XII. The general Management, Regulation, and Control of such Libraries and Museums or Schools of Science and Art shall be, as to any Borough, vested in and exercised by the Council or Board, and as to any Town, in and by the Town Commissioners, or such Committee as they respectively may from Time to Time appoint, who may from Time to Time purchase and provide the necessary Fuel, Lighting, and other similar Matters, Books, Newspapers, Maps, and Specimens of Art and Science, for the Use of the Library or Museum, and cause the same to be bound or repaired, when necessary, and appoint salaried Officers and Servants, and dismiss the same, and make Rules and Regulations for the Safety and Use of the Libraries and Museums or Schools of Science and Art, and for the Admission of Visitors. General Management to be vested in Council or Board, or Town Commissioners.

XIII. The Lands and Buildings so to be appropriated, purchased, or rented as aforesaid, and all other Real and Personal Property whatever presented to or purchased for any Library or Museum or School of Science and Art established under this Act, shall be vested, in the Case of a Borough, in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and in the Case of a Town in the Town Commissioners. Property of Library, &c. to be vested in Council, Board and Commissioners respectively.

XIV. If any Meeting called as herein-before provided to consider as to the Adoption of this Act for any Borough or Town shall determine against such Adoption no Meeting for a similar Purpose shall be held for the Space of One Year at least from the Time of holding the previous Meeting. If Act not adopted at Meeting, no fresh Meeting for One Year.

XV. The Admission to all Libraries and Museums established under this Act shall be open to the Public free of all Charge. Museums to be free.

XVI. Upon the coming into operation of this Act in any Borough it shall, as regards such Borough, be incorporated with the said Act of the Third and Fourth Victoria, Chapter One hundred and eight, and upon the coming into operation of this Act in any Town it shall, as regards such Town, be incorporated with the Act or Acts in force therein relating to the Powers and Duties of the Town Commissioners. This Act to be incorporated with Local Acts in force in Borough or Town.

CAP. XLI.

An Act for abolishing the Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts of *England* and *Wales* in Suits for Defamation. [26th *June* 1855.]

'WHEREAS the Jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts in Suits for Defamation has ceased to be the Means of enforcing the Spiritual Discipline of the Church, and has become grievous and oppressive to the Subjects of this Realm:' 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:

I. From and after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful for any Ecclesiastical Court in *England* or *Wales* to entertain or adjudicate upon any Suit for or Cause of Defamation, any Statute, Law, Canon, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding. Jurisdiction in Suits for Defamation abolished.

II. In the Case of every Person committed to Gaol before the passing of this Act under any Writ De contumace capiendo, issued in consequence of any Proceedings before any Ecclesiastical Court, in any Cause or Suit for Defamation of Character, the Judge of the Ecclesiastical Court before whom such Proceedings shall have been had shall make an Order upon the Officer in whose Custody such Person is for discharging such Person out of Custody, and such Officer shall, on the Receipt of such Order, forthwith discharge such Person; and it shall not be necessary for such Person to take any Oath of future Obedience to his or her Ordinary: Provided always, that such Order shall not be made unless the Costs lawfully incurred in any such Suit shall have been previously paid into the Registry of such Ecclesiastical Court, or unless the Person against whom such Costs shall have been decreed shall have already suffered Imprisonment for One Month in consequence of Non-payment thereof. Persons in Custody for Defamation under Order of Ecclesiastical Courts to be discharged, but such Order not to be made until Costs are paid.