any Period not exceeding Two Years, or, if summarily prosecuted and convicted, by Imprisonment, with or without Hard Labour, for any Period not exceeding Six Months.

VII. The Board of Trade may, out of the Interest paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt on the Monies paid to them under this Act, pay any Expenses incurred in carrying this Act into effect. Expenses of Act how to be defrayed.

VIII. An annual Account of all Deposits received and repaid by the Board of Trade under the Authority of this Act, and of the Interest thereon, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament; and a Copy of all Regulations made by this Board under the Authority of this Act shall likewise be laid before both Houses of Parliament. Accounts and Copy of Regulations to be laid before Parliament.

IX. All Criminal Proceedings under this Act shall be carried on in the same Manner as similar Proceedings under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and all Rules of Law, Practice, and Evidence which are applicable to such last-mentioned Proceedings shall be applicable to Criminal Proceedings under this Act. Mode of Criminal Proceeding.

CAP. XLII.

An Act to continue the Act for the Exemption of Stock in Trade from Rating.

[7th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her present 'Majesty, intituled *An Act to exempt until the Thirty-first Day of* December *One* 'thousand eight hundred and forty-one Inhabitants of Parishes, Townships, and Villages from 'Liability to be rated as such in respect of Stock in Trade or other Property to the Relief of 'the Poor:* And whereas the said Act has been since continued by sundry Acts until the 'First Day of *October* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six; and it is 'expedient that the said Act should be further continued:' 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, That the said Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *October* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 89. Recited Act further continued.

CAP. XLIII.

An Act to authorize Issues out of the Consolidated Fund for the Redemption of certain Annuities charged on Branches of the gross Revenue.

[7th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS the Annuities or Parts of Annuities mentioned in the Schedule to this 'Act are now charged on Branches of the gross Revenue mentioned in such Schedule, 'and it is expedient to authorize such Issues for the Redemption thereof as herein-after 'mentioned:' 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:

I. In case the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall agree with the Persons or Person entitled thereto for the absolute Purchase of the said Annuities or Parts of Annuities or any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, for such Sum or respective Sums as may appear to the said Commissioners to be a just Equivalent for the same, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, upon the Execution in each Case of such a Release of the Annuity or Part of Annuity so purchased as the said Commissioners shall approve, to cause the Purchase Money for the same to be paid, as such Commissioners shall direct, out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*: Power to Treasury to redeem out of the Consolidated Fund the Annuities in the Schedule.

and no Issue for the Payment of such Purchase Money shall be made out of the gross Revenue charged with such Annuity or Part of Annuity.

If Hereditary Revenues cease to form Part of Consolidated Fund, an Annual Equivalent to Annuities redeemed to be charged on such Revenues.

II. In case, upon the Decease of Her Majesty (whom *God* long preserve), or at any Time afterwards, any Hereditary Revenues chargeable with any Annuity or Part of Annuity which shall be redeemed under this Act, or heretofore chargeable with any Annuity or Part of Annuity which has been redeemed during Her Majesty's Reign, cease to be carried to or form Part of the said Consolidated Fund, an annual Sum equal to the net annual Amount of the Annuity or Part of Annuity so redeemed shall from the Time of such Cesser be a Charge on the Hereditary Revenues on which the same was charged at the Time of the Redemption of such Annuity or Part of Annuity, and be paid to and form Part of the said Consolidated Fund so long as such Hereditary Revenues cease to be carried to and form Part of such Fund.

SCHEDULE.

	£	s.	d.
The Moiety of an Annuity granted by King Charles the Second to the Earl of Bath and his Heirs, and charged upon the Excise Revenue, the net annual Amount payable in respect of which Moiety is - - - -	1,200	0	0
The Moiety of an Annuity granted by King William the Third and Queen Mary to Henry de Nassau D'Auverquerque, his Heirs and Assigns, and charged upon the Land Revenue in South Wales, the net annual Amount payable in respect of which Moiety is - - - - -	375	16	0
An Annuity now payable to the Duke of Grafton, charged upon the Post Office Revenue by Letters Patent of the Twentieth Year of King Charles the Second, confirmed by Act of Parliament, the net annual Amount payable in respect of which Annuity is - - - - - - -	3,384	0	0
The Three Fourth Parts of an Annuity granted by King George the First to Maynhard Duke of Schoenberg and his Heirs, and charged upon the Post Office Revenue, the net annual Amount payable in respect of which Three Fourth Parts is - - - - - - -	2,160	0	0

CAP. XLIV.

An Act for raising the Sum of Four Millions by Exchequer Bills and Exchequer Bonds, for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. [14th *July* 1856.]

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 necessary Supplies which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved to give and 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:

Treasury may raise 4,000,000*l.* by Exchequer Bills in like Manner as is prescribed by 48 G. 3. c. 1., 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 15., and 5 & 6 Vict. c. 66.

I. Towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury at any Time or Times, but not later than the Thirty-first Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, to cause any Number of Exchequer Bills to be made out at the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Westminster* for any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Four Millions, in like Manner as is prescribed in an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of King *George* the Third, Chapter One, and in an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fourth and Fifth Years