jurisdiction over British vessels.

engaged in or fitted out for the slave trade, and to the persons, slaves, goods, and effects on board thereof, when the vessel, in pursuance of any existing East African Slave Trade treaty, is seized and brought for trial by the commander or officer of any ship belonging to the foreign state with whom such treaty is made, as such court would have if the vessel had been seized by the commander or officer of any of Her Majesty's ships.

CHAPTER 39.

An Act to amend the law with respect to Returns of Receipts and Expenditure as regards Highways, and to dispense with the verification before Justices of the accounts of Surveyors of Highways.

[11th August 1879.]

WHEREAS by divers Acts provisions differing from each other are made respecting the transmission to the Local Government Board and the laying before Parliament of annual returns of the receipts and expenditure on account of highways in parishes, certain urban sanitary districts, and highway districts:

And whereas it is expedient that one return only in each case should be required, and that such return should be made and laid before Parliament in like manner as other returns under the Local Taxation Returns Acts, 1860 and 1877, subject to being dispensed with in like manner as such other returns:

23 & 24 Vict. c. 51.
40 & 41 Vict. c. 66.

And whereas by the Highways Act, 1835, the surveyor of highways of every parish is required, among other matters, to verify his accounts before justices at special sessions, and the said verification of accounts has been rendered unnecessary by the Highways and Locomotives Amendment Act, 1878, which requires the accounts of the surveyors of highways to be audited by the district auditor, and it is expedient to dispense with such verification:

5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 50. s. 45.

41 & 42 Vict. c. 77. s. 9.

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 as the Highway Accounts Returns Act, 1879.

Return of receipts and expenditure as regards highways.

2. The Local Taxation Returns Acts, 1860 and 1877, shall apply to returns of rates, receipts, and expenditure as regards highways in like manner as if they were specifically mentioned in the said Acts, and highway boards and surveyors of highways were mentioned as local authorities in those Acts, and the surveyor of highways were an officer keeping the accounts of the rates, receipts, and expenditure within the meaning of those Acts.

23 & 24 Vict. c. 51.
40 & 41 Vict. c. 66.

Provided that a return under the said Acts may be dispensed with upon the delivery to the auditor of a financial statement of the said receipts and expenditure in like manner as in any other case.

Repeal and temporary provision.

3. The Acts specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent in the third column of that Schedule mentioned.

Where in pursuance of any enactment hereby repealed the accounts of a surveyor of highways for a parish for the period ending on the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine have been verified, and a statement of the receipts and expenditure of such parish as regards highways for the said period has been transmitted to the Local Government Board, the Board may, if they think fit, dispense with the submission of a financial statement and dispense wholly or partly with the audit by the district auditor of the accounts for the said period of such parish as regards highways.

SCHEDULE.

ACTS REPEALED.

Year and Chapter.	Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 50. -	Highway Act, 1835 - -	In section forty-five from and including the words "and at the said special sessions" to the end of the section.
12 & 13 Vict. c. 35. -	An Act for requiring annual returns of the expenditure on highways in England and Wales to be transmitted to the Secretary of State and afterwards laid before Parliament.	The whole Act.
25 & 26 Vict. c. 61. -	The Highway Act, 1862 -	Section twenty-seven, section twenty-eight, and section twenty-nine.

CHAPTER 40.

An Act to amend the Conveyancing and Land Transfer (Scotland) Act, 1874. [11th August 1879.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to land rights and conveyancing in Scotland:

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 Conveyancing (Scotland) Act, 1874, Amendment Act, 1879.

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, which is herein-after referred to as the commencement of this Act.

As to repeal of sec. 118 of 19 & 20 Vict. c. 79 by sect. 55 of 37 & 38 Vict. c. 94.

3. Notwithstanding the repeal of section one hundred and eighteen of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act, 1856, by section fifty-five of the Conveyancing (Scotland) Act, 1874, it is provided that from and after the commencement of this Act no poinding of the