Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855, Amendment Act, 1881.

Powers of sale to parochial boards. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 68.

2. Where the parochial board of any parish or united parish has provided or may hereafter provide a burial ground for such parish or united parish under the provisions of the Burial Grounds (Scotland) Act, 1855, and additional burial grounds, one or more, have been or may hereafter be provided for any such parish or united parish, the parochial board, under such restrictions and conditions as they think proper, may sell the exclusive rights mentioned in section eighteen of the said Act in the whole or such parts of any one or more of such additional burial grounds as the parochial board, with the sanction of the sheriff or sheriff substitute, shall appropriate for the purpose; and the provision in section eighteen of the said Act that such exclusive rights shall not extend in all to a space greater than one half of the burial ground provided by the parochial board shall not apply to the additional burial grounds aforesaid, if the sheriff, having regard to the requirements of the parish or united parish, is of opinion that the said provision should not be enforced.

CHAPTER 28.

An Act to make provision for the payment by reduced Instalments of Loans under the Seed Supply (Ireland) Act, 1880; and to amend and explain the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1880, and the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872.

[11th August 1881.]

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 Parliament assembled, as follows:

Payment of seed loans. 43 Vict. c. 1. 43 & 44 Vict. c. 14.

1. The board of guardians of any union may, with the consent of the Local Government Board, divide, with reference to all or any of the electoral divisions of the union, each special rate which the guardians are empowered to make under the provisions of the seventh section of the Seed Supply (Ireland) Act, 1880, as amended by the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1880, into two equal special rates (in this Act referred to as reduced seed rates), so that the sum which under the provisions of the said Act should be levied in any one year by means of one special rate shall be levied in two consecutive years by means of two special rates. Where a resolution has been adopted by the board of guardians that such division should take effect, the first of the reduced seed rates shall be made at the same time as the first ordinary rate made for the relief of the poor in the union after the date of the resolution of the board of guardians. The subsequent reduced seed rates shall be made in consecutive years, one in every year, at the same time as the ordinary rate made for the relief of the poor in the union after the first day of August in each year.

The following conditions shall apply to every resolution of any board of guardians on the subject of the division of such special rates:

(1.) Such resolution shall only be adopted by a majority of the guardians present and voting at a meeting duly assembled after fourteen days notice given in the manner required by the general regulations of the Local Government Board;

(2.) Such resolution shall not relieve the guardians of the union from any liability under the Seed Supply (Ireland) Act, 1880, as amended by the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1880, in respect of any special rate made, or which ought to have been made, before the adoption of the resolution by the board of guardians.

Where any special rate is so divided under this Act, the repayment by the guardians of the union to the Commissioners of Public Works of the loan in respect of which the special rate was leviable shall be made by equal instalments, in this Act referred to as reduced instalments, which shall correspond in number to the number of the reduced seed rates authorised to be made, and shall be payable to the Commissioners of Public Works in consecutive years on the first day of August in each year; the first of such reduced instalments shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the Seed Supply (Ireland) Act, 1880, requiring the payment to be made at some other time, whether before or after the passing of this Act, be due and payable to the Commissioners on the first day of August after the date of the resolution of the board of guardians.

Where the board of guardians of any union have failed to make provision for the levying of the special rate, which should have been made in respect of all or any of the electoral divisions of the union at the same time as the first ordinary rate made for the relief of the poor in the union after the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty, the Local Government Board may, if they think fit, by order direct the board of guardians to make a special seed rate for the purposes of the said Act, at the same time as the first ordinary rate for the relief of the poor in the union after the making of such order: And in such case the repayment by the board of guardians to the Commissioners of Public Works of the first instalment of the loan shall be made on the first day of August following the making of such order. In the case of any such union the provisions of this Act relative to the division of special rates shall only apply to the second of the special rates leviable in such union.

Grants to distressed unions. 43 & 44 Vict. c. 14.

2. The second section of the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1880, shall be amended as follows:

(1.) Any grant which the Commissioners of Public Works are empowered to make under that section may be made by them, on the recommendation of the Local Government Board, signified before the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, to the board of guardians of any union in which outdoor relief was at any time authorised to be given under the third section of the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880, notwithstanding that the order authorising the giving of such outdoor relief has ceased to be in force at the time of the making of such grant;

43 Vict. c. 4.

(2.) The board of guardians of any union to whom any grant is made under this section shall apply the money so granted in

defraying any costs, charges, expenses, or liabilities incurred by them prior to the twenty-ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one in administering the Relief of Distress (Ireland) Act, 1880, or the Acts relating to the relief of the poor in Ireland.

Explanation of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 69.

3. Whereas doubts have arisen as to the construction of the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, so far as it relates to property formerly vested in the Commissioners for administering the laws for the relief of the poor in Ireland, and it is expedient to remove such doubts, therefore it is hereby declared that all property, real and personal, and all rights of action and other rights relative to property vested in or belonging to the Commissioners for the relief of the poor in Ireland in their capacity as such Commissioners at the time of the passing of the said Act were thereby transferred to and became vested in the Local Government Board for Ireland, subject, however, to any rights, charges, or liabilities affecting the same.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Board (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1881.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act further to facilitate the building, enlargement, and maintenance of Reformatory Institutions in Ireland. [11th August 1881.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to create additional facilities for the provision and improvement of reformatories in Ireland:

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; (that is to say,)

Power to grand juries and certain town councils to contribute towards building, &c. reformatories.

1. It shall be lawful for the grand jury of any county, county of a city, or county of a town, if they shall think fit, at any assizes, or for the town councils of the boroughs of Dublin, Limerick, and Cork, to contribute such sums of money, to be raised off such county or borough, and upon such conditions as such grand jury or town council may think fit, towards the alteration, enlargement, or rebuilding of a certified reformatory, or towards the establishment or building of a school intended to be a certified reformatory, or towards the purchase of any land required for the use of an existing reformatory, or for the site of any school intended to be a reformatory school.

Power to grand juries, &c. to borrow money to build, &c. reformatories.

2. Any grand jury and the town councils of Dublin, Limerick, and Cork, may, with the approval of the chief secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, borrow money or give security for the repayment of money borrowed or to be borrowed for the purpose of defraying or contributing towards the expense of altering, enlarging, or rebuilding a certified reformatory, or towards the expense of the establishment or building of a school intended to be a certified reformatory, or towards the purchase of any land required for the use of an existing reformatory, or for the site of any school intended to be a reformatory school.