CHAPTER 27.

An Act to authorise the Reduction of Local Light Dues. [13th July 1876.]

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 Light Dues Reduction Act, 1876."

Power to reduce local light dues.

2. Any local authority not otherwise empowered may and is hereby authorised and empowered from time to time, with the consent of Her Majesty in Council, to reduce all or any dues for the time being receivable by such local authority in respect of lighthouses, buoys, or beacons.

Definition of "local authority."

The term "local authority" in this Act shall mean any person or body of persons having by law or usage authority over local lighthouses, buoys, or beacons.

CHAPTER 28.

An Act to amend the Court of Admiralty (Ireland) Act, 1867, and confer a more extended Admiralty Jurisdiction on the Recorders of Cork and Belfast. [13th July 1876.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the jurisdiction in Admiralty conferred by the Court of Admiralty (Ireland) Act, 1867, (in this Act referred to as "the principal Act,") upon the recorders of the boroughs of Cork and Belfast:

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; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Court of Admiralty (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1876.

Construction of Act.

2. The principal Act as amended by this Act and this Act shall be construed together as one Act.

Admiralty jurisdiction of Recorders of Cork and Belfast.

3. The district within which Admiralty jurisdiction may be exercised by the Court of the Recorder of the borough of Cork shall be the county of Cork, with the parts of the sea adjacent to the same to a distance of three miles from the shore thereof; and the district within which Admiralty jurisdiction may be exercised by the Court of the Recorder of the borough of Belfast shall be the counties of Antrim and Down, with the parts of the sea adjacent to the same to a distance of three miles from the shore thereof.

In addition to any jurisdiction conferred by the principal Act upon these courts, each of them shall have all such jurisdiction, power, and authority as may be necessary for the trial and determination of any cause relating to all or any of the matters following (in this Act referred to as an "Admiralty cause"):

(1.) As to any claim for salvage, any cause in which the value of the property saved does not exceed one thousand four hundred pounds, or in which the amount claimed does not exceed four hundred pounds:

(2.) As to any claim arising out of any agreement made for or in relation to the use or hire of any ship, or for or in relation to the carriage of goods in any ship, and also as to any claim in tort in respect of goods carried in any ship, provided the amount claimed does not exceed four hundred pounds:

(3.) In all cases where jurisdiction is given by the principal Act to the local court, and where the amount claimed does not exceed four hundred pounds:

(4.) Any cause in respect of any such claims as aforesaid, in which the value of the property saved or the amount claimed is beyond the amount limited as above