4. This Act shall in no way affect arrestments in virtue of decrees for alimentary allowances or payments, or for rates and taxes imposed by law; but every arrestment used after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one for such alimentary allowances or payments, or for rates and taxes imposed by law, shall set forth the nature of the debt for which it has been used, otherwise the same shall not be effectual. Act not to affect decrees for alimentary allowances or for rates and taxes.

5. This Act may be cited as "The Wages Arrestment Limitation (Scotland) Act." Short title.

CHAP. 64.

An Act to amend the Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858.

[9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858:

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:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858, Amendment Act, 1870." Short title.

2. Where any order has been made by the Lord Lieutenant under the provisions of the said Petty Sessions Clerk (Ireland) Act, 1858, that two or more petty sessions districts shall be served by one and the same person as clerk, and if after the making of the same the justices at quarter sessions for the division of the county in which such districts, or any of the same, are situate shall represent to the Lord Lieutenant that the service of such districts by one clerk is inconvenient, the Lord Lieutenant may rescind the said order by notice to be published in the Dublin Gazette, and to be notified to the clerk of the peace of the county in which the said districts are situate, by the chief or under secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, and thereupon such order shall be null and void. Order for amalgamation of districts may be rescinded.

CHAP. 65.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Advertisements respecting Stolen Goods.

[9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS under section one hundred and two of the Act of the session of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ninety-six, intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland "relating to Larceny and other similar offences," any person who prints or publishes advertisements for the return of stolen goods without questions being asked, or the like advertisements therein mentioned, forfeits the sum of fifty pounds to any person who will sue for the same by action of debt: 24 & 25 Vict. c. 96. s. 102.

And whereas the provision in the said section has given occasion to many vexatious proceedings at the instance of common informers against printers and publishers of newspapers, and it is expedient to discourage the same:

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 Larceny (Advertisements) Act, 1870, and shall be construed as one with the recited Act, which may be cited as The Larceny Act, 1861, and that Act and this Act may be cited together as the Larceny Acts, 1861 and 1870.

Definition of "newspaper."

2. In this Act the term "newspaper" means a newspaper as defined for the purposes of the Acts for the time being in force relating to the carriage of newspapers by post.

Limitation of actions for advertisements of reward for return of stolen property.

3. Every action against the printer or publisher of a newspaper to recover a forfeiture under section one hundred and two of The Larceny Act, 1861, shall be brought within six months after the forfeiture is incurred, and no such action against the printer or publisher of a newspaper shall be brought unless the assent in writing of Her Majesty's Attorney General or Solicitor General for England, if the action is brought in England, or for Ireland, if the action is brought in Ireland, has been first obtained to the bringing of such action.

Stay of proceedings in action brought before passing of the Act.

4. Where any action has been brought before the passing of this Act against the printer or publisher of any newspaper for the recovery of any forfeiture incurred under section one hundred and two of The Larceny Act, 1861, the defendant in such action may apply to a judge, if the action is brought in England, of one of the Superior Courts at Westminster, and if the action is brought in Ireland, of one of the Superior Courts at Dublin, and such judge upon such application and upon proof that sufficient notice of the application has been given to the plaintiff or his attorney, shall order that upon payment by the defendant of the plaintiff's costs out of pocket, incurred in the action up to the time of the application, the action shall be discontinued, or (if the forfeiture was incurred within six months before the passing of this Act) shall be discontinued unless the plaintiff before the expiration of six months from the date of the forfeiture obtain the assent required by this Act to the bringing of such action, and shall be stayed until such assent is obtained.

CHAP. 66.

An Act to make further provision for the Government of British Columbia.

[9th August 1870.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the powers vested in Her Majesty by an Act passed in the session holden in the twenty-first and twenty-second years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the Government of British Columbia," Her Majesty did, by an Order in Council, bearing date the eleventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, constitute a Legislature consisting of the Governor and a Legislative Council in the said colony of British Columbia:

21 & 22 Vict. c. 99.

And whereas by the British Columbia Act of 1866 Vancouver Island was united to British Columbia and made subject to the said Legislature, and the number of the Legislative Council was increased so as to provide for the representation of Vancouver Island:

And whereas it is expedient to alter the constitution of the said Legislature:

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 British Columbia Government Act, 1870."

Interpretation of term "Governor."

2. For the purposes of this Act, the term "Governor" shall mean the officer for the time being administering the government of British Columbia.

Power to Her Majesty by Order in Council to

3. Her Majesty may, by any Order or Orders in Council, revoke the said recited Order in Council, and may from time to time make, and when made revoke or alter, Orders in Council for constituting a Legislature consisting of the Governor and a