And whereas it appears from the schedules of applications, resolutions, and other records of the said grand juries what were the maximum sums upon which such dividends were intended to have been guaranteed, but such amounts have been by mistake omitted from several of such presentments, which by reason of such omission have been held to be invalid:

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:

Power to amend presentment.

**1.** It shall be lawful for the several grand juries assembled at the summer assizes one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four to amend the presentments so passed in respect of and approving of the making of the several light railways and tramways respectively specified in the Schedule hereto by stating in such presentments respectively the respective amounts for which the same respectively were passed, and such presentments when amended shall be deemed to be presentments validly passed; and all proceedings before the Lord Lieutenant in Council or otherwise may be taken and carried on for the purpose of confirming the same and making Orders in Council founded thereon as if the same had originally been valid presentments.

Notice of application.

**2.** Notice of the intention to apply to any grand jury under this Act shall be given by inserting at least one advertisement in a newspaper circulating in the county to which such application shall relate, and by posting copies of such advertisement in some public place in every market town in each barony affected by the proposed guarantee: Provided, however, that such advertisement and posting may be inserted and made either before or after the passing of this Act.

Short title.

**3.** This Act may be cited as the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1884.

## SCHEDULE.

1. A tramway and light railway from Skibbereen to Ballydehob and Schull.
2. A tramway and light railway from Ballinascorthy to Timoleague.
3. A tramway and light railway from Middleton to Ballinacarra and Cloyne.
4. A tramway and light railway from Cork to Blarney and Couchford.
5. A tramway and light railway from Mitchelstown to Fermoy.
6. A tramway and light railway from Athy (county Kildare) to Crettyard Bridge (Queen's County).

# CHAPTER 29.

An Act to extend Section forty-one of the Licensing Act, 1872. [28th July 1884.]

WHEREAS by the forty-first section of the Licensing Act, 1872, it is provided that magistrates or justices in petty session may, if the application is for the grant of a license, receive a copy of

the license if the same has been wilfully withheld by the holder thereof, and it is expedient to extend the said section:

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.** Section forty-one of the Licensing Act, 1872, shall be construed as if after the words "application is for the grant of a license" there were inserted the words "or for the transfer of a license." Extension of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 94. s. 41.

Provided that the magistrates or justices shall be satisfied by evidence submitted to them that the license is withheld without any legal right to withhold the same.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Licensing (Evidence) Act, 1884. Short title.

## CHAPTER 30.

An Act to simplify the passing of Instruments under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom. [28th July 1884.]

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 Great Seal Act, 1884. Short title.

**2.**—(1.) A warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, countersigned by the Lord Chancellor, or by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or by the Lord High Treasurer, or two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall be a necessary and sufficient authority for passing any instrument under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, according to the tenor of such warrant; Provided that any instrument which may now be passed under the Great Seal by the fiat or under the authority or directions of the Lord Chancellor or otherwise without passing through any other office may continue to be passed as heretofore. Authority for passing instrument under Great Seal.

(2.) The Lord Chancellor may from time to time make, and when made revoke and vary, regulations respecting the passing of instruments under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, and respecting the warrants for that purpose; and the preparation of such instruments and warrants, and every such warrant shall be prepared by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

(3.) No person shall make or prepare any warrant for passing any instrument under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or procure any instrument to be passed under that Seal otherwise than in manner provided by this Act or the Crown Office Act, 1877; and any person who acts in contravention of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 41.

**3.** It shall not be necessary that any instrument shall after the passing of this Act be passed under the Privy Seal. Abolition of documents under Privy Seal.