make any material alteration in these Heads it shall be competent to either of the parties to withdraw the same.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto caused their respective Common Seals to be affixed the day and year first herein written.

Present when the seal of the Commissioners of the Township of Kingstown affixed hereto.

JOHN DONNELLY,
Town Clerk.

Seal of the Commissioners of the township of Kingstown.

E. M. COWAN,
Secretary, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway.

Seal of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries. [12th August 1898.]

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 Libraries Offences Act, 1898.

Penalty for offences.

2. Any person who, in any library or reading-room to which this Act applies, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person using the same,—

(1) behaves in a disorderly manner;

(2) uses violent, abusive, or obscene language;

(3) bets or gambles;

(4) or who, after proper warning, persists in remaining therein beyond the hours fixed for the closing of such library or reading-room,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings.

3. This Act shall apply— Application of Act.

(*a*) to any library under the Public Libraries Act, 1892; and

(*b*) to any library or reading-room maintained by a Society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893, or under the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, or by any registered Trade Union. 56 & 57 Vict. c. 39. 59 & 60 Vict. c. 25.

4. This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland. Extent of Act.

CHAPTER 54.

An Act to grant Money for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Loans out of the Local Loans Fund. [12th August 1898.]

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.—(1.) For the purpose of local loans there may be issued by the National Debt Commissioners the following sums, namely— Grants for public works.

(*a.*) For the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of five million pounds.

(*b.*) For the purpose of loans by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole eight hundred thousand pounds.

(2.) The sums so issued shall be issued during a period ending on the day on which a further Act granting money for the purposes of those loans comes into operation, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

2. Whereas it is expedient that the principal of the several local loans specified in the schedule to this Act should, to the extent specified in the last column of that schedule, not be reckoned as assets of the local loans fund established under the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887; therefore the principal of the said loans shall, to that extent, be written off from the assets of the local loans fund, and the provisions of section fifteen of the said Act shall, so far as applicable, apply thereto. Certain debts not to be reckoned as assets of local loans fund. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

3. The works for the purpose of which the Public Works Loan Commissioners may lend in Great Britain under the Public Works Loans Act, 1875, shall include any work for which the managers of asylum districts, or of school districts, are respectively authorised to borrow under the Acts relating to the relief of the poor. Addition to purposes for which Public Works Loan Commissioners may lend. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 89.

4. The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland may if they think fit lend under the Public Works (Ireland) Acts, 1831 to 1886, for the purpose of any work for which the council of a county borough or district in Ireland are authorised to borrow; and, notwithstanding anything in the said Acts, the loan may be made Power of Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to lend to local authorities.