contrary is proved, of the due making and existence of such byelaws, and, if so stated in such copy, of the same byelaws having been approved and confirmed by the authority whose approval or confirmation is or shall be required to the making or enforcing of such byelaws in all legal proceedings, without further proof of the making of such byelaws, or of such approval or confirmation, or of the said common seal.

Proofs of proceedings of council and its committees.

3. Any minute of proceedings at meetings of the council, or of committees of the council, if signed by any person purporting to be the mayor of the borough or the chairman of a meeting of the council or committee of the council, either at the meeting of the council or committee of the council at which such proceedings took place, or at the next ensuing meeting of the council or committee of the council, shall be receivable in evidence in all legal proceedings, without further proof; and, until the contrary is proved, every meeting of the council or committee of the council in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been so made shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held, and all the members thereof to have been duly qualified, and, when such proceedings are proceedings of committees, that such committees have been duly and regularly constituted, and had power to deal with the matters referred to in such proceedings.

Punishment for forging seal or signatures.

4. If any person shall forge the seal or signatures of any document in this Act mentioned or referred to, or shall tender in evidence any such document with a false or counterfeit seal or signature thereto, knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, he shall upon conviction be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding three years nor less than one year with hard labour.

Interpretation of "borough."

5. The word "borough" in the construction of this Act shall mean city, borough, or town corporate.

CHAPTER 34.

An Act to amend an Act passed in a session held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of King William the Fourth, chapter one hundred and sixteen, intituled An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Presentment of Public Money by Grand Juries in Ireland.

[7th July 1873.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to enable grand juries of any county in Ireland to present at any assizes such sum or sums of money as may be necessary from time to time to repair or widen, to any width not exceeding fifteen feet, any towing path and trackway on the bank of any navigable river on which boats have been accustomed to be towed by horses, to be levied off the entire county or riding of a county in which such towing path and trackway are situate:

And whereas under the Act passed in a session held in the sixth and seventh years of the reign of King William the Fourth, chapter one hundred and sixteen, section one hundred and nineteen, such money can only be levied off the barony or baronies in which such towing path and trackway are locally situate:

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:

Grand juries may present sums required to widen certain towing paths, such sums to

1. That notwithstanding anything in the said Act contained, it shall be lawful for any grand jury in Ireland to present at any assizes such sums of money as may be necessary to repair or widen, to any width not exceeding fifteen feet, any towing path and trackway on the bank of any navigable river on which boats have been accustomed to be towed by horses, such sums to be levied off all the baronies and half baronies in the county or

be levied off the county at large.

riding of the county in which such towing path and trackway are situate; and such sums so to be levied may be originally presented for at the presentment sessions held in and for the barony in which such towing path and trackway are locally situate.

CHAPTER 35.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Securities for Loans contracted by County Authorities. [7th July 1873.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to securities for loans contracted by county authorities:

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:

Preliminary.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The County Debentures Act, 1873."

Limits of Act.

2. This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland,

Definition of terms.

3. For the purposes of this Act—

"County authority" means the justices in general, quarter, or gaol sessions assembled of any county, riding, division, parts, or liberty of a county:

"County rate" means any rate leviable by the county authority, including any stock, fund, or other property belonging to or capable of being mortgaged by the county authority:

"County officer" means the clerk of the peace or any officer performing duties analogous to those of the clerk of the peace:

"Special Act" means any Act passed before or after the passing of this Act authorising a county authority to borrow money.

County Debentures.

Borrowing by county authority.

4. Where any county authority is authorised by a special Act to borrow any money on the security of any county rate, it may, unless it is otherwise expressly provided by such Act of Parliament, raise any money so authorised to be borrowed by the issue of debentures under this Act.

Regulations as to debentures.

5. Every debenture issued in pursuance of this Act shall be a security for a principal sum and interest to be charged on the county rate in such debenture specified, and to be payable at a time or at times to be specified in the debenture.

The principal sum may be made payable to the bearer of the debenture, or to a person to be named therein, his executors, administrators, or assigns.

A debenture in which the principal sum is made payable to the bearer is in this Act referred to as a debenture payable to bearer, and shall be transferable by delivery.

A debenture in which the principal sum is made payable to a person named therein, his executors, administrators, or assigns, is in this Act referred to as a nominal debenture, and shall be transferable by deed in manner herein-after mentioned.

There shall be annexed to a debenture, whether payable to bearer or nominal, or be issued in respect thereof, or partly in one way and partly in the other, coupons entitling the bearer of each coupon to receive the interest therein mentioned, upon presenting the same at a time and place in the coupon specified.

A debenture under this Act shall not be issued except for fifty pounds, or a number of fifty pounds not exceeding ten. All debentures issued in respect of the same loan or part of the same loan shall be separately numbered in a series and shall have inscribed