The expression "prescribed" means prescribed by rules and orders in pursuance of this Act.

Short title and extent.

8. This Act may be cited as the Quarter Sessions Jurors (Ireland) Act, 1897, and shall extend to Ireland only.

CHAPTER 21.

An Act to make Rules for preventing Collisions in the Sea Channels leading to the River Mersey.

[15th July 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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Mersey Channels Act, 1897.

Power to make rules for Mersey Channels. 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.

2. The powers conferred upon Her Majesty in Council by section four hundred and twenty-one, sub-section (2), of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, shall extend to and include the power to make rules concerning lights and signals to be carried or the steps for avoiding collision to be taken by vessels navigating the sea channels or approaches to the River Mersey between the Rock Lighthouse and the furthest point seawards to which such sea channels or approaches respectively are for the time being buoyed on both sides.

Commencement of Act. Repeal of 37 & 38 Vict. c. 52.

3. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, from which date the Mersey Collisions Act, 1874, shall be repealed.

CHAPTER 22.

An Act to amend the Provisions of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1883, so far as they relate to Market Gardens.

[15th July 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:

Short title and construction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Market Gardeners Compensation (Scotland) Act, 1897, and shall be read and construed as part of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1883, herein-after called the principal Act.

Extent and commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall extend to Scotland only, and shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, which date is herein-after referred to as the commencement of this Act.

Amendment and extension of 46 & 47 Vict. c. 62. as to improvements executed in or upon market gardens.

3. Where after the commencement of this Act it is agreed in writing that a holding shall be let or treated as a market garden, the following provisions shall have effect:—

(1.) The provisions of section thirty of the principal Act shall extend to every fixture or building affixed or erected by the tenant to or upon such holding for the purposes of his trade as a market gardener:

(2.) The improvements numbered (1) erection or enlargement of building, and (5) making of gardens, in Part I. of the schedule of the principal Act, shall, as far as regards such holding, cease to be comprised in the said schedule:

(3.) The following improvements shall, as far as regards such holding, be deemed to be comprised in Part III. of the said schedule:—

(i.) Planting of standard or other fruit trees permanently set out;

(ii.) Planting of fruit bushes permanently set out;

(iii.) Planting of strawberry plants;

(iv.) Planting of rhubarb and other vegetable crops which continue productive for two or more years;

(v.) Erection or enlargement of buildings for the purpose of the trade or business of a market gardener:

(4.) Section thirty-seven of the principal Act shall be read and construed as if the words "with the consent in writing of his landlord" were not included therein:

(5.) It shall be lawful for the tenant to remove all fruit trees and bushes planted by him on the holding and not permanently set out, but if the tenant shall not remove such fruit trees or bushes before the termination of his tenancy, such fruit trees or bushes shall remain the property of the landlord, and the tenant shall not be entitled to any compensation in respect thereof.

Application to current leases.

4. Where, under a lease current at the commencement of this Act, a holding is at that date in use or cultivation as a market garden with the knowledge of the landlord, and the tenant thereof has then executed thereon, without having received previously to the execution thereof any written notice of dissent by the landlord, any of the improvements in respect of which a right of compensation or removal is given to a tenant by this Act, then the provisions of this Act shall apply in respect of such holding as if it had been agreed in writing after the commencement of this Act that the holding should be let or treated as a market garden.

Compensation as regards Crown lands.

5. Any compensation payable under this Act shall, as regards land belonging to Her Majesty the Queen, her heirs and successors, in right of the Crown, be paid in the same manner and out of the same funds as if it were payable in respect of an improvement mentioned in the first part of the First Schedule to the principal Act, except that compensation for planting strawberry plants and rhubarb and other vegetable crops shall be paid in the same manner

and out of the same funds as if it were payable in respect of an improvement mentioned in the third part of the said schedule.

Interpretation.

6. For the purposes of the principal Act and of this Act the expression "market garden" shall mean a holding or that part of a holding which is cultivated wholly or mainly for the purpose of the trade or business of market gardening.

CHAPTER 23.

An Act to remove Doubts arising under the Extraordinary Tithe Redemption Act, 1886. [15th July 1897.]

49 & 50 Vict. c. 54.

WHEREAS section two of the Extraordinary Tithe Redemption Act, 1886 (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), requires the Land Commissioners for England to ascertain in each parish in England and Wales and certify the capital value of the extraordinary charge (as defined in the Act) on each farm, or where not a farm on each parcel of land, in respect of which the extraordinary charge was payable at the passing of the Act:

And whereas section four of the principal Act provides that the land in respect of which the extraordinary charge was so payable shall, so soon as the capital value is certified, be charged with the payment of an annual rentcharge equal to four per cent. on the capital value, such rentcharge to be a charge on the particular farm or parcel of land in respect of which the same has been assessed:

And whereas the Commissioners, and since the transfer of their powers to the Board of Agriculture that Board, have in divers cases certified the capital value of the extraordinary charge on farms or parcels of land described in their certificates, and doubts have arisen whether the annual rentcharges in respect of that capital value are charged on the several farms and parcels of land so described or only on certain parts thereof, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

And whereas by section nine of the principal Act all the provisions of the Tithe Acts in relation to any award or apportionment are made applicable to proceedings under the principal Act, and doubts have arisen as to whether such application authorises the division of the annual rentcharge under the principal Act among different parts of the land charged therewith, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

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:

Removal of doubt as to incidence of

1.—(1.) Where the Commissioners or the Board of Agriculture have certified under the principal Act the capital value of an extraordinary charge on a farm or parcel of land described in their