Act, as if such provisions were here repeated and re-enacted with reference thereto.

Forgery of debentures and bonds to be punishable as forgery of East India bonds.

12. All provisions now in force in anywise relating to the offence of forging or altering, or offering, uttering, disposing of, or putting off, knowing the same to be forged or altered, any East India bond, with intent to defraud, shall extend and be applicable to and in respect of any debenture or bond issued under the authority of this Act.

Saving borrowing powers of Secretary of State in Council.

13. This Act shall not prejudice or affect any power of raising or borrowing money vested in the said Secretary of State in Council at the time of passing thereof.

Stock created under this Act to be deemed East India stock.

14. Any capital stock created under this Act shall be deemed to be East India stock, within the Act of the twenty-second and twenty-third Victoria, chapter thirty-five, section thirty-two, unless and until Parliament shall otherwise provide; and any capital stock created under this Act shall be deemed to be and shall mean India stock within the Act of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh Victoria, chapter seventy-three, anything in the said last-mentioned Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to enable Municipal Corporations to confer the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs upon persons of distinction. [22nd July 1885.]

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, viz.:

Power to admit persons of distinction as honorary freemen of boroughs.

1. Notwithstanding anything in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882, or any other statute, to the contrary, the council of every borough may from time to time, by the authority of not less than two thirds of their number present and voting at a meeting of the council specially called for the purpose with notice of the object, admit to be honorary freemen of the borough persons of distinction and any persons who have rendered eminent services to the borough, provided that the admission of such persons to be freemen shall not confer the right of voting for any such borough in parliamentary or other elections, or of sharing in the benefit of any hereditaments, common lands, or public stock of such borough or the council thereof, or of any property held in whole or in part for any charitable use or trust.

Definition. 45 & 46 Vict. c. 50.

2. In this Act "borough" and "municipal corporation" shall respectively have the same meaning as in the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act, 1885.