responsibility in respect of neglects, omissions, errors, or breaches of duty in the registration of writs in the said registers other than such as may in law attach to him in respect of neglects, omissions, errors, or breaches of duty in his own person or by his own default or direction.

The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall have power to fix the salaries and emoluments attached to any of the offices aforesaid, and, with the consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, to regulate any of the said offices, and to change the designations thereof and the duties of officers employed therein, and the terms on which appointments shall be made thereto.

Superannuation of officers.

9. All appointments hereafter made to any of the offices aforesaid shall entitle the holders thereof to superannuation upon such conditions as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, having regard to the Superannuation Act, 1859, shall prescribe: Provided, that it shall be lawful to the said Commissioners if, and so far as they see fit, to grant superannuations to the holders of such offices before the passing of this Act, although they may not have obtained certificates from the Civil Service Commissioners. 22 Vict. c. 26.

Orders for production or exhibition of writs in public custody.

10. Wherever under the present law and practice an order may be made by any court or judge upon the Lord Clerk Register for the production or exhibition of any writ or document in public custody, such order may hereafter be made upon the Deputy Clerk Register.

Minutes, &c. to be laid before Parliament.

11. All minutes and regulations made in pursuance of this Act shall be laid before Parliament within one month after they are made, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not then sitting, within one month after the beginning of the then next session of Parliament.

Retiring allowance to W. P. Dundas, Esq.

12. In respect of his long service as Deputy Clerk Register, and his special service as the first holder of the office of Registrar General of Scotland, in organising the system of registering births, deaths, and marriages in Scotland, it shall be lawful to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to grant to William Pitt Dundas, Esquire, a retiring allowance not exceeding the salary now payable to him under the Act passed in the session of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-five, in respect of the said conjoined offices of Deputy Clerk Register and Registrar General of Scotland.

Short title.

13. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Lord Clerk Register (Scotland) Act, 1879.

CHAPTER 45.

An Act to authorise the issue of a sum out of the Consolidated Fund by way of loan to the Secretary of State for India. [11th August 1879.]

WHEREAS the exigencies of the public service in India render it expedient to grant a temporary advance out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom to the Government of India:

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 Indian Advance Act, 1879.

Temporary advance of 2,000,000*l.* out of Consolidated Fund to Government of India.

2. The Treasury may advance during the current financial year to the Government of India any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole two million pounds.

Every such advance shall be repaid by the Government of India, with interest at the rate of three per cent., in the manner provided in the schedule hereto, but the interest so received shall be repaid to the Government of India.

Issue of advances and application of sums repaid.

3. Every advance under this Act, and all interest repaid to the Government of India, shall be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or the growing produce thereof.

Every sum repaid in respect of an advance under this Act shall be paid into the Exchequer, and a sum or sums equivalent thereto shall, not later than the end of the quarter of the financial year next after such payment, be charged on and issued out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, and paid to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and applied by them as part of the new sinking fund under the Sinking Fund Act, 1875.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 45.

Accounts to be laid before the House of Commons.

4. An account of all receipts, payments, and transactions under this Act in every financial year shall be made up in such form and audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General in such manner as the Treasury from time to time direct, and shall be laid before the House of Commons within three months after the end of the said financial year.

Definitions.

5. In this Act, unless the context otherwise require,

The expression "Treasury" means the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

The expression "Government of India" means one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State in the Council of India:

The expression "Comptroller and Auditor General" means the Comptroller General of the Exchequer and Auditor General of Public Accounts, and includes in his absence his deputy:

The expression "financial year" means the twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March.

SCHEDULE.

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In the financial year 1880–1 - - - -	290,000
In each of the six succeeding financial years - -	285,000

exclusive of interest, and at such time or times as may be agreed on between the Treasury and the Government of India.

CHAPTER 46.

An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts, and to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts; and for other purposes connected therewith. [11th August 1879.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to continue for limited times some of the Acts herein-after specified, and to repeal others: