Ridings of Yorkshire to be separate counties in respect of the Coroners Acts.

1. For all the purposes of the Coroners Acts, 1844, 1860, 1887, and 1892, the ridings of Yorkshire shall respectively be separate counties, and the county council of each riding shall, to the exclusion of any other authority, be the county authority for all the purposes of those Acts.

Provided that nothing in this section shall affect the alteration in manner provided by section five, sub-section three, of the Local Government Act, 1888, of the district of any coroner which is at the commencement of this Act situate partly in one and partly in another of the ridings.

51 & 52 Vict. c. 41.

Rights of existing county coroners.

2. Nothing herein contained shall affect the rights, duties, powers, or liabilities of any county coroner holding office at the commencement of this Act, and if the district of any such coroner is divided into two or more districts, residence in any one of such districts shall be deemed to comply with section five of the Coroners Act, 1844.

7 & 8 Vict. c. 92.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Yorkshire Coroners Act, 1897.

CHAPTER 40.

An Act to amend the Local Government Act, 1894, with regard to Joint Committees for the purposes of the Burial Acts. [6th August 1897.]

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:

Joint committees for Burial Acts. 56 & 57 Vict. c. 73.

1.—(1.) Where a joint committee is appointed under section fifty-three of the Local Government Act, 1894, for the purposes of the Burial Acts, 1852 to 1885—

(*a*) any expenses incurred in carrying out those purposes shall be defrayed, any money borrowed for those purposes shall be borrowed, and any receipts arising from those purposes shall be divided, by the councils appointing the committee in such proportion as they may agree upon, or, as in default of agreement, may be determined by the county council, or, if one of the councils so appointing is the council of a county borough, by the Local Government Board;

(*b*) the consent of the Local Government Board shall be required to the borrowing by any council of any money required to be borrowed for those purposes, but that consent shall be conclusive as to the power of the council to borrow, and no other consent shall be required either under the said Burial Acts, or the Local Government Act, 1894, or any other Act;

(*c*) Part IV. of the First Schedule to the Local Government Act, 1894, shall apply to the proceedings of the committee.

(2.) If any difference arises as to the constitution of any such committee it may be determined by order of the Local Government Board.

(3.) For the purposes of this section references to a council shall, in the case of a parish not having a parish council, include the parish meeting, and the parish meeting shall have the same power of borrowing for the purposes of the Burial Acts as a parish council would have.

Short title.

2. This Act shall be construed as one with the Local Government Act, 1894, and may be cited as the Local Government (Joint Committees) Act, 1897.

CHAPTER 41.

An Act to make provision with respect to the Delivery of Telegrams, Guarantees by Parish Councils in Scotland, and the Pensions of certain Persons employed in the Telegraph Service. [6th August 1897.]

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:

Amendment of 48 & 49 Vict. c. 58, as to the delivery of telegrams.

1.—(1.) As from the twenty-second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, the following provisions as to the delivery of telegrams shall be substituted for provisoes (2), (3), and (4) of section two of the Telegraph Act, 1885 (which provisoes are hereby repealed).

(2.) The sums charged for the transmission of written telegrams shall cover the cost of delivery by special messenger within such limits (hereinafter referred to as the limits of free delivery) as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Treasury, may fix.

(3.) When the addressee does not reside within the limits of free delivery, and the sender does not direct that the telegram be delivered by post, the charge to the sender for the delivery of the telegram by special messenger shall not exceed such sum as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Treasury, may fix; and unless the sender prepays the charge the Postmaster-General shall not be bound to deliver the telegram by special messenger.

(4.) When the addressee does not reside within the limits of free delivery, and the sender directs that the telegram be delivered by post, the telegram shall be delivered free of extra charge by the