detained but not condemned.

Sentence of the Court, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant, to direct Payment to be made out of such Monies as may be provided by Parliament of any Costs or Damages which may be duly awarded: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall exempt such Officer from his Liability to make good the Payment so made, when lawfully called upon, either by the Parties interested therein or by Order of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Power to Treasury to repay to the Seizor of any Vessel not condemned the Expenses incurred by him.

XVI. When any Seizure shall be made by any of the Commanders, Officers, and Crews of Her Majesty's Ships, and Judgment shall be given against the Seizor, or when such Seizure shall be relinquished by him, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, if to their Discretion it shall seem meet, by Warrant to direct Payment to be made out of such Monies as may be provided by Parliament of such Costs and Expenses as the Seizor may have incurred in respect of such Seizure, or any proportional Part thereof.

CAP. LXXXVI.

An Act for securing the Liberty of Religious Worship. [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that the Laws affecting Assemblies for Religious Worship should be amended: And whereas by an Act passed in the First Year of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for exempting Their Majesties Protestant Subjects dissenting from the Church of* England *from the Penalties of certain Laws*, it is enacted that no Congregation or Assembly for Religious Worship shall be permitted or allowed until the Place of such Meeting shall be certified and registered or recorded as described in such Act: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of King *George* the Third, Chapter One hundred and fifty-five, intituled *An Act to repeal certain Acts, and to amend other Acts relating to Religious Worship and Assemblies, and Persons teaching or preaching therein*, it is enacted that no Congregation or Assembly for Religious Worship of Protestants (at which there shall be present more than Twenty Persons, besides the immediate Family and Servants of the Person in whose House or upon whose Premises such Meeting, Congregation, or Assembly shall be had,) shall be permitted or allowed unless the Place of such Meeting is certified as described in such Act, and that every Person who shall knowingly permit or suffer any such Congregation or Assembly as aforesaid to meet in any Place occupied by him, until the same shall have been so certified, shall forfeit for every Time any such Congregation or Assembly shall meet a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds nor less than Twenty Shillings, at the Discretion of the Justices who shall convict for such Offence:' 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 W. & M. Sess. 1. c. 18.

52 G. 3. c. 155.

No Prosecution to be maintainable for assembling for Religious Worship in a Place of Meeting not certified.

I. From and after the passing of this Act, nothing contained in the above-mentioned Acts or in an Act passed in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty-six, shall apply to the Congregations or Assemblies herein-after mentioned or any of them; that is to say,

(1) To any Congregation or Assembly for Religious Worship held in any Parish or any Ecclesiastical District, and conducted by the Incumbent, or in case the Incumbent is not resident, by the Curate of such Parish or District, or by any Person authorized by them respectively:

(2) To any Congregation or Assembly for Religious Worship meeting in a private Dwelling House or on the Premises belonging thereto:

(3) To any Congregation or Assembly for Religious Worship meeting occasionally in any Building or Buildings not usually appropriated to Purposes of Religious Worship:

And no Person permitting any such Congregation to meet as herein mentioned in any Place occupied by him shall be liable to any Penalty for so doing.

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II. So much of an Act passed in the Second and Third Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and fifteen, as enacts that Her Majesty's Subjects professing the Roman Catholic Religion, in respect to their Places for Religious Worship, shall be subject to the same Laws as the Protestant Dissenters are subject to, and so much of an Act passed in the Ninth and Tenth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter Fifty-nine, as enacts that Her Majesty's Subjects professing the Jewish Religion, in respect to their Places for Religious Worship, shall be subject to the same Laws as Protestant Dissenters are subject to, shall be respectively read as applicable to the Laws to which Protestant Dissenters in *England* are subject for the Time being after the passing of this Act.

Construction of certain Parts of 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 115. and 9 & 10 Vict. c. 59. as to Places of Worship of Roman Catholics and Jews.

CAP. LXXXVII.

An Act to amend the Act for the better Care and Reformation of Youthful Offenders, and the Act to render Reformatory and Industrial Schools in *Scotland* more available for the Benefit of Vagrant Children.

[14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act of the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Eighty-six, "for the better Care and Reformation of Youthful Offenders in *Great Britain*," so far as respects the Provision thereby made for charging the Parent or Step-Parent of an Offender in certain Cases with Payments towards his Maintenance or Support:' 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:

17 & 18 Vict. c. 86.

I. Sections Five and Six of the said Act shall be repealed.

Sects. 5. & 6. repealed.

II. In every Case in which any Juvenile Offender shall be detained in a Reformatory School under the said Act, the Parent or Step-Parent, if of sufficient Ability, shall be liable to contribute to his Support and Maintenance a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings a Week; and it shall be lawful in *England* and *Wales* for any Two Justices of the Peace, upon the Complaint of any Person authorized by One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to take Proceedings in that Behalf, to summon the Parent or Step-Parent, as the Case may be, and examine into his or her Ability, and (if on Consideration of all the Circumstances of the Case they think fit) to make an Order upon him or her for such weekly Payment, not exceeding Five Shillings *per* Week, as they shall think reasonable, during the whole or any Part of the Detention of such Juvenile Offender in such Reformatory School, such Payment to be made at such Times as by such Order may be directed to the Person so authorized to take Proceedings as aforesaid, or to such Person as the Secretary of State may from Time to Time appoint to receive the same, and by him to be accounted for and paid as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct.

Provision for enforcing Contribution by Parents to the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory Schools.

III. In case Default be made for the Space of Fourteen Days in Payment of any Sum of Money which may have become payable by such Parent or Step-Parent under such Order, such Sum of Money shall in every such Case be levied upon the Goods and Chattels of the Defendant by Distress and Sale thereof; and if it shall appear to the said Justices on Confession of Defendants or otherwise, or if it shall be returned to the Warrant of Distress in any such Case that no sufficient Goods of the Party against whom such Warrant shall have been issued can be found, it shall be lawful for the Justice to whom such Return is made, or for any other Justice of the Peace for the same County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City, Borough, or Place, by his Warrant as aforesaid, to commit the Defendant to the House of Correction or Common Gaol for any Term not exceeding Ten Days, unless the Sum to be paid, and all Costs and Charges of the Distress, and of the Commitment and conveying of the Defendant to Prison, (the Amount thereof being ascertained and stated in such Commitment,) shall be sooner paid.

Recovery of Sums ordered to be paid.