CHAPTER 81.

An Act to authorise the division of the Wapentake of Langbaurgh in the county of York into Districts for the purpose of Coroners jurisdiction, and the appointment of additional Coroners for the said Wapentake.

[5th August 1873.]

WHEREAS the wapentake of Langbaurgh in the county of York is a liberty having a separate coroner, and the right of appointing such coroner is vested in the chief bailiff for the time being of the wapentake:

And whereas the said wapentake is a large and populous district, and it is expedient that it be divided into separate districts for the purpose of coroners jurisdiction, that additional coroners be appointed for the wapentake, and that such provision as is hereinafter contained be made for the apportionment among the several coroners for the wapentake of the salary and functions of the existing coroner:

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 as the Langbaurgh Coroners Act, 1873.

Scheme to be framed for the division of wapentake of Langbaurgh into districts.

2. The justices of the north riding of the county of York in quarter sessions assembled may, at the Michaelmas quarter sessions to be held next after the passing of this Act, settle a scheme for the division of the wapentake of Langbaurgh into three districts, to be assigned to separate coroners, and for the apportionment among such coroners of the salary received by the existing coroner for the wapentake.

The said justices shall, before settling such scheme, consult the existing chief bailiff and the existing coroner of the wapentake with respect thereto.

The scheme shall set out the boundaries of the proposed districts, and shall give a name to each of such districts, and shall declare for which of the three districts the existing coroner for the wapentake is to act.

The scheme when settled shall be submitted for confirmation to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and he may, after hearing such representations, if any, as the existing chief bailiff and coroner of the wapentake respectively may make with respect to the scheme, confirm the same with or without variations.

The scheme, when and as so confirmed, shall be published in the London Gazette.

Appointment of coroners.

3. Upon the publication of the scheme, the existing coroner for the wapentake shall become the coroner for such one of the three districts as may be assigned to him by the scheme.

The chief bailiff for the time being of the wapentake shall, as soon as may be after the publication of the scheme, appoint a coroner for each of the other two districts.

Upon the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of coroner for any of the said three districts, the chief bailiff for the time being of the wapentake may appoint a successor to fill such vacancy.

Jurisdiction of coroners.

4. Each of the coroners for the said districts shall, for all purposes whatsoever, except as in this Act mentioned, be considered as a coroner for the whole wapentake, and shall have the same jurisdiction, rights, powers, and authorities as if he had been appointed sole coroner for the wapentake.

Each coroner to reside and act in his own district.

5. Each of the said coroners shall reside within the district assigned to him, and shall, except during the illness or incapacity or unavoidable absence of any other coroner for the wapentake, or during a vacancy in the office of any such coroner, hold inquests only in such districts.

When any of the said coroners holds by himself or deputy any inquest in any district save that which has been assigned to him, he shall in his inquisition to be returned on such inquest, certify the cause of his attendance and of his holding such inquest, and such

certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the illness or incapacity or unavoidable absence of the coroner in whose stead he attends, or of there being a vacancy in the office of coroner for the district in which such inquest is holden.

Salaries.

6. Each of the said coroners shall, until the next quinquennial revision of his salary, receive such salary as may be assigned to him by the said scheme.

The next quinquennial revision of the salaries of all the coroners for the wapentake shall take place at the expiration of five years from the last revision of the salary of the existing coroner for the wapentake.

Definition of "existing."

7. In this Act the term "existing" means existing at the time of the passing of this Act.

CHAPTER 82.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Small Penalties in Ireland.

[5th August 1873.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to small penalties in Ireland:

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 for all purposes as "The Small Penalties (Ireland) Act, 1873."

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Definition of "penalty."

3. The word "penalty" in this Act shall include any sum of money recoverable in a summary manner.

Recovery of small penalties.

4. Where upon summary conviction any offender is adjudged to pay a penalty not exceeding five pounds, such offender, in case of nonpayment thereof, may, without any warrant of distress, be committed to prison for any term not exceeding the period specified in the following scale, unless the penalty shall be sooner paid:

For any penalty—	The imprisonment not to exceed—
Not exceeding ten shillings	Seven days.
Exceeding ten shillings and not exceeding one pound	Fourteen days.
Exceeding one pound but not exceeding two pounds	One month.
Exceeding two pounds but not exceeding five pounds	Two months.

Saving as to hard labour.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the power of imposing hard labour in addition to imprisonment in cases where hard labour might, on nonpayment of the penalty, have been so imposed if this Act had not passed.

Application of Act.

6. This Act shall apply to penalties, including costs, recoverable in a summary manner in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, whether passed before or after the commencement of this Act; and all provisions of any Act of Parliament authorising, in the case of nonpayment of a penalty not exceeding five pounds, a longer term of imprisonment than is provided by this Act, shall be repealed.

Not to apply to proceedings by Inland Revenue.

7. This Act shall not apply to any penalties recoverable by or on behalf of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Extent of Act.

8. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.
