interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said moneys were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

3. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 1) Act, 1879. Short title.

CHAPTER 3.

An Act to raise the sum of Four million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds by Exchequer Bonds, for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

[14th March 1879.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards raising the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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. Towards raising the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, on or before the said thirty-first day of March, to raise any sum or sums, not exceeding in the whole four million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, by the issue of Exchequer bonds, in manner provided by the Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1866, so, however, that no Exchequer bond shall be made out for any sum less than one hundred pounds. Treasury may raise 4,250,000*l.* by Exchequer bonds. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 25.

Every Exchequer bond issued in pursuance of this Act shall provide for the paying off of such bond at par at any period not exceeding twelve months from the date of such bond.

2. The interest on all Exchequer bonds issued in pursuance of this Act shall be charged upon and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or out of the growing produce thereof. Payment of interest and repayment of principal.

The principal money secured by every Exchequer bond issued in pursuance of this Act shall be repaid out of moneys provided by Parliament for the purpose.

3. All money raised in pursuance of this Act shall be paid into the Exchequer. Payment of money raised into Exchequer.

Extension of 29 & 30 Vict. c. 25. as to forgery, &c., to bonds.

4. Section fifteen of the Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1866, (which section relates to the forgery of Exchequer bills,) shall apply to all Exchequer bonds issued in pursuance of this Act in like manner as if it were herein enacted with the substitution of Exchequer bond for Exchequer bill.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Act, 1879.

CHAPTER 4.

An Act to continue for Three Months the Act of the Session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ten, intituled "An "Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the "better Payment of the Army and their Quarters."

[21st March 1879.]

WHEREAS the raising or keeping a standing army within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in time of peace, unless it be with the consent of Parliament, is against law:

And whereas it is adjudged necessary by Her Majesty and this present Parliament that a body of forces should be continued for the safety of the United Kingdom, and the defence of the possessions of Her Majesty's Crown, and that the whole number of such forces should consist of one hundred and thirty-five thousand six hundred and twenty-five men, including those to be employed at the depôts in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the training of recruits for service at home and abroad, but exclusive of the numbers actually serving within Her Majesty's Indian possessions:

Number of men to consist of 135,625, including those employed at depôts in United Kingdom, but exclusive of those actually serving in India.

And whereas no man can be forejudged of life or limb, or subjected in time of peace to any kind of punishment within this realm by martial law, or in any other manner than by judgment of his peers, and according to the known and established laws of this realm; yet nevertheless it being requisite, for the retaining all the before-mentioned forces and other persons specified in the Act next herein-after mentioned in their duty, that an exact discipline be observed, and that soldiers who shall mutiny or stir up sedition, or shall desert Her Majesty's service, or be guilty of crimes and offences to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, be brought to a more exemplary and speedy punishment than the usual forms of the law will allow:

And whereas the Act of the session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ten, intituled "An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the "better payment of the army and their quarters," will be in force only in Great Britain until the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and elsewhere until the several dates in the said Act mentioned.

41 & 42 Vict. c. 10.

And whereas a Bill has been introduced into Parliament to amend the law relating to the discipline and regulation of the army, and it is expedient to continue the above-mentioned Act until other provisions can be brought into force for the government of the army.