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.

1. This Act may be cited as the Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Act, 1879.

Continuance of Mutiny Act, 41 & 42 Vict. c. 10., for three months.

2. The Act of the session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ten, intituled "An "Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better "payment of the army and their quarters," and any Articles of War made thereunder, shall be and continue in force within Great Britain for the period of three months beginning on the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and in any other place for the period of three months, beginning at the time at which the said Act would if this Act had not passed have ceased to be in force in that place.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to continue for three months the Act of the Session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eleven, intituled "An Act "for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine "Forces while on shore." [21st March 1879.]

WHEREAS it is judged necessary for the safety of the United Kingdom, and the defence of the possessions of this realm, that a body of Royal Marine forces should be employed in Her Majesty's fleet and naval service, under the direction of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, or the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid:

And whereas the said forces may frequently be quartered or be on shore, or sent to do duty or be on board transport ships, or merchant ships or vessels, or ships or vessels of Her Majesty, or other ships or vessels, or they may be under other circumstances in which they will not be subject to the laws relating to the government of Her Majesty's forces by sea:

And whereas no man can be forejudged of life or limb, or subjected in time of peace to any kind of punishment within this realm, by martial law, or in any other manner than by the judgment of his peers, and according to the known and established laws of this realm; yet nevertheless, it being requisite for the retaining of such forces in their duty that an exact discipline be observed, and that marines who shall mutiny or stir up sedition, or shall desert Her Majesty's service, or be guilty of any other crime or offence in breach of or to the prejudice of good order and discipline, be brought to a more exemplary and speedy punishment than the usual forms of the law will allow:

And whereas the Act of the session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eleven,

41 & 42 Vict. c. 11.

intituled "An Act for the regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine "Forces while on shore," will be in force only in Great Britain until the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, inclusive, and elsewhere until the several days in the said Act mentioned:

And whereas a Bill has been introduced into Parliament to amend the law relating to the discipline and regulation of the Royal Marine Forces, and it is expedient to continue the above-mentioned Act until other provisions can be brought into force for the government of the said forces:

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.

1. This Act may be cited as the Marine Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Act, 1879.

Continuance of Marine Mutiny Act (41 & 42 Vict. c. 11.) for three months.

2. The Act of the session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eleven, intituled "An "Act for the regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces "while on shore," and any Articles of War made thereunder, shall be and continue in force within Great Britain for a period of three months beginning on the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and in any other place for a period of three months beginning at the time at which the said Act would, if this Act had not passed, have ceased to be in force in that place.

CHAPTER 6.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to District Auditors. [28th March 1879.]

WHEREAS the auditors of the accounts relating to the relief of the poor (in this Act referred to as district auditors) are

31 & 32 Vict. c. 122. s. 24.

under the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1868, appointed by the Local Government Board, and are by that Act declared to be

22 Vict. c. 26.

civil servants of the State within the operation of the Superannuation Act, 1859, but the remuneration and expenses of such auditors which are by law payable out of local rates are in fact paid partly out of moneys annually provided by Parliament, and partly out of local rates; and whereas it is expedient that in future the whole of such remuneration and expenses should be paid out of moneys voted by Parliament, and that in lieu of the amount now so paid out of local rates an equivalent sum should be raised by means of stamps, in manner herein-after mentioned, and also that further provision should be made respecting such payment and otherwise respecting such auditors:

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.

1. This Act may be cited as the District Auditors Act, 1879.