CHAPTER 4.

An Act to authorise an advance out of the general fund of monies belonging to the Suitors of the Supreme Court in Ireland for the purposes of the Library used by the Bar of Ireland at the Four Courts, Dublin.

[1st June 1894.]

WHEREAS under the authority of divers Acts passed in the Parliament of Ireland or the Parliament of the United Kingdom, certain sums have been advanced out of the fund of the suitors of the Courts of Chancery and Exchequer towards building and improving the principal courts of justice and law offices in Dublin: 30 Geo. 3. c. 41. 34 Geo. 3. c. 6. 2 Will. 4. c. 32. 4 & 5 Will. 4. c. 68.

And whereas under the provisions of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1877, and the Acts amending and extending the same, there has been opened in the Bank of Ireland, in the name of the Accountant-General of the Supreme Court, a general cash account and general stock account of Government and other securities, and there has been transferred to such general accounts the cash and securities standing in the books of the Bank of Ireland to the credit of the several accounts of the High Court, and such monies and securities now constitute the fund of suitors in the Supreme Court: 30 & 31 Vict. c. 57.

And whereas it is expedient and necessary for the purpose of promoting the health and convenience of the members of the Bar of Ireland using the library at the Four Courts, Dublin, that such library should be enlarged and altered, and the accommodation and fitting and furnishing thereof improved, and it may be necessary that, for that purpose, certain alterations should be made in and about the buildings of the Four Courts, Dublin, and the courts, chambers, and offices thereof, or in (with the consent of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland) the buildings belonging to that Society:

And whereas it is estimated that a sum of fifteen thousand pounds will be required for the purpose of such additions, alterations, enlargements, and improvement of accommodation, and buildings and works which may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the foregoing objects:

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:

Provision for improving Four Courts Library.

1. The Bank of Ireland shall, out of the fund of suitors in the Supreme Court, upon the order of the Lord Chancellor, pay to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland towards the making by them of the necessary additions, alterations, and improvements in and about the library at the Four Courts used by the Bar of Ireland, and of such alterations of the buildings, courts, offices, and chambers at the said courts, as the said Commissioners, with the consent of the Benchers of the King's Inns, and the judges of the Supreme Court may decide to be necessary for the purposes

aforesaid, such sums, not exceeding in the whole the sum of fifteen thousand pounds, as shall by the said Commissioners be required.

Provided that no alteration shall be made in any of the buildings at the Four Courts vested in the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland without the consent of that society, and upon the terms which may be agreed upon between the society and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland with the consent of the Benchers of the King's Inns.

Provision for deficiency in suitors' fund.

2. If it happens that the cash standing to the credit of the account of the suitors in the Supreme Court is at any time reduced to a sum not sufficient, in the opinion of the Treasury, to meet the demands upon it, then the Treasury shall advance out of the Consolidated Fund, or the growing produce thereof, such sum as they may think necessary, not exceeding in the whole the amount of cash which has been advanced from the fund in pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts and this Act.

Short title and extent of Act.

3. This Act may be cited as the Four Courts Library Act, 1894, and shall extend to Ireland only.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to provide for the Establishment of a County Councils Association in Scotland, and to enable County Councils to contribute to the Expenses of the Association. [1st June 1894.]

WHEREAS it is proposed that an association of county councils of Scotland should be formed for the purpose of consultation as to their common interests, and the discussion of matters relating to Local Government:

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:

Contributions from county fund. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 50.

1. A county council of a county may pay out of the general purposes rate as general expenses incurred by them in the execution of their duties under the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, any sum not exceeding thirty pounds, in any one year as an annual or other subscription to the funds of the association as well as any reasonable expenses of the attendance of representatives, not exceeding in any case, four, at meetings of the Association.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the County Councils Association (Scotland) Expenses Act, 1894.