before me [*or* us], &c. at the time and place appointed in the said summons, but proof of the due service of the said summons upon the said was proved as required by law). Whereupon I [*or* we], the said last-mentioned justice [*or* justices], did at the time and place last mentioned proceed to hear the said complaint [*or* information], and did examine on oath certain witnesses produced to us, that is to say:

(*or if defendant appears and confesses the offence or offences, state the fact*), and I [*or* we], the said last-mentioned justice [*or* justices], having considered the premises, do hereby convict [*or* acquit, *as the case may be*] the said of the offence [*or* offences] charged in the said complaint [*or* information] (*adding in case of conviction*), and I [*or* we] do hereby declare and adjudge that he has forfeited for the said offence [*or* offences] the penalty of (*and if the penalty is mitigated say*), which said penalty I [*or* we] do, by virtue of the statute in that case made and provided, mitigate to the sum of to be paid and accounted for as directed by the statutes in that behalf [*where more than one offence is charged, state the particular count or counts upon which the defendant is convicted*]. Given under my hand and seal [*or* our hands and seals] at aforesaid, in the said of , this day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and .

SCHEDULE B.

Stamp Duties repealed.

Charged under 33 & 34 Vict. c. 97.

Appointment, whether by way of donation, presentation, or nomination, and admission, collation, or institution to or license to hold—

Any ecclesiastical benefice, dignity, or promotion, or any perpetual curacy—

In England:

If the net value exceeds—

£		£	£	*s.*	*d.*
50	and does not exceed	100	1	0	0
100	„ „	150	2	0	0
150	„ „	200	3	0	0
200	„ „	250	4	0	0
250	„ „	300	5	0	0
300	- -	-	7	0	0

And also (if such yearly value exceeds £300) for every £100 of such yearly value over and above £200, a further duty of - - - - - - - 5 0 0

In Scotland - - - - - - - 2 0 0

CHAPTER 14.

An Act for the Amendment of the Law of Evidence in certain cases of Misdemeanor. [28th June 1877.]

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the law of evidence:

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:

Defendant, and wife or husband of defendant, may be witness in certain trials.

1. On the trial of any indictment or other proceeding for the non-repair of any public highway or bridge, or for a nuisance to any public highway, river, or bridge, and of any other indictment or proceeding instituted for the purpose of trying or enforcing a civil right only, every defendant to such indictment or proceeding, and the wife or husband of any such defendant, shall be admissible witnesses and compellable to give evidence.