Definitions.

3. In this Act—

The expression "burgess" has, in England, the same meaning as in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and in Scotland and Ireland means a person entitled to vote at a municipal election in Scotland and Ireland respectively. 45 & 46 Vict. c. 50.

The expression "municipal election" has, in England, the same meaning as in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, and in Scotland and Ireland, has the same meaning as that expression is defined to have with reference to Scotland and Ireland respectively by the Ballot Act, 1872. 35 & 36 Vict. c. 33.

Reduction of qualifying period of occupation in Dublin.

4. Whereas in the municipal borough of Dublin the qualifying period of occupation is a period of two years and eight months, ending the last day of August, and it is expedient that such qualifying period should be reduced: Be it enacted, that from and after the passing of this Act the qualifying period of occupation in the said municipal borough shall be a period of twelve months preceding the first day of September, instead of such period of two years and eight months.

CHAPTER 10.

An Act to extend the Hours of Polling at Parliamentary and Municipal Elections. [28th April 1885.]

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:

Hours of polling.

1. At every parliamentary and every municipal election within the meaning of this Act, the poll (if any) shall commence at eight o'clock in the forenoon, and be kept open till eight o'clock in the afternoon of the same day and no longer.

Definitions.

2. In this Act—

The expression "parliamentary election" means an election for a county, city, borough, place, or combination of counties, cities, boroughs, and places (not being any university or universities), which returns any knight of the shire or member to serve in Parliament, and where the same is divided for the purpose of such return includes an election for such division:

The expression "municipal election" means an election of a councillor, commissioner of police, or auditor, or (in Ireland) an alderman or any commissioner, in any municipal borough or in any ward thereof:

The expression "municipal borough" means,—

As regards England, a borough subject to the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882; and 45 & 46 Vict. c. 50.

As regards Scotland, a burgh or town which has a town council or police commissioners; and

As regards Ireland, a borough subject to the Act of the session of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and eight,

intituled "An Act for the Regulation of Municipal "Corporations in Ireland," and the Acts amending the same, and includes a place subject to the Act of the ninth year of the reign of King George the Fourth, chapter eighty-two, or to the Towns Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1854, or to any local Act providing for the election of commissioners in any town or place for purposes similar to the purposes of the above-mentioned Acts.

17 & 18 Vict. c. 103.

Repeal of 41 & 42 Vict. c. 4. and 47 & 48 Vict. c. 34.

3. Upon this Act coming into operation the Parliamentary Elections (Metropolis) Act, 1878, and the Elections (Hours of Poll) Act, 1884, shall be repealed, without prejudice to anything previously done in pursuance thereof.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Elections (Hours of Poll) Act, 1885.

Commencement of Act.

5. This Act shall come into operation at the end of this present Parliament.

CHAPTER 11.

An Act to enable Her Majesty to give a Guarantee for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a Loan by the Government of Egypt. [21st May 1885.]

WHEREAS Her Majesty's Government has entered into a Convention with the Governments of Austria-Hungary, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, and Turkey, containing articles to the effect set forth in the schedule to this Act, for the purpose of facilitating the raising of a loan by the Government of Egypt, and in pursuance of Her Majesty's gracious recommendation in that behalf it is expedient to enable Her Majesty to carry into effect the said Convention:

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 as the Egyptian Loan Act, 1885.

Power to Her Majesty to guarantee annuity of 315,000*l.* for loan to be raised by the Egyptian Government.

2. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty to guarantee jointly with the foreign Governments named in Article Seven set forth in the schedule to this Act, and severally, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Articles in the said schedule, the regular payment of the annuity of three hundred and fifteen thousand pounds sterling, mentioned in the said Article Seven, for the purpose of a loan to be raised by the Government of Egypt.

Issue of money for guarantee and repayment of sums to Exchequer.

3. (1.) The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall charge on and issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof such sums as may from time to time be required for fulfilling the guarantee of Her Majesty in pursuance of this Act.

(2.) All sums paid from time to time in or towards the repayment of any sum issued out of the Consolidated Fund in pursuance of this Act shall be paid into the Exchequer.