induced by the terms of the orders made by the said Court of Common Pleas to acknowledge or to accept a title depending on the acknowledgment of any deed or deeds before Commissioners one of whom may have been interested or concerned as aforesaid, the said High Court may refuse to permit the certificate to be quashed or taken off the file on such terms as to the payment of costs and expenses as the said High Court shall think fit to make.

High Court of Justice may make rules.

5. The Common Pleas Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland may, from time to time, make any rules which to them may seem fit for preventing any Commissioners interested or concerned as aforesaid from taking any acknowledgment under the said recited Act, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding, so nevertheless that no such rule shall make invalid any acknowledgment after the certificate shall have been filed of record as aforesaid.

CHAPTER 24.

An Act to amend the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, so far as relates to Lunatic Asylums. [4th July 1878.]

40 & 41 Vict. c. 27.

WHEREAS it was enacted by the fifth section of the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, that after the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, advances should not be made out of the Consolidated Fund for the opening or maintenance of lunatic asylums, but no sufficient provision was made by the said Act for authorising presentments to be made by grand juries upon estimates of the expense necessary for the maintenance of such asylums, nor for the apportionment of such expense between two or more counties, and it is necessary to make such provision:

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:

Expenses of maintenance of lunatic asylums.

1. The inspectors of lunatics in Ireland shall, at such times in each year and in such manner and form and for such period as the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors of Ireland, by and with the advice and consent of the Privy Council in Ireland, shall from time to time direct, estimate the sums of money which shall be necessary for the support and maintenance of every district lunatic asylum, including the support and maintenance of the officers thereof and patients therein, and in every case in which the district of a lunatic asylum shall consist of more than one county shall estimate what proportion of such sums of money is to be contributed by and charged on each county comprised in the district of such lunatic asylum, and shall make out for each county a certificate in such form as the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors shall from time to time prescribe, under the hands or hand of the said inspectors or one of them, specifying the amount of money so estimated to be necessary for the support and maintenance of the district lunatic asylum of and for such county during the said period, and specifying that the whole or a certain portion thereof, as the case may be, is properly contributable by and chargeable on the said county, and shall transmit the certificate to the secretary of the grand jury of such county, (when approved and certified by the Chief or Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant,) to be laid before the grand jury, and thereupon the grand jury of such county shall (without any previous proceeding at presentment sessions) make a presentment for the amount specified in such certificate as properly contributable by the said county, to be raised off the county at large, and to be paid to the governors of the district lunatic asylum, or in default thereof the amount shall be raised by an order of the judge of assize or of the court at any presenting term, which order shall have the force of a presentment. In this Act the term "county" extends to and includes any county of a city or county of a town included at the time of the passing of this Act in the district of any district lunatic asylum, and the term "grand jury," as regards any city or borough the town council of which is authorised

Interpretation of terms.

to make presentments for the support and maintenance of a district lunatic asylum, includes such town council, and the term "secretary of the grand jury" includes the town clerk of such town council.

CHAPTER 25.

An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1875, so far as relates to the supply of Water. [4th July 1878.]

38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875.

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:

Short title, and construction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Health (Water) Act, 1878, and shall be construed as one with the Public Health Act, 1875.

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, which day is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act.

Duty of rural authority to provide or require provision of sufficient water supply, and procedure for enforcing such requirement.

3. It shall be the duty of every rural sanitary authority, regard being had to the provisions in this Act contained, to see that every occupied dwelling-house within their district has within a reasonable distance an available supply of wholesome water sufficient for the consumption and use for domestic purposes of the inmates of the house.

Where it appears to a rural sanitary authority, on the report of their inspector of nuisances, or their medical officer of health, that any occupied dwelling-house within their district has not such supply within a reasonable distance, and the authority are of opinion that such supply can be provided at a reasonable cost not exceeding a capital sum the interest on which at the rate of five per centum per annum would amount to twopence per week, or at such other cost not exceeding a capital sum the interest on which at the rate of five per centum per annum would amount to threepence per week, as the Local Government Board may on the application of the local authority determine under all the circumstances of the case to be reasonable, and that the expense of providing the supply ought to be paid by the owner or defrayed as private improvement expenses, proceedings may be taken as follows:

(1.) The authority may serve on the owner of the house a notice requiring him, within a time specified in the notice and not exceeding six months from the date of the service thereof, to provide such supply, and to do all such works as may be necessary for that purpose.

(2.) If at the expiration of the time so specified the notice is not complied with, the authority may serve on the owner a second notice, informing him that if the requirements of the first notice are not complied with within one month from the date of the service of the second notice, the authority will themselves provide such supply, and that the expense of providing the supply will in that case be payable by the owner or as a private improvement expense.

(3.) If at the expiration of one month from the date of the service of the second notice the requirements of the first notice are not complied with, the authority may, subject as in this Act is mentioned, themselves provide the supply, and for that purpose they may enter upon the premises and execute all such works as appear to them necessary for obtaining a supply of water for the house, and for the purposes of such entry sections 102 and 103 of the Public Health Act, 1875, shall apply until the works are completed, in the same manner as if an order of a court of summary jurisdiction had been made for the abatement of a nuisance on the premises, and that order had not been complied with.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.