supplement to persons furth of Scotland to appear before any of the inferior courts of Scotland; and such abstract shall exhibit such particulars as are required to be exhibited in an abstract of any copy citation by law appointed to be made or registered by the said keeper or his clerk.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Conjugal Rights (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1874.

CHAPTER 32.

An Act to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863." [16th July 1874.]

26 & 27 Vict. c. 88.

WHEREAS by "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863," the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland were authorised to advance money in the manner and subject to the conditions in the said Act mentioned, for the purpose of aiding in the completion of works for the drainage and improvement of lands in any district, and the repayment of any money so advanced was to be secured by means of an annual rentcharge to be payable for the term of twenty-two years at the rate of six pounds ten shillings for every one hundred pounds charged upon such lands in the manner by the said Act provided:

27 & 28 Vict. c. 72.

And whereas a further Act was passed in the session of Parliament held in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth years of Her Majesty, chapter seventy-two, explaining certain provisions contained in the said Act:

28 & 29 Vict. c. 52. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 72.

And whereas the said Acts were amended by "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Amendment Act (Ireland), 1865," and by "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Amendment Act (Ireland), 1869," and it is expedient further to amend the said Acts:

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 Drainage and Improvement of Lands Amendment Act (Ireland), 1874."

Loans may be made repayable by rentcharges at five per cent. for 35 years.

2. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Public Works, upon application of any drainage board, out of any moneys in their hands available for loans, by and with the sanction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and subject to such rules, regulations, and conditions as the said Commissioners of the Treasury may think proper from time to time to make, to make loans or advances for the purposes of the said recited Acts, and to secure the repayment of the same, if they think it expedient so to do, by means of rentcharges at five per cent. per annum, payable for terms of thirty-five years, instead of by rentcharges at six pounds ten shillings per cent. per annum payable for terms of twenty-two years as by the said Acts provided; and in case any loan shall be so made to the drainage board of any district, each of the several parcels or portions of land specified in the award of the Commissioners, apportioning the consolidated sum of principal and interest amongst the respective proprietors of the said parcels or portions of land in such district and on their lands respectively (as by the said Acts provided) shall, from the date of such award, become charged with the payment to Her Majesty of an annual rentcharge of five pounds for every one hundred pounds charged on such parcels or portions of land respectively, and so in proportion for any lesser amount, to be payable for the term of thirty-five years, to be computed from the fifth day of April or tenth day of October which shall next happen after the making of such award, such rentcharge to be paid by equal half-yearly payments on the fifth day of April and tenth day of October in every year, the first of such payments to be made on the second of such days which shall happen after the date of such award.

3. All the provisions in the recited Acts contained or referred to with respect to the rentcharges therein mentioned shall be applicable to rentcharges under this Act in like manner in all respects as if rentcharges under this Act were rentcharges under the recited Acts. Provisions as to rentcharges in recited Acts to apply to rentcharges under this Act.

4. In all cases in which copies of the report of any inspector appointed by the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making inquiries as to the propriety of constituting any proposed district, and as to the assent of the proprietors thereto, are required to be lodged with the clerk or clerks of the unions respectively, as directed by section six, number five, of the said first-recited Act, the petitioners shall in addition to the notice which they are required to publish in some newspaper, as directed by the said section, cause notices stating that such report has been so lodged to be served on each of the reputed proprietors of land in such district by delivery of the same personally, or, if any such proprietor is absent from Ireland, to his agent, or by leaving the same at the usual or last known place of abode of such proprietor as aforesaid, or by forwarding the same by post, in a prepaid letter, addressed to the usual or last known place of abode of such proprietor. Notice of inspectors reports having been lodged with clerks of unions to be sent to proprietors.

5. The Acts herein-before recited or referred to as amended by this Act and this Act shall be read together as one Act. This Act and the recited Acts to be construed as one Act.

CHAPTER 33.

An Act to extend the Powers of the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Act. [16th July 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the operation of the Act, chapter one hundred and twenty of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, to facilitate leases and sales of settled estates, herein-after called the principal Act: 19 & 20 Vict. c. 120.

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, that

1. This Act may be cited as the Leases and Sales of Settled Estates Amendment Act, 1874. Short title.

2. Where under the principal Act the concurrence or consent of any person in or to any application hereafter to be made under that Act is required, and such concurrence or consent shall not have been obtained, notice shall be given to such person, in such manner as the court to which such application shall be made shall direct, requiring him to notify, within a time to be specified in such notice, whether he assents to or dissents from such application or submits his rights or interests, so far as they may be affected by such application, to be dealt with by the court; and every such notice shall specify to whom and in what manner such notification is to be delivered or left. In case no notification shall be delivered or left in accordance with the notice and within the time thereby limited, the person to or for whom such notice shall have been given or left shall be deemed to have submitted his rights and interests to be dealt with by the court. Notice to be given to persons who do not consent to or concur in application.

3. An order under the principal Act may be made upon any such application notwithstanding that the concurrence or consent of any such person as aforesaid shall not have been obtained, or shall have been refused, but the court in considering the application shall have regard to the number of persons who concur in or consent to the application, and who dissent therefrom, or who submit or are to be deemed to submit their rights or interests to be dealt with by the court, and to the estates or interests which such persons respectively have or claim to have in the estate as to which such application is made, and Court may dispense with consent, having regard to the number and the interests of parties.