'structed and authorized to search and detain any *British* or '*Portuguese* Merchant Vessel actually engaged or suspected to 'be engaged in the Slave Trade, or to be fitted out for the 'Purpose thereof, or to have been engaged in the Traffic in 'Slaves during the Voyage in which she might be met with by 'such Officer, and to bring or send such Merchant Vessel for 'Judgment: And whereas it may have happened that under 'the said Authority and Instructions *British* and *Portuguese* 'Merchant Vessels may have been already and before the 'passing of this Act detained and brought or sent before the 'Mixed Commissions established and sitting under the said 'additional Convention between *Great Britain* and *Portugal*, 'concluded on the aforesaid Twenty-eighth of *July* in the Year 'One thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and the Com-'missioners may have proceeded to adjudge the Cases of such 'Vessels, and it is expedient that all Acts done in conformity 'with the said Treaty and with the said Instructions should 'be rendered valid, and that all Persons acting under and by 'virtue of such Authority and Instructions should be protected 'and indemnified;' be it therefore enacted, That all Acts done by or under the Authority of any Officer of Her Majesty's Navy, in conformity with the said Treaty, who may have been instructed and authorized to search and detain and bring or send any Merchant Vessels for Judgment, according to the said Treaty, and all Adjudications and Orders and other Acts which may have been made and done by the said Mixed Commissions in consequence thereof, shall be deemed to be good in Law; and no Officer of Her Majesty's Navy, or other Person acting under such Instructions and Authority, and in conformity with the said Treaty, and no Commissioner or other Officer of the said Mixed Commissions, shall be liable to any Prosecutions or Suit at Law for any such Acts, Adjudications, or Orders so done or made by them respectively as aforesaid.

CAP. LIV.

An Act for extending to *Ireland* the Provisions not already in force there of an Act of the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of the late King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Limitation of Actions and Suits relating to Real Property, and for simplifying the Remedies for trying the Rights thereto*, and to explain and amend the said Act.

[10th *August* 1843.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parlia-'ment held in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign 'of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An* 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 27. '*Act for the Limitation of Actions and Suits relating to Real* '*Property, and for simplifying the Remedies for trying the Rights* '*thereto*, and thereby it was (after and amongst other things) 'enacted,

'enacted, that after the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thou-
'sand eight hundred and thirty-three no Person should bring
'any Quare impedit or other Action, or any Suit to enforce a
'Right to present to or bestow any Church, Vicarage, or other
'Ecclesiastical Benefice as the Patron thereof, after the Expi-
'ration of such Period as therein-after is mentioned; (that is
'to say,) the Period during which Three Clerks in succession
'should have held the same, all of whom should have obtained
'Possession thereof adversely to the Right of Presentation or
'Gift of such Person, or of some Person through whom he
'claims, if the Times of such Incumbencies taken together
'should amount to the full Period of Sixty Years, and if the
'Times of such Incumbencies should not together amount to
'the full Period of Sixty Years, then after the Expiration of
'such further Time as with the Times of such Incumbencies
'would make up the full Period of Sixty Years: Provided
'always, and it was thereby further enacted, that when, on the
'Avoidance after a Clerk should have obtained Possession of
'an Ecclesiastical Benefice adversely to the Right of Present-
'ation or Gift of the Patron thereof, a Clerk should be pre-
'sented or collated thereto by His Majesty or the Ordinary
'by reason of a Lapse, such last-mentioned Clerk should be
'deemed to have obtained Possession adversely to the Right
'of Presentation or Gift of such Patron as aforesaid; but that
'when a Clerk should have been presented by His Majesty
'upon the Avoidance of a Benefice in consequence of the
'Incumbent thereof having been made a Bishop, the Incum-
'bency of such Clerk should for the Purposes of that Act be
'deemed a Continuation of the Incumbency of the Clerk so
'made Bishop; and by the said Act it was further enacted,
'that in the Construction thereof every Person claiming a
'Right to present to or bestow any Ecclesiastical Benefice as
'Patron thereof, by virtue of any Estate, Interest, or Right
'which the Owner of an Estate Tail in the Advowson might
'have barred, should be deemed to be a Person claiming
'through the Person entitled to such Estate Tail, and the
'Right to bring any Quare impedit, Action, or Suit should be
'limited accordingly: Provided always, and it was thereby
'further enacted, that after the said Thirty-first Day of *De-*
'cember One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three no
'Person should bring any Quare impedit or other Action, or
'any Suit to enforce a Right to present to or bestow any
'Ecclesiastical Benefice as the Patron thereof, after the Expi-
'ration of One hundred Years from the Time at which a Clerk
'should have obtained Possession of such Benefice adversely to
'the Right of Presentation or Gift of such Person, or of some
'Person through whom he claims, or of some Person entitled
'to some preceding Estate or Interest or undivided Share, or
'alternate Right of Presentation or Gift, held or derived under
'the same Title, unless a Clerk should subsequently have
'obtained Possession of such Benefice on the Presentation or
'Gift of the Person so claiming, or of some Person through

