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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Poor Afflicted Persons Relief (Ireland) Act, 1878. Short title.

2. This Act shall extend to Ireland only. Extent of Act.

3. The guardians of any union may provide for the reception, maintenance, and instruction of any pauper above the age of eighteen, being blind, or deaf and dumb, in any hospital or institution established for the reception of persons suffering under such infirmities, and may pay out of the rates the charges incurred in the conveyance of such pauper to and from the same, as well as those incurred in his maintenance, support, and instruction therein: Provided always, that the amount to be paid by such union for the reception, maintenance, and instruction of every such pauper so received in any such hospital or institution shall not exceed the sum of five shillings weekly. Guardians may provide for the reception of certain paupers in suitable institutions.

4. The guardians of any union may, with the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland, send any idiotic or imbecile pauper to the workhouse of any other union, with the consent of the guardians of such last-mentioned union, or may, with the consent of the said Board, contract for the reception, maintenance, and support of any idiotic or imbecile pauper in any public or licensed asylum or establishment for the reception and relief of idiots or imbeciles, and pay out of the rates the cost of the maintenance, clothing, and lodging of such pauper in such workhouse, asylum, or establishment, as well as the cost of his conveyance thereto, or his removal therefrom, and the expenses of his burial when necessary: Provided always, that the amount to be paid by the guardians of such union for the maintenance of every such idiotic or imbecile pauper shall not exceed the sum of five shillings weekly. Guardians may provide for the reception of pauper idiots, &c. in suitable institutions.

5. The guardians may at any time, at their discretion, and shall upon the requisition of the managers of any such hospital, institution, asylum, or establishment, cause any such pauper to be removed therefrom and brought back to their parish or union. Guardians may bring back paupers to union.

6. No idiotic or imbecile pauper shall be sent by the guardians of any union to any hospital, institution, asylum, or establishment under the provisions of this Act, other than a hospital, institution, asylum, or establishment maintained out of public rates, unless with the consent of such relatives, if any, of the said pauper nearest of kin as can conveniently be found. Conscience clause.

CHAPTER 61.

An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Marriages solemnized in the Islands of Fiji prior to their erection into a British Colony.

[16th August 1878.]

WHEREAS, before the erection of the islands of Fiji into a British colony, certain marriages of British subjects were solemnized by ministers of the Christian religion in accordance with the custom then in use, such marriages not having been solemnized according to the provisions of the Act of the session of the twelfth and thirteenth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter sixty-eight, intituled "An Act for facilitating the "Marriages of British subjects in foreign countries:"

And whereas it is expedient, under the circumstances aforesaid, to remove all doubts touching the validity of the marriages so solemnized, and to render the same valid:

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 for all purposes as the Fiji Marriage Act, 1878.

Marriages before 10th October 1874 declared valid.

2. All marriages (both or one of the parties thereto being subjects or a subject of this realm) solemnized in the islands now constituting the colony of Fiji, before the tenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, by any minister of religion of any denomination of Christians duly appointed or ordained, or reputed to be duly appointed or ordained, shall be as valid in law as if the same had been solemnized within Her Majesty's dominions with a due observance of all forms required by law.

Certificate of such marriage good in law.

3. A certificate of the marriage, purporting to be signed by any minister of religion as aforesaid who solemnized the same, or a certified copy of such certificate, shall be receivable by all courts of law as evidence of such marriage at the date set forth in the said certificate.

Such marriages may be registered, and procedure.

4. Any such marriage may be registered by producing the certificate of the minister of religion aforesaid to the registrar general of the colony of Fiji at any time within eighteen months after the passing of this Act; and the said registrar general shall register the same, and shall add the date when solemnized, together with the words "valid from the date of solemnization under the Fiji Marriage Act, 1878;" and an extract from the register, signed by the registrar general, shall be received in all courts of law as sufficient evidence of the marriage as of the date set forth in the entry made under this section by the registrar general: Provided that any entry in the said register, and any extract therefrom, made prior to the proclamation of this Act in the colony of Fiji in pursuance of an ordinance of the said colony, the short title of which was the Fiji Marriages Validity Ordinance, 1877, shall be as valid in all respects as though the same had been made in pursuance of this Act.

Date of operation of Act.

5. This Act shall come into operation from the date of its proclamation within the colony of Fiji.

CHAPTER 62.

An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts, and to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts; and for other purposes connected therewith.

[16th August 1878.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to continue for limited times some of the Acts herein-after specified, and to repeal others, and to make further provisions concerning turnpike roads:

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:

Schedule 1. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 64.

1. The Acts specified in the first schedule annexed hereto shall expire at the time in that behalf mentioned in the Annual Turnpike Acts Continuance Act, 1877.

Schedule 2.

2. The Acts specified in the second schedule annexed hereto shall continue in force until the dates specified in each instance, and no longer.

Schedule 3.

3. The Acts specified in the first and second columns of the third schedule annexed hereto shall, to the extent specified in the third column thereof, as from the dates specified in the fourth column thereof, be subject to the modifications specified in the fifth column thereof, and shall, to the same extent, as so modified, continue in force until the dates specified in the sixth column thereof, and no longer.

Schedule 4.

4. The Acts specified in the first and second columns of the fourth schedule annexed hereto shall, to the extent specified in the third column thereof, as from the dates specified