Buttons; Rolled Metal, with Silver thereon; Parts of Buttons not fitted up into Buttons, or in an unfinished State; Engines for chasing; Stocks for casting Buckles, Buttons, and Rings; Die-sinking Tools of all Sorts; Engines for making Button Shanks; Laps of all Sorts; Tools for pinching of Glass; Engines for covering of Whips; Bars of Metal covered with Gold or Silver, and Burnishing Stones commonly called Blood Stones, either in the rough State or finished for Use; Wire Moulds for making Paper; Wheels of Metal, Stone, or Wood, for cutting, roughing, smoothing, polishing, or engraving Glass; Purcellas, Pincers, Shears, and Pipes used in blowing Glass; Potters Wheels and Lathes for plain, round, and engine turning; Tools used by Saddlers, Harness Makers, and Bridle Makers; videlicet, Candle-strainers, Side-strainers, Point-strainers, Creasing Irons, Screw-creasers, Wheel-irons, Seat-irons, Pricking-irons, Bolstering-irons, Clams, and Head Knives.

——————— Frames for making Wearing Apparel.

CAP. LXXXV.

An Act for improving the Law of Evidence.

[22d *August* 1843.]

'WHEREAS the Inquiry after Truth in Courts of Justice 'is often obstructed by Incapacities created by the 'present Law, and it is desirable that full Information as to 'the Facts in Issue, both in Criminal and in Civil Cases, 'should be laid before the Persons who are appointed to decide 'upon them, and that such Persons should exercise their 'Judgment on the Credit of the Witnesses adduced and on the 'Truth of their Testimony:' Now therefore 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, That no Person offered as a Witness shall hereafter be excluded by reason of Incapacity from Crime or Interest from giving Evidence, either in Person, or by Deposition, according to the Practice of the Court, on the Trial of any Issue joined, or of any Matter or Question or on any Inquiry arising in any Suit, Action, or Proceeding, Civil or Criminal, in any Court, or before any Judge, Jury, Sheriff, Coroner, Magistrate, Officer, or Person having, by Law or by Consent of Parties, Authority to hear, receive, and examine Evidence; but that every Person so offered may and shall be admitted to give Evidence on Oath, or solemn Affirmation in those Cases wherein Affirmation is by Law receivable, notwithstanding that such Person may or shall have an Interest in the Matter in question, or in the Event of the Trial of any Issue, Matter, Question, or Injury, or of the Suit, Action, or Proceeding in which he is offered as a Witness, and notwithstanding that such Person offered as a Witness may have been

Witnesses not to be excluded from giving Evidence by Incapacity from Crime or Interest.

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been previously convicted of any Crime or Offence: Provided that this Act shall not render competent any Party to any Suit, Action, or Proceeding individually named in the Record, or any Lessor of the Plaintiff, or Tenant of Premises sought to be recovered in Ejectment, or the Landlord or other Person in whose Right any Defendant in Replevin may make Cognizance, or any Person in whose immediate and individual Behalf any Action may be brought or defended, either wholly or in part, or the Husband or Wife of such Persons respectively; provided also, that this Act shall not repeal any Provision in a certain Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty and in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Amendment of the Laws with respect to Wills:* Provided that in Courts of Equity any Defendant to any Cause pending in any such Court may be examined as a Witness on the Behalf of the Plaintiff or of any Co-defendant in any such Cause, saving just Exceptions; and that any Interest which such Defendant so to be examined may have in the Matters or any of the Matters in question in the Cause shall not be deemed a just Exception to the Testimony of such Defendant, but shall only be considered as affecting or tending to affect the Credit of such Defendant as a Witness.

Not to repeal any Provision in 7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 26.

In Courts of Equity Defendant may be examined on behalf of the Plaintiff or any Co-defendant, &c.

In legal Proceedings not necessary to state that Jurors had made Affirmation.

II. And be it enacted, That wherever in any legal Proceedings whatever legal Proceedings may be set out, it shall not be necessary to specify that any particular Persons who acted as Jurors had made Affirmation instead of Oath, but it may be stated that they served as Jurymen, in the same Manner as if no Act had passed for enabling Persons to serve as Jurymen without Oath.

As to Suits commenced before passing this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall apply to or affect any Suit, Action, or Proceeding brought or commenced before the passing of this Act.

Not to extend to Scotland.

IV. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend to *Scotland*.

CAP. LXXXVI.

An Act for regulating Hackney and Stage Carriages in and near *London*. [22d *August* 1843.]

'WHEREAS the Provisions for licensing the Drivers, Conductors, and Watermen of public Carriages in and near *London* need to be amended:' 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, That an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Hackney Carriages, and of Metropolitan Stage Carriages, and of Waggons, Carts, and Drays used in and near the Metropolis, and of Drivers and Attendants thereof*, shall be repealed: Provided always, that all

Repeal of 1 & 2 Vict. c. 79.