'whom

'whom he claims, or of some other Person entitled in respect 'of an Estate, Share, or Right held or derived under the same 'Title; and by the said Act it was further enacted, that at the 'Determination of the Period limited by that Act to any Person 'for bringing any Writ of Quare impedit, or other Action or 'Suit, the Right and Title of such Person to the Advowson, 'for the Recovery whereof such Action or Suit might have 'been brought within such Period, should be extinguished: 'Provided always, and it was thereby further enacted, that 'that Act should not, so far as it related to any Right to 'present to or bestow any Church, Vicarage, or other Eccle-'siastical Benefice, extend to *Ireland:* And whereas the herein-'before in part recited Act, save in so far as it relates to any 'such Right as last aforesaid, is already in force in *Ireland*, and 'it is expedient to extend to *Ireland* the whole of the Provisions 'of that Act:' 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, That after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four the several Clauses and Enactments in the said Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth contained, and herein-before recited, relating to any Right to present to or bestow any Church, Vicarage, or other Ecclesiastical Benefice (the Clause thereof providing that the said Act so far as it relates to any such Right shall not extend to *Ireland* always excepted), shall extend and apply to *Ireland*, and that as fully and effectually as if the same Clauses and Enactments were here repeated, substituting for the said Date of the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three the said Date of the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Provisions of 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 27., relating to Advowsons, &c., extended to Ireland.

II 'And whereas it was by the said recited Act enacted, 'that the Words and Expressions therein mentioned, which in 'their ordinary Signification have a more confined or a different 'Meaning, should in that Act, except where the Nature of the 'Provision or the Context of the Act should exclude such 'Construction, be interpreted as therein follows; (that is to 'say,) that the Person through whom another Person is said to 'claim should mean any Person by, through, or under, or by 'the Act of whom the Person so claiming became entitled to 'the Estate or Interest claimed, as Heir, Issue in Tail, Tenant 'by the Curtesy of *England*, Tenant in Dower, Successor, 'Special or General Occupant, Executor, Administrator, Le-'gatee, Husband, Assignee, Appointee, Devisee, or otherwise, 'and also any Person who was entitled to an Estate or Interest 'to which the Person so claiming, or some Person through 'whom he claims, became entitled as Lord by Escheat; and 'that the Word "Person" should extend to a Body Politic, 'Corporate, or Collegiate, and to a Class of Creditors or other 'Persons, as well as an Individual; and that every Word im-'porting

Certain Words in those Provisions to be similarly interpreted.

'porting the Singular Number only should extend and be 'applied to several Persons or Things as well as One Person 'or Thing; and that every Word importing the Masculine 'Gender only should extend and be applied to a Female as 'well as a Male;' be it therefore further enacted, That the same Words and Expressions shall in this Act be similarly interpreted, extended, and applied.

Removing Doubts as to the Periods limited for bringing any Quare impedit or other Action.

III. 'And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether 'the several Periods by the said Act limited for bringing any 'Quare impedit or other Action, or any Suit to enforce a Right 'to present to or bestow any Ecclesiastical Benefice, as the 'Patron thereof, apply to the Case of a Bishop claiming to 'have Right to collate to or bestow any Ecclesiastical Benefice 'in his Diocese, and it is expedient that all such Doubts should 'be removed;' be it therefore enacted, That the several Periods limited by the said Act or by this Act for bringing any Quare impedit or other Action, or any Suit to enforce a Right to present to or bestow any Ecclesiastical Benefice, shall apply to the Case of any Bishop claiming a Right as Patron to collate to or bestow any Ecclesiastical Benefice, and that such Right shall be extinguished in the same Manner and at the same Periods as the Right of any other Patron to present to or bestow any Ecclesiastical Benefice: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the Right of any Bishop to collate to any Ecclesiastical Benefice by reason of Lapse.

