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 the present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title and construction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Prison (Officers Superannuation, Scotland) Act, 1887, and shall, so far as consistent with the provisions therein contained, be construed as one with the above-recited Acts.

Commutation of annuity payable by two or more local authorities.

2. Where two or more local authorities are liable to pay shares of the same annuity they shall commute the amount annually due by each respectively under the apportionment by the payment of a capital sum of money, to be calculated according to the tables contained in the Second Schedule appended to the said second recited Act, and shall pay the commutation sum in such manner and to such officer as the Treasury may direct.

Extent of Act.

3. This Act shall apply to Scotland only.

CHAPTER 61.

An Act for appointing Commissioners to inquire and report as to the Boundaries of certain Areas of Local Government in England. [16th September 1887.]

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 Local Government (Boundaries) Act 1887.

Constitution of Boundary Commission.

2.—(1.) The following persons, that is to say,—

The Right Honourable Earl Brownlow the Honourable Edmond George Petty-Fitzmaurice commonly called Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, the Right Honourable Baron Basing, the Right Honourable Sir Henry John Selwin-Ibbetson Baronet, M.P., and the Right Honourable John Tomlinson Hibbert of whom not less than three shall be a quorum, shall be appointed Boundary Commissioners for England and Wales, and they shall immediately after the passing of this Act proceed by themselves or by Assistant Commissioners appointed by them, to inquire, with respect to each county in England and Wales:

(*a*) As to the best mode of so adjusting the boundaries of the county and of other areas of local government as to arrange that no union, borough, sanitary district, or parish shall be situate in more than one county, and

(*b*.) As to the best mode of dealing with parts of the county which are wholly or nearly detached from the county, and

(*c*.) As to the best mode of dealing with the cases where a borough is not an urban sanitary district and is wholly or partly comprised in an urban sanitary district, and

(*d.*) As to any alteration of boundaries, combination of areas, or administrative arrangements incidental to or consequential on any alteration which they may recommend in the boundaries of any county, union, borough, sanitary district, or parish.

(2.) In making their recommendations the Boundary Commissioners shall have due regard to financial and administrative considerations.

(3.) The Boundary Commissioners shall with all practicable dispatch report to the Local Government Board upon the several matters in this section referred to them, and their report shall be laid before Parliament.

(4.) If a vacancy occurs in the office of any of the Boundary Commissioners by reason of death, resignation, incapacity, or otherwise, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty the Queen, under Her Royal Sign Manual to appoint some other person to fill the vacancy, and so from time to time as often as occasion requires.

Duties and powers of Commissioners.

3.—(1.) The Boundary Commissioners, by themselves or by their Assistant Commissioners, shall, by local inquiry and such other means as the Commissioners think necessary, possess themselves of such information as will enable them to report under this Act.

(2.) The Boundary Commissioners may, with the consent of the Local Government Board, associate any inspector of the Local Government Board with an Assistant Boundary Commissioner.

(3.) On holding any inquiry in pursuance of this Act, any Boundary Commissioner, assistant commissioner, or inspector of the Local Government Board shall have the same powers as an inspector of the Local Government Board has on holding a local inquiry under the Public Health Act, 1875.

4.—(1.) The Boundary Commissioners may from time to time, with the assent of the Treasury as to number, appoint a secretary and such persons as they think fit to be Assistant Commissioners, and appoint or employ such number of other officers and persons as they may think necessary for the purpose of the execution of their duties under this Act, and may remove any person so appointed or employed.

(2.) There shall be paid to the secretary and to any assistant commissioner officer or person appointed or employed under this Act such salaries or other remuneration as the Treasury may assign, and that remuneration and all expenses of the Boundary Commissioners incurred with the sanction of the Treasury in the execution of this Act shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Duration of powers.

5. The powers of the Boundary Commissioners shall, unless continued by Parliament, cease on the last day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Exclusion of metropolis.

6. This Act shall not apply to the metropolis, that is to say, to the parishes and places in which the Metropolitan Board of Works have power to levy the metropolitan consolidated rate.

7. In this Act— Definitions.

The expression "county" does not include a county of a city or a county of a town, but includes any riding, division, or parts of a county having a separate court of quarter sessions.

The expression "the Treasury" means the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

CHAPTER 62.

An Act to amend in certain minor particulars some of the Enactments relating to Merchant Shipping and Seamen. [16th September 1887.]

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) This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous) Act 1887. Short title and construction.

(2) This Act shall be construed as one with the Merchant Shipping Act 1854, and the Acts amending the same, and this Act and those Acts may be cited collectively as the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1887.

2. Whereas by section seven of the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862, it is provided that the fees payable by applicants for examination for certificates of competency as engineers shall be carried to the account of the Mercantile Marine Fund, and at the time of the passing of that Act the salaries of the surveyors by whom the examinations are conducted were paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund: Fees on examinations of engineers to be paid to Mercantile Marine Fund. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 63. s. 7.

And whereas by section thirty-nine of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1876 it was provided that the salaries of the said surveyors should be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament, and by section four of the Merchant Shipping (Fees and Expenses) Act, 1880, it was provided that the fees paid by the said applicants for examination for certificates of competency as engineers should be paid into the Exchequer: 39 & 40 Vict. c. 80. s. 39. 43 & 44 Vict. c. 22. s. 4.

And whereas under section three of the Merchant Shipping (Expenses) Act, 1882, the salaries of the said surveyors are charged on and paid out of the Mercantile Marine Fund, and it is expedient that the fees paid by the said applicants for examination should be carried to the account of the Mercantile Marine Fund: be it therefore enacted as follows: 45 & 46 Vict. c. 55. s. 3.

The fees payable in pursuance of section seven of the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862, shall cease to be payable into the Exchequer and all such of those fees as have been levied since the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, or are hereafter levied, shall be carried to the account of the Mercantile Marine Fund.