has been defaced by having any name, word, device, or number stamped thereon, whether the coin has or has not been thereby diminished or lightened:

(4.) In a gold coin loss of weight exceeding the amount specified in that behalf in the schedule to this Act shall for the purposes of this Act be primâ facie evidence that the coin has been impaired, diminished, or lightened otherwise than by fair wear and tear.

Short titles.

2. This Act may be cited as the Coinage Act, 1889.

This Act and the Coinage Act, 1870, may be cited together as the Coinage Acts, 1870 and 1889.

SCHEDULE.

LOSS of WEIGHT which is to be evidence of COIN being illegally dealt with.

Description of Gold Coin.	Amount of Loss of Weight in each Coin which is to be evidence that the Coin has been illegally dealt with.
A sovereign or half sovereign coined before the reign of Her present Majesty.	Loss exceeding four grains from the standard weight.

Note.—In the case of any coin of higher denomination than a sovereign, a loss on each coin, proportionate to that on the sovereign, shall be evidence that the coin has been illegally dealt with. The standard weight of a sovereign is 123·27447 grains, and the standard weight of a half-sovereign is 61·63723 grains.

CHAPTER 59.

An Act to amend "The Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1888," with regard to Leaseholders. [30th August 1889.]

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1888, Amendment Act, 1889.

Certain assignments made without particular consent to be valid. 51 & 52 Vict. c. 13.

2. Section one of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1888, shall be read and construed as if the words "and no application under "the said section made by any person claiming as lessee under a "lease executed after the first day of June, one thousand eight "hundred and twenty-six, and before the first day of May, one "thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, not containing a clause "expressly authorising and empowering assignment, shall be dis-

" allowed on the ground that the consent of the landlord to any " assignment of such lease has not been given, made, or evidenced " in the manner prescribed by the third section of the Act passed in " the seventh year of the reign of King George the Fourth, chapter " twenty-nine, intituled 'An Act to amend the Law of Ireland 7 Geo. 4. " 'respecting the assignment and subletting of lands and tene- c. 29. s. 3. " 'ments,' when the landlord has consented to such assignment, and " such consent has been established by evidence satisfactory to the " court," were inserted therein after the figures "1860".

CHAPTER 60.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy in the Administration of Insolvent Estates, and in the winding up of Companies in Ireland. [30th August 1889.]

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. This Act may be cited as the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy (Ireland) Act, 1889. Short title.

2. This Act shall not apply to England or Scotland. Extent of Act.

3. This Act shall, except as in this Act specially provided, come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety, which date is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act. Commencement of Act.

4.—(1.) In the distribution of the property of any bankrupt, notwithstanding anything in the forty-ninth section of the Bankruptcy (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1872, or the two hundred and forty-ninth section of the Irish Bankrupt and Insolvent Act, 1857, and in the distribution of the assets of any company being wound up under the Companies Act, 1862, and the Acts amending the same; notwithstanding anything in any of the said Acts, there shall be paid in priority to all other debts,— Priority of debts. 35 & 36 Vict. c. 58. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 60. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 89.

(*a.*) All parochial or local rates due from the bankrupt or the company at the date of the order of adjudication, or of the commencement of the winding up, as the case may be, and having become due and payable within twelve months next before such times respectively, and all property or income tax assessed on the bankrupt or the company up to the fifth day of April next before the date of the order of adjudication or the commencement of the winding up, as the case may be, and not exceeding in the whole one year's assessment;