Provisions for the Cases of Roman Catholic Patrons who shall hereafter conform. 18 Car. 2. (I.)

IV. 'And whereas by an Act passed in the *Irish* Parliament 'in the Session held in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years 'of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, intituled *An Act 'for the explaining of some Doubts arising upon an Act, intituled '' An Act for the better Execution of His Majesty's gracious De-'' claration for the Settlement of His Kingdom of* Ireland, *and '' Satisfaction of the several Interests of Adventurers, Soldiers, and '' other His Subjects there;' and for making some Alterations of 'and Additions unto the said Act for the more speedy and effectual Settlement of the said Kingdom*, it was enacted, that certain 'Advowsons and Rights of Patronage, and the Rights of 'Nomination, Presentation, or Collation to or Donation of certain Ecclesiastical Benefices or Promotions, which had been 'forfeited by certain *Irish* Papists or Popish Recusants, should 'vest, remain, and continue in His Majesty, His Heirs and 'Successors, until such *Irish* Papist or Popish Recusant, or the 'right Heir of such Papist or Recusant, should come to Church, 'and receive the Sacrament according to the Rites of the 'Church of *England*, and from and after such Conformity 'should be again revested in the Person so conforming and 'his Heirs: And whereas by an Act passed in the Second 'Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, intituled 'An Act to prevent the further Growth of Popery, it was enacted, 'that where any Papists, or Persons professing the Popish Religion, did or should claim, enjoy, or possess any Advowson 'or Advowsons of Churches, Right of Patronage or Presentation 'to any Ecclesiastical Benefice, or where any Protestant or

2 Ann. c. 6.

'Protestants did or should hold, claim, enjoy, or possess any 'Advowson or Advowsons of Churches, or Right of Patronage 'or Presentation to any Ecclesiastical Benefice or Benefices, in 'Trust or for the Use and Benefit of any Papist or Papists 'whatsoever, that every such Advowson, and Right of Patronage 'or Presentation, should be thereby *ipso facto* vested in Her 'Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, according to such Estate 'as such Papist had in the same, until such Time as such 'Papist, or the Heir or Heirs of such Papist, should take a 'certain Oath and subscribe a certain Declaration and Abju-'ration prescribed by and set forth in the said Act, and should 'conform to the Church of *Ireland* as by Law established;' be it enacted, That no Possession under any Presentation by the Crown, or Collation by the Ordinary, which may have taken place by reason of the said Act of the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *Charles* the Second, or of the said Act of the Second Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, during the Nonconformity of any such Patron professing the Roman Catholic Religion, shall be deemed an adverse Possession within the Meaning of this Act against the Right of any such Patron or his Heirs, or any Person claiming by, through, or under him or them; provided that in all Cases in which any Patron shall have conformed to the said United Church within Sixty Years before the passing of this Act, or shall hereafter conform thereto, such Patron, or any Person claiming by, through, or under him, shall not be barred from bringing any such Quare impedit, or other Action or Suit, for the Purpose in the said first herein-recited Act mentioned, before the Expiration of Sixty Years, to commence and be computed from the Day on which such Patron shall have so conformed as aforesaid.

Act not to apply to Suits commenced before 1st January 1845.

V. Provided always, and be it enacted, That this Act shall not be prejudicial or available to or for any Plaintiff or Defendant in any Action or Suit already commenced, or on or before the said First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and forty-five to be commenced, relating to any Right to present to or bestow any Church, Vicarage, or other Ecclesiastical Benefice in *Ireland*.

CAP. LV.

An Act for the Amendment of the Proceedings and Practice of the Equity Side of the Court of Exchequer in *Ireland*. [17th *August* 1843.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that the Laws relating to 'Proceedings on the Equity Side of the Court of Exche-'quer in *Ireland* should be amended, and that the Costs and 'Expences of such Proceedings should be diminished:' 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,