CHAPTER 13.

An Act to prevent the Administration of Poisonous Drugs to Horses and other Animals. [1st June 1876.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision against the practice of administering poisonous drugs to horses and other animals by disqualified persons, and without the knowledge and consent of the owners of such horses and animals:

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:

Penalty on giving poisonous drugs to horses, &c. unlawfully.

1. If any person wilfully and unlawfully administers to or causes to be administered to or taken by any horse, cattle, or domestic animal any poisonous or injurious drug or substance, he shall (unless some reasonable cause or excuse is shown on his behalf) be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, or at the discretion of the court, to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for any term not exceeding one month in the case of a first offence, or three months in the case of a second or any subsequent offence.

Saving of persons qualified, &c.

2. Nothing in this Act shall extend to any person being owner or acting by authority of the owner of the horse, cattle, or other animal to which any drug or substance is administered.

Saving of other laws.

3. Nothing in this Act shall exempt a person from liability to any greater or other punishment under any other Act or law, so that he be not more than once punished for the same offence.

Prosecution.

4. Any offence against this Act may be prosecuted in the manner provided by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts before two justices of the peace.

Extent of Act.

5. This Act shall not extend to Scotland or to Ireland.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the "Drugging of Animals Act, 1876."

CHAPTER 14.

An Act to extend the provisions of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866, to the Accounts of the Commissioners for the Government of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea. [1st June 1876.]

2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 53.

WHEREAS by sections forty and forty-one of the Army Prize Act, 1832, it is enacted that the deputy treasurer of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea (in this Act referred to as Chelsea Hospital) shall lay annually before both Houses of Parliament an account in the form therein mentioned, and that the treasurer or deputy treasurer of the said Hospital shall render to the Commissioners thereof an account of their receipts and payments as therein mentioned, and the Commissioners are authorised to examine, audit, and finally pass the same:

5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 35.

And whereas in pursuance of the Paymaster General Act, 1835, all the powers and duties of the treasurer of Chelsea Hospital are now vested in Her Majesty's Paymaster General:

29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.

And whereas by section thirty-three of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866, the Comptroller and Auditor-General is directed to examine and audit, if required so to do by the Treasury, in accordance with regulations of the Treasury, the accounts therein mentioned; and it is expedient to extend the said enactment to the accounts of Chelsea Hospital: