person so charged, shall be competent but not compellable witnesses on every hearing at every stage of such charge. competent witnesses.

6. Any constable acting upon the instruction of an officer of police not below the grade of inspector may at any time enter on any premises on which he has reasonable cause to believe that a chaff-cutting machine which does not comply with the requirements of this Act is being worked, for the purpose of inspecting such machine. Constable may enter premises for inspecting machine.

7. This Act shall not come into operation until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight. Commencement of Act.

8. This Act may be cited as the Chaff-Cutting Machines (Accidents) Act, 1897. Short title.

CHAPTER 61.

An Act to remove certain Exemptions from Compulsory Pilotage. [6th August 1897.]

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:

1. As from the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, section six hundred and three of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, so far as it continues the exemptions granted by section fifty-nine of the Act passed in the sixth year of King George the Fourth, chapter one hundred and twenty-five, and extended by the Order in Council of the eighteenth of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and the said Order in Council, shall cease to operate in the case of vessels on voyages between any port in Sweden or Norway and the port of London. Abolition of exemptions from compulsory pilotage under 6 Geo. 4. c. 125. s. 59.

2. This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Exemption from Pilotage) Act, 1897. Short title.

CHAPTER 62.

An Act to amend the provisions of Section Sixty-seven of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, in regard to the additional grant to School Boards, and to provide out of the Exchequer an aid grant for Voluntary Schools in Scotland, and for the Exemption from Rates of those Schools. [6th August 1897.]

WHEREAS by section sixty-seven of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, it is enacted as follows: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 62.

"Where in any parish or burgh a school rate of not less than threepence in the pound on the rateable value of such parish or burgh shall be levied, and the whole produce of such rate is less

than twenty pounds or than seven shillings and sixpence per child of the number of children in average attendance at the public schools provided by the school boards in such parish or burgh, such school board shall be entitled, in addition to the parliamentary grant in aid of the public schools provided by them, to such further sum out of moneys provided by Parliament as will, together with the produce of the rate, make up the sum of twenty pounds or seven shillings and sixpence for each such child":

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:

Alteration of limit of 7*s.* 6*d.* in regard to additional grant to school boards.

1. Section sixty-seven of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, shall have effect as if the sum of seven shillings and sixpence therein mentioned were increased by the sum of fourpence for every complete penny by which the school rate exceeded threepence, but not beyond a maximum of sixteen shillings and sixpence. Provided always that during the year ending the fifteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight the increased additional grant payable to any school board under this section shall suffer abatement to the extent of one third in respect of the period between the fifteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven and the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven.

Aid grant of 3*s.* per child to voluntary schools.

2. For aiding voluntary schools there shall be annually paid out of moneys provided by Parliament an aid grant equal to three shillings per child for the whole number of children in average attendance in those schools, and that grant shall be distributed in such manner and in accordance with such conditions as may be set forth in the Scotch Education Code annually submitted to Parliament. The Code may require, as a condition of a school receiving a share of the aid grant, that the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the school shall be annually audited in accordance with the regulations of the Department.

39 & 40 Vict. c. 79.

For the purpose of section nineteen of the Elementary Education Act, 1876, in so far as it relates to Scotland, the aid grant paid or payable to a voluntary school shall be deemed to be income derived from a source other than the parliamentary grant.

The expression "voluntary school" means a state aided day school not provided by a school board.

Exemption from rates of voluntary schools.

3. No assessment or rate under any general or local Act of Parliament for any county, burgh, parish, parochial or other local purpose whatsoever shall be assessed or levied upon or in respect of any land or buildings used exclusively or mainly for the purposes of the schoolrooms, offices, or playground of a voluntary school except to the extent of any profit derived by the managers of the school from the letting thereof.

Extent and short title.

4. This Act shall extend to Scotland only, and may be cited as the Education (Scotland) Act, 1897.