The number for the time being assigned by the Lord Lieutenant to each county, city, or town, may be referred to for all purposes as the free quota for such county, city, or town.

2. So much of section three of the Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870, as limits the numbers of the Constabulary Force, and of the additional Constabulary Force, for the city of Londonderry is hereby repealed. Repeal.

The power of distribution conferred upon the Lord Lieutenant by this Act shall be in substitution for the power conferred upon him by the third section of the Act of the session of the twentieth and twenty-first years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventeen.

3. In this Act,— Interpretation.

The expression "Lord Lieutenant" includes the lords justices or other chief governor or governors of Ireland for the time being.

4. This Act may be cited as the Constabulary (Ireland) Redistribution Act, 1885. Short title.

CHAPTER 13.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Highways.

[21st May 1885.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend certain provisions of the Highway Act, 1835, so far as such provisions relate to the cutting or pruning of hedges, and the powers and duties of highway boards in reference thereto: 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 50.

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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Highway Act Amendment Act, 1885. Short title.

2. If in the opinion of any highway board a highway is prejudiced by the shade of any hedges or by any trees or other things growing in or near such hedges or other fences, and the sun and wind are excluded from such highway to the damage thereof, or if in their opinion any obstruction is caused in any highway by any hedge or tree, or by any bank, or by anything growing on any bank adjoining such highway, it shall be lawful for such board at any time to cut, prune, or pare the said hedge, or to prune or lop the said trees, or to remove the said obstruction; provided that the consent of the owner and occupier of the premises on which the hedges, trees, or obstruction is situated has been first obtained. Power to highway authority to prune hedges, &c.

3. This Act shall only extend to the counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall. Extent of Act.