CHAPTER 46.

An Act to prevent Medical Relief disqualifying a person from voting. [6th August 1885.]

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; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical Relief Disqualification Removal Act, 1885.

Medical relief not to disqualify.

2.—(1.) Where a person has in any part of the United Kingdom received for himself, or for any member of his family, any medical or surgical assistance, or any medicine at the expense of any poor rate, such person shall not by reason thereof be deprived of any right to be registered or to vote either—

(*a*) as a parliamentary voter; or

(*b*) as a voter at any municipal election; or

(*c*) as a burgess; or

(*d*) as a voter at any election to an office under the provisions of any statute;

but nothing in this section shall apply to the election—

(*a*) of any guardian of the poor; or

(*b*) of any member of any parochial board in Scotland; or

(*c*) of any other body acting in the distribution of relief to the poor from the poor rate.

(2.) Every person shall be qualified to be registered as a voter and to vote as aforesaid who would be so qualified if the provisions of this Act had come into force on the fifteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Provision for registration in the present year.

3.—(1.) In the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, in England, where the overseers have entered "objected" against the names of any persons in the list of ownership voters or in the old lodgers list, or have omitted the names of any voters from any list of voters made by them, and such entry or omission has been made on the ground only of those persons having received such medical or surgical assistance or medicine as in this Act mentioned, and such names would not if this Act had previously passed have been so objected to or omitted, the overseers shall make a list of such persons, and such list shall be published, revised, and dealt with in all respects as if it were part of the list of claimants in respect of the occupation of property with the qualifications following (namely):—

The revising barrister shall, without the appearance of or any proof by any such person, retain his name in the list made by the overseers under this section, unless he is objected to, and the objector proves that such person is not entitled to be registered; and if such objection is made the revising barrister shall, notwithstanding the absence of the said person, take the evidence of the overseers as to his right to be registered.

Any person whose name ought to have been inserted in the list made by the overseers under this section, and has been omitted therefrom, may claim to have his name inserted in the lists of

voters by giving to the overseers, within six days after the publication of such lists, notice of such claim in the manner and form provided by law with respect to other claims, and the overseers shall produce all such claims to the revising barrister, and he shall revise and deal with the same in like manner as with ordinary claims.

(2.) The clerk of the peace or town clerk shall insert in their proper place in the register the names of the persons in the said list, when revised.

(3.) Every clerk of the peace and town clerk acting under the Acts relating to the registration of parliamentary voters shall forthwith after the passing of this Act issue precepts to the overseers informing them of their duties under it; provided that this Act shall not be construed to create any disability where such disability does not now exist.

Definition of medical and surgical assistance.

4. The term "medical or surgical assistance" in this Act shall include all medical and surgical attendance, and all matters and things supplied by or on the recommendation of the medical officer having authority to give such attendance and recommendation at the expense of any poor rate.

CHAPTER 47.

An Act to enable the Treasury to provide out of surplus funds arising under the Bankruptcy Act, 1883, office accommodation for officers appointed under the said Act. [6th August 1885.]

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 Bankruptcy (Office Accommodation) Act, 1885, and shall be read as one with the Bankruptcy Act, 1883.

Provision of office accommodation out of surplus funds payable to Treasury under 46 & 47 Vict. c. 52. s. 76.

2. The Treasury from time to time out of any surplus paid over to them out of the Bankruptcy Estates Account in pursuance of section seventy-six of the Bankruptcy Act, 1883, may pay such sums as they consider necessary for defraying the expenses of providing office accommodation for any officer or officers appointed by the Board of Trade under the said Act.

If after any sum is so expended the Board of Trade notify to the Treasury that an amount is required to answer the demands in respect of bankrupts estates, and the securities and moneys held by the Treasury on the account mentioned in the said section seventy-six are insufficient to pay the amount so required, the Treasury shall, for the purpose of meeting the deficiency, charge on and pay out of the Consolidated Fund, or the growing produce thereof, the sum expended in pursuance of this section, or such part thereof as appears to them to be required.