CHAPTER 53.

An Act to make better provision respecting certain sums payable to Schoolmasters of Highland Schools under the Act of the session of the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-seven, intituled "An Act to facilitate the foundation and endowment of additional "Schools in Scotland." [28th July 1873.]

WHEREAS in pursuance of the Act of the session of the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-seven, intituled "An Act to facilitate "the foundation and endowment of additional schools in Scotland," (in this Act referred to as the Highland Schools Act, 1838,) the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (hereafter referred to as the Treasury) have purchased twenty-four thousand six hundred and sixty-six pounds ten shillings and fourpence three per cent. consolidated Bank annuities in the names of their nominees: 1 & 2 Vict. c. 87.

And whereas at the passing of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, there was payable in pursuance of the Highland Schools Act, 1838, out of the dividends of the said Bank annuities, to the schoolmaster appointed in each of the parishes specified in the first column of the schedule to this Act, the annual sum set opposite to the name of such parish in the second column of that schedule, and the dividends of the said Bank annuities are insufficient to pay such annual sums, but such insufficiency could have been supplied under the Highland Schools Act, 1838, if the same had not been repealed: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 62.

And whereas by the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, the Highland Schools Act, 1838, was repealed in general terms, subject to the following proviso: "Provided that any sum "payable to a schoolmaster prior to the passing of this Act under the Act of the first and "second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-seven, shall continue to "be paid to him so long as he holds the office of schoolmaster on account of which such "sum was payable to him, and shall thereafter be paid to the school board of the parish "in which he held such office for the purposes of the school fund," but no provision was made for the disposal of the said Bank annuities or for meeting the said insufficiency of the dividends thereof to pay the said sums: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 62.

And whereas by the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, the school board was substituted for the heritors in every parish: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 62.

And whereas it is expedient expressly to repeal the Highland Schools Act, 1838, and make such provision respecting the said Bank annuities and annual sums as is herein-after contained:

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.

1. This Act may be cited as the Highland Schools Act, 1873. Short title.

Endowment Schools.

2. The annual sums mentioned in the schedule to this Act shall, after the passing of this Act, be charged on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, and the Treasury shall by equal half-yearly payments in every year pay out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, to the school board of every parish named in the first column of the schedule to this Act, for the purposes of the school fund, the annual sum which in the second column of that schedule is placed opposite to the name of such parish. Charge of sums in schedule on Consolidated Fund, and payment thereof to school board.

Temporary Provisions and Repeal.

3. So long as any schoolmaster to whom any of the annual sums mentioned in the schedule to this Act was at the passing of this Act payable in pursuance of the Highland Schools Act, 1838, continues to hold his office, the school board shall pay to him every half-yearly payment of that annual sum as soon as may be after they receive the same, Provision for existing schoolmasters and other past transactions,

and day of first payment. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 87.

Such portion of the said annual sums as before the passing of this Act the dividends on the said consolidated Bank annuities have been insufficient to pay shall be deemed to have been charged, since the passing of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, on the Consolidated Fund, and shall be paid or repaid out of the same or out of the growing produce thereof.

The first half-yearly payment of the said annual sums in pursuance of this Act shall be made on the eleventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Cancellation of consols invested under 1 & 2 Vict. c. 87.

4. As soon as may be after the passing of this Act, the Treasury shall by warrant direct the Governor and Company of the Bank of England to transfer all the consolidated three per cent. Bank annuities standing in the books of the said governor and company in the names of the nominees of the Treasury in pursuance of the Highland Schools Act, 1838, to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and on the said transfer being made, to cancel the same, and thereupon the Governor and Company of the Bank of England shall cause such sums of Bank annuities to be transferred and cancelled by one of their officers, and any dividends which at the time of the transfer may be due on such Bank annuities shall be applied in payment of the annual sums mentioned in the schedule to this Act.

1 & 2 Vict. c. 87. and s. 78. of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 62. repealed.

5. The Highland Schools Act, 1838, and section seventy-eight of the Education (Scotland) Act, 1872, from the words "and provided that any sum payable to a school-"master," inclusive, to the end of that section, are hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

Annual Sums payable at the passing of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 62. to the Schoolmasters of the Parishes named below under 1 & 2 Vict. c. 87.

Parish.	Annual Sum. £.	s.	d.
1. Acharacle	34	0	0
2. Balligrant	34	0	0
3. Croick	28	0	0
4. Cross	25	0	0
5. Dunbeath	28	0	0
6. Duror	20	0	0
7. Dunskellar	34	0	0
8. Foss	32	0	0
9. Insh	34	0	0
10. Iona	32	0	0
11. Keanlochbervie	34	0	0
12. Keiss	30	0	0
13. Kinlochluichart	30	0	0
14. Kinlochspelvie	20	0	0
15. Laid or Poolewe	34	0	0
16. Lochgilphead	34	0	0
17. Oa	30	0	0
18. Ownich	30	0	0
19. Portnahaven	30	0	0
20. North Ronaldshay	30	0	0
21. Rannoch	30	0	0
22. Salen	30	0	0
23. Stencholl	30	0	0
24. Stoer	30	0	0
25. Strathy	25	0	0
26. Strontian	30	0	0
27. Tobermory	34	0	0
28. Tomintoul	30	0	0
29. Ullapool	32	0	0
30. Ulva	25	0	0
Total	£899	0	0