the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Issue of 13,000,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1875.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, the sum of thirteen million pounds.

Power to Treasury to borrow from time to time.

2. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time on the credit of the said sum, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of thirteen million pounds, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed, with interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said sums were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

CHAPTER 11.

An Act for altering the shooting season for Grouse and certain other Game Birds in Ireland. [21st May 1874.]

37 G. 3. c. 21. (I.)

WHEREAS under an Act of the Parliament of Ireland, of the thirty-seventh year of the reign of King George the Third, (chapter twenty-one,) intituled "An Act to amend the Game Laws," the shooting season in Ireland for moor game and grouse begins on the twentieth day of August, and it is expedient that the law in Ireland be in that respect altered:

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:

Grouse season to begin on 12th Aug. in Ireland.

1. The said Act of the Parliament of Ireland shall be read and have effect as if with respect to moor game and grouse the twelfth day of August had been mentioned throughout that Act instead of the twentieth day of August.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as The Game Birds (Ireland) Act, 1874.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to make provision for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Bengal and Madras Civil Service Annuity Funds, and the Annuity Branch of the Bombay Civil Fund, to the Secretary of State for India in Council. [8th June 1874.]

WHEREAS an institution, known as the Bengal Civil Service Annuity Fund, was established in India, under the authority given by the Court of Directors of the East India Company in a public despatch to the Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal, dated the eighth of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, for the grant of annuities to the civil servants of the said Company, on their

retiring from the service, who should become subscribers to the said institution; and whereas another institution, known as the Madras Civil Service Annuity Fund, founded on certain annuity funds of earlier dates, was established in Madras, under the authority given by the said Court of Directors in a public despatch to the Governor in Council at Fort St. George, dated the thirty-first of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, for the grant of similar annuities; and whereas another institution, known as the Annuity Branch of the Bombay Civil Fund, founded on an annuity fund of earlier date, was established in Bombay, under the authority given by the said Court of Directors in a public despatch to the Governor in Council at Bombay, dated the thirty-first of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, the said Annuity Branch having a separate capital for the grant of annuities like the Bengal and Madras Annuity Funds; and the said Civil Annuity Funds were supported by the subscriptions of the civil servants of the said Company and by certain contributions from the said Company:

And whereas, in a financial despatch to the Government of India, dated the tenth of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, certain changes respecting the grant of annuities were authorised by the Secretary of State for India in Council, which, taken in connexion with other changes which had been previously made also under the authority of the said Secretary of State for India in Council, rendered the continuance of the machinery of the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Civil Annuity Funds unnecessary:

And whereas, in accordance with the instructions contained in the aforesaid despatch the Government of India caused the inquiry to be made whether, upon the terms respecting the grant of annuities offered by the Secretary of State in the said despatch, the subscribers to the said Civil Annuity Funds were willing to surrender the accumulated annuity capital of the said Funds to the Secretary of State for India in Council; and the proposition so to make over the accumulated annuity capital on the terms offered by the Secretary of State was carried in the affirmative by the subscribers to the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Civil Annuity Funds by a large majority of votes:

And whereas, in order to avoid any doubt that may arise in regard to the legality of such transfer, it is necessary to make provision by law for enabling the trustees of the said Civil Annuity Funds to transfer the assets and liabilities thereof, including the assets and liabilities herein-after referred to, to the Secretary of State for India in Council, and for enabling the Secretary of State for India in Council to accept the same:

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:

Assets and liabilities of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Civil Funds to be transferred to Secretary of State.

1. It shall be lawful for the trustees of the Bengal Civil Service Annuity Fund, and of the Madras Civil Service Annuity Fund, and of the Annuity Branch of the Bombay Civil Fund to transfer to the Secretary of State for India in Council the assets and liabilities of the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Civil Annuity Funds, including any assets and liabilities to which the trustees of the Madras and Bombay Civil Annuity Funds may have succeeded as representing the trustees of the earlier funds at Madras and Bombay, and for the Secretary of State for India in Council to accept the same.

Annuities charged on said funds to be payable from revenues of India.

2. As soon as the assets and liabilities of the said Civil Annuity Funds, including as aforesaid, shall be transferred to the Secretary of State for India in Council, and the acceptance thereof by the Secretary of State for India in Council notified by the Government of India, all existing liabilities of the said Funds shall be deemed to be liabilities of the revenues of India, and all such liabilities may be enforced against the Secretary of State for India in Council in like manner as they might have been enforced against the trustees of the said Funds if this Act had not been passed; and every civil servant who shall at the date of such notification be an incumbent of an annuity from any of the said Civil Annuity Funds, or from any earlier fund the assets and liabilities of which shall have been transferred as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive from time to time the amount of such annuity from the revenues of India; and every covenanted civil servant who shall be a subscriber to any of the said Civil Annuity Funds at or after the date of such notification shall be entitled on retirement to the benefits granted by the despatch

of the Secretary of State in Council to the Government of India, dated the tenth of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one; namely,

If he shall have completed twenty-five years service and twenty-one years residence in India a full annuity of one thousand pounds payable in England, or Company's rupees ten thousand six hundred and sixty-six ten annas and eight pies payable in Bengal, or Company's rupees ten thousand six hundred and fifty payable in Madras or Bombay:

And if he shall be compelled to resign the service on account of ill health, clearly proved by medical certificate,

If under five years service, a grant of five hundred pounds;

If of five years service and under six, an invalid annuity of one hundred and fifty pounds;

If of six years service and under seven, an invalid annuity of one hundred and seventy pounds;

and so on, an increase of twenty pounds being made to the annuity for each year's service, the highest invalid annuity being four hundred and fifty pounds for a service of twenty years.

Nothing to prejudice subscribers claims.

3. Provided, that nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice any claim which may be made by any subscriber to the said Civil Service Annuity Funds, or by the representatives of any such subscriber, upon the funds so transferred; and in case any question shall arise between any such subscriber or the representatives of any deceased subscriber on the one hand, and the Secretary of State for India in Council on the other, as to any liability or alleged liability of the said funds, such question shall be determined by the Court of Appeal appointed by the Judicature Act, 1873, in such manner as may be provided by any general orders, or as the said court may, on special application, think fit to prescribe, anything in the Statute of Limitations to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 13.

An Act to extend to the present Bishop of Calcutta the Regulations made by Her Majesty as to the leave of absence of Indian Bishops.

[8th June 1874.]

34 & 35 Vict. c. 62.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter sixty-two, it was provided that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to make such rules as to the leave of absence of Indian bishops on furlough or medical certificate as might seem to Her expedient: And whereas it was further provided that the provisions of existing Acts of Parliament should not be interfered with by such rules so far as regarded the present Bishop of Calcutta: And whereas the present Bishop of Calcutta has intimated his desire to be brought under such rules:

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:

Rules as to leave of absence applied to present Bishop of Calcutta.

1. The rules made by Her Majesty as to the leave of absence of Indian bishops on furlough or medical certificate under the power given to Her by section one of the said Act shall apply to the present Bishop of Calcutta.