taken by them any house or building to be used as a dispensary or dispensary residence for such district, or may enlarge or improve any house or building situate upon any such land; and any house or building purchased, taken on lease, enlarged, or improved as aforesaid, shall, while the same remains in the possession of such board of guardians, be used as a dispensary or dispensary residence as aforesaid.

For the purpose of purchasing any lands or any house or building, or of erecting, enlarging, or improving any house or building, under the provisions of this section, the board of guardians in any union shall be deemed to be included within the term "owner" as defined by this Act, and such purchase, erection, enlargement, or improvement shall be purposes for which the Commissioners of Public Works may make loans, subject to the provisions of the Acts specified in the schedule to this Act annexed, and of this Act, so far as the same are applicable: Provided always, that where any loan has been made to any board of guardians for the purchase, erection, enlargement, or improvement of any house or building situate within any dispensary district, the poor rates of the electoral division or divisions comprised within such dispensary district shall be deemed to be charged with the payment of the rentcharge payable to Her Majesty under the provisions of this Act in respect of such loan.

For the purpose of the sale and purchase of any lands or houses or buildings under the provisions of this section, all the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860, (except the provisions of the said first-mentioned Act with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, and with respect to the entry upon lands by the promoters of the undertaking,) shall be incorporated with and form part of this section; provided that

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18.
23 & 24 Vict. c. 106.

for the purpose of such incorporation the expression "the special Act" used in the provisions of the said Acts shall be construed to mean this section, and the expression "the promoters of the undertaking" shall be construed to mean such guardians as aforesaid.

Guardians may sell lands and houses not required for dispensaries.

12. The board of guardians of any union may from time to time, with the consent of the Local Government Board, sell and dispose of any lands, houses, or buildings purchased or erected by them under this Act (when and so soon as any loan charged thereon under the provisions of this Act has been repaid) which they may not require for the purpose of a dispensary or dispensary residence. All moneys arising from the sale or disposal of any such lands, houses, or buildings shall be carried to the credit of the electoral division or divisions comprised within such dispensary district, and shall be expended in relief of the poor rates of the same, according to the net annual value of each such division in accordance with the valuation thereof in force for the time being under the Acts relating to the valuation of rateable property in Ireland.

Expenses incurred by guardians to be charged on electoral divisions within dispensary district.

13. All expenses incurred by the board of guardians of any union under the provisions of this Act in respect of any dispensary or dispensary residence within any dispensary district of such union shall be charged on the poor rates of the electoral division or divisions comprised within such dispensary district, according to the net annual value of each such division, in accordance with the valuation thereof in force for the time being under the Acts relating to the valuation of rateable property in Ireland: Provided always, that where any dispensary residence has been erected, enlarged, improved, purchased, or taken on lease by any board of guardians under the provisions of this Act, the amount of annual rent paid by such guardians in respect thereof, or such annual sum as the Local Government Board may consider as a reasonable rent for the use of such residence, may, with the consent of the Local Government Board, be deducted from the salary payable by such guardians to the medical officer residing in such residence.

Mortgages, bonds, &c. under this Act exempt from stamp duty.

14. No order, mortgage, bond, obligation, security, contract, agreement, or other instrument whatsoever executed under the provisions of this Act, nor any memorial thereof for registration, shall be liable to any stamp duty whatever.

Provisions of former Acts specified in schedule to apply to this Act.

15. Except as by this Act specially provided, all the powers, provisions, matters, and things in the Act specified in the schedule to this Act annexed, or any of them contained or referred to, and relating to the security for and repayment and recovery of loans under the provisions of the same, shall be deemed to apply to all loans made under this Act, and to the security for repayment and recovery of the same, in like manner in every respect as if such loans were made under the authority of the said Acts or of any of them.

This Act and Acts specified in schedule to be construed as one Act.

16. This Act and the Acts specified in the schedule to this Act annexed shall be read together and construed as one Act, save so far as the provisions of this Act may be inconsistent with the provisions of the aforesaid Acts or any of them.

Sections 2, 3, 7, 11, 15, 16.

SCHEDULE.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 32.	24 & 25 Vict. c. 71.
12 & 13 Vict. c. 59.	29 & 30 Vict. c. 40.
13 & 14 Vict. c. 31.	38 & 39 Vict. c. 82.
15 & 16 Vict. c. 34.	40 & 41 Vict. c. 27.
23 & 24 Vict. c. 19.	

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to amend the Salmon Fishery Act with relation to fixed Engines in Tidal Waters. [21st July 1879.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the salmon fisheries in England and Wales with reference to the close time for fixed engines in tidal waters:

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:

Construction of Act.

1. This Act shall be read as one with the Salmon Fishery Acts, 1861 to 1876.

Alteration of close season as to putts and putchers.

2. Notwithstanding anything in the Salmon Fishery Acts, 1861 to 1876, contained, the annual close season for putts and putchers shall commence on the first day of September in each year, and terminate on the first day of May in the ensuing year, both inclusive. None of the provisions of the said Acts as to the weekly close season shall apply to putts or putchers.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Salmon Fishery Law Amendment Act, 1879.

CHAPTER 27.

An Act to empower Parliamentary Burghs in Scotland to become members of the Convention of Royal Burghs. [21st July 1879.]

WHEREAS the Convention of Royal Burghs of Scotland has existed from the most remote times, and has held meetings (at which the Royal Burghs were represented by Commissioners and Assessors):

And whereas the said Convention has been authorised and regulated by various Royal Charters and Acts of Parliament, and among others by the Statutes 14th James III., chapter III., and 5th James VI., chapter 64., and 19th James VI., chapter 6.:

And whereas the whole Parliamentary Burghs of Scotland enumerated in the annexed Schedule are desirous of joining the Convention, and it is expedient to make provision for enabling such Burghs to join the Convention:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,