Amendment of 28 & 29 Vict. c. 72. as to wills of seamen, &c.

1. Section five of the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1865, which contains regulations as to the wills of persons being or having been seamen or marines with respect to wages, allowances, and other like payments) shall, in its application to the will of any person who dies after the passing of this Act, be amended as follows:

(1.) The words "or when he has ceased so to serve" shall be repealed:

(2.) After the words "or a notary public" shall be inserted the words "or a solicitor, or in Scotland a law agent."

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1897, and the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1865, and this Act may be cited together as the Navy and Marines (Wills) Acts, 1865 and 1897.

CHAPTER 16.

An Act to amend Section Ninety-Seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870. [3rd June 1897.]

WHEREAS by section ninety-seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, it is enacted as follows:

"Where the school board satisfy the Education Department that "in any year ending the twenty-ninth of September the sum "required for the purpose of the annual expenses of the school "board of any school district, and actually paid to the treasurer "of such board by the rating authority, amounted to a sum which "would have been raised by a rate of threepence in the pound on "the rateable value of such district, and any such rate would have "produced less than twenty pounds, or less than seven shillings "and sixpence per child of the number of children in average "attendance at the public elementary schools provided by such "school board, such school board shall be entitled, in addition to "the annual parliamentary grant in aid of the public elementary "schools provided by them, to such further sum out of moneys "provided by Parliament as, when added to the sum actually so "paid by the rating authority, would, as the case may be, make up "the sum of twenty pounds, or the sum of seven shillings and "sixpence for each such child, but no attendance shall be reckoned "for the purpose of calculating such average attendance unless "it is an attendance as defined in the said minutes":

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said section:

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:

Power to increase grant under 33 & 34 Vict. c. 75. s. 97.

1.—(1.) Section ninety-seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, 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 board rate for the year

therein mentioned exceeded threepence. Provided that the said sum of seven shillings and sixpence shall not be thereby increased beyond a maximum of sixteen shillings and sixpence.

(2.) "School board rate" means the rate in the pound on the rateable value of the district which would have produced the sum required in the said year for the purpose of the annual expenses of the board, and actually paid in that year to the treasurer by the rating authority.

(3.) In calculating for the purpose of the said section ninety-seven and of this Act the annual expenses of a school board, the Education Department shall include such sum as is necessary for maintaining such working balance as the Education Department determine to be reasonable.

Commencement, construction, and short title.

2. This Act shall from and after the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, be construed as part of section ninety-seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland, and may be cited as the Elementary Education Act, 1897.

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CHAPTER 17.

An Act to provide for an Appeal in Ireland in Cases stated by Justices in certain Civil Matters.

[3rd June 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:

Appeal in cases stated in civil matters. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 57.

1. The jurisdiction and power to hear and determine appeals conferred by section twenty-four of the Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, is hereby extended, and shall apply to any order or decision made after the passing of this Act by the High Court in Ireland or any judge thereof, under any of the enactments set out in the schedule to this Act, anything in any of the said enactments to the contrary notwithstanding.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1897, and may be cited with the Judicature (Ireland) Acts, 1877 to 1888.

SCHEDULE.

Section 11 of the Annual Revision of Rateable Property (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1860 (23 & 24 Vict. c. 4.).

Section 14 of the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1863 (26 & 27 Vict. c. 114.).