CHAPTER 32.

An Act to provide for Expenses incurred by School Boards in relation to School Board Conferences.

[6th August 1897.]

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:

Payment of school board conference expenses.

1.—(1.) The school board of any district may, subject to regulations made by the Education Department under this Act, pay out of the school fund—

(*a*) the reasonable expenses of any members of the board, or of the clerk to the board, in attending any conference of school boards held for the purpose of discussing any matter connected with the duties devolving upon them; and

(*b*) any reasonable annual or other subscription towards the expenses of the conference.

(2.) A school board shall not pay under this Act the expenses of more than three persons attending a school board conference.

(3.) The Education Department may make such regulations as they think fit for regulating payments and the amount of payment by school boards under this Act.

(4.) Expressions used in this Act have the same respective meanings as they have in the Elementary Education Acts, 1870 to 1893.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the School Board Conference Act, 1897.

CHAPTER 33.

An Act to remove doubts as to the applicability of the Church Building Acts and New Parishes Acts to the Isle of Man.

[6th August 1897.]

WHEREAS doubts have been entertained as to whether and how far the Church Building Acts and the New Parishes Acts extend to the Isle of Man, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

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:

Removal of doubts as to applicability of Church

1. The Church Building Acts, 1818 to 1884, and the New Parishes Acts, 1843 to 1884, shall be construed as not extending to the Isle of Man.

Provided that any order made for the Isle of Man under any of those Acts before the passing of this Act shall, unless it has before that date been declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, be valid, but may be revoked or altered by or in pursuance of an Act of Tynwald. Building Acts and New Parishes Acts to Isle of Man.

2. This Act may be cited as the Isle of Man (Church Building and New Parishes) Act, 1897. Short title.

CHAPTER 34.

An Act to enable Returning Officers at Municipal Elections in Scotland to take the use of certain rooms free of charge. [6th August 1897.]

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:

1. Section six of the Ballot Act, 1872, shall apply in the case of municipal elections in Scotland, (that is to say) the returning officer at such an election may use, free of charge, for the purpose of taking the poll, any room in a school receiving a grant out of moneys provided by Parliament, and any room the expense of maintaining which is payable out of any local rate, but he shall make good any damage done to such room and defray any expense incurred by the person or body of persons, corporate or unincorporate, having control over the same, on account of its being used for the purpose of taking the poll as aforesaid. Use of school-rooms, &c. at municipal elections free of charge. [35 & 36 Vict. c. 33.]

"Municipal election" means the election of town councillors or burgh commissioners.

2. This Act may be cited as the Municipal Elections (Scotland) Act, 1897. Short title.

CHAPTER 35.

An Act to make further provision for the Construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purposes of the Royal Navy. [6th August 1897.]

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:

1. Without prejudice to any existing powers, the Admiralty may forthwith proceed to construct the works as specified in the Power for Admiralty to construct