the said schedule the date of such order, and such particulars relating thereto as are therein specified:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Provisional Order should be confirmed and made absolute:

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:

Provisional Order confirmed.

1. The Provisional Order, the date of which is set forth in the first column of the said schedule, is hereby confirmed, and the provisions thereof shall be of the like force and effect as if it had been expressly enacted by Parliament.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Turnpike Trusts Arrangements Act, 1872."

SCHEDULE.

Date of Provisional Order.	TITLE OF LOCAL ACT.	Amount of Principal Debt.	Interest to be reduced to the under-mentioned Rate per Annum.	Date from which reduced Rate of Interest to commence.
		£ s. d.		
1872. 24 June.	4 Vict. c. xxxv., "An Act for more effectually repairing and improving the road from Market Harborough in the county of Leicester to Brampton in the county of Huntingdon," amended by the 5 Vict. c. 69.	12,692 0 0	2*l.* per Cent.	6 April 1872.

CHAPTER 73.

An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts and the Passenger Acts.

[10th August 1872.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts and the Passengers Acts:

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:

Preliminary.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Act, 1872.

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Measurement of Ships.

Transfer to Board of Trade of duties of Commissioners

3. The twenty-third, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, and twenty-ninth sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, the fourteenth section of the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855, and the fourth section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1871, shall

be read and construed as if the Board of Trade were therein named instead of the Commissioners of Customs. of Customs with respect to measurement of ships.

Registry.

4. The forty-sixth, fifty-fourth, ninety-second, and ninety-fourth sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, shall be read and construed as if the Registrar General of Seamen were therein named instead of the Commissioners of Customs, and the returns required to be transmitted by the said ninety-fourth section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, shall be transmitted to the Registrar General of Seamen, and not to the Custom House in London, and the Registrar General of Seamen shall be called the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen. Transfer to Registrar General of Seamen of duties of Commissioners of Customs with respect to registry of ships.

Passenger Ships.

5. The sixth and seventh sections of the Passengers Act, 1855, except so much of the latter section as provides for the immunity of emigration officers, shall be repealed, and all powers and duties vested in or imposed on the Emigration Commissioners by the Passengers Act, 1855, and the Passengers Act Amendment Act, 1863, shall be transferred to and imposed on the Board of Trade. Transfer to Board of Trade of powers and duties of Emigration Commissioners.

In the construction and for the purposes of the said Acts, the name of the Board of Trade shall be deemed to be substituted for the name of the Emigration Commissioners, and anything which might, if this Act had not passed, have been done by the Emigration Commissioners, whether acting independently or under the sanction or authority of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, may be done by the Board of Trade independently of such sanction or authority.

6. The provisions contained in the eighty-third section of the Passengers Act, 1855, shall extend to any forms of application or other papers issued by or under the authority of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, for the use of persons desirous of emigrating by his assistance, and to any certificate, document, or statement adduced in support of any application to such secretary for such assistance. Extension of penalties for offences connected with applications for assistance in emigration.

7. The powers conferred by the thirteenth section of the Passengers Act Amendment Act, 1863, on one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, shall be transferred to the Board of Trade. Transfer to Board of Trade of powers of Secretary of State under Passengers Act.

Annual Survey of Passenger Steamers.

8. The three hundred and fourth section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, shall be repealed, and every passenger steamer shall be surveyed once at the least in every year in the manner mentioned in the fourth part of that Act. The fees to be charged for certificates issued in respect of such survey shall not exceed for a yearly certificate twice the sum named in the table marked T. in the schedule to the said Act as chargeable for a six months certificate. Passenger steamers to be surveyed once in every year, according to 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104.

Pilotage.

9. Notwithstanding anything in the three hundred and fifty-eighth section of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, the Trinity House may, by byelaw made with the sanction of Her Majesty in Council, repeal or relax the provisions of that section within the whole or any part of their district so far as to allow any pilot or class of pilots under their jurisdiction to demand or receive and any master to offer or pay any rate less than the rate for the time being demandable by law. Trinity House may modify rule as to pilotage rates.

10. Whereas in pursuance of the Pilotage Law Amendment Act, 1853, the several funds then belonging to the Cinque Ports pilots were merged into the common fund called the Trinity House Pilotage Fund, and by the same Act power was given to the Trinity House of Deptford Strond, with the approval of the Board of Trade, from time to time to make regulations for altering and determining the payments and contributions to be made Alteration of payments made to Trinity House Pilotage Fund by Cinque Port pilots.

to the said pilotage fund by Cinque Ports pilots licensed before the said Act came into operation: And whereas by one of the regulations made under the authority of the said Act it was provided that each of the said Cinque Ports pilots should pay towards the said fund eleven shillings for each turn: And whereas it has proved that the turns have been more numerous than was expected, and that the sums paid to the Trinity House, and carried to the credit of the said fund, in respect of the said turns have been larger than was assumed in making the calculations upon which the said regulation was based: And whereas it is expedient that in lieu of the said sum of eleven shillings per turn the fixed annual sum of thirteen pounds four shillings should for the future be paid by or in respect of each of the said pilots so long as he remains unsuperannuated, and that the excess of the sum heretofore paid in each year by each pilot over the sum of thirteen pounds four shillings should be returned: And whereas doubts have been entertained whether the purposes aforesaid can be effected without the authority of Parliament: Be it enacted, that the Trinity House of Deptford Strond shall, out of the Trinity House Pilotage Fund, repay to each of the Cinque Ports pilots licensed before the Pilotage Law Amendment Act, 1853, came into operation, or if he be deceased, to his executors or administrators, the aggregate sum by which the sum of eleven shillings per turn heretofore paid by him exceeds the sum which he would have paid if he had paid thirteen pounds four shillings per annum; and that each of the said pilots shall, while he continues to act as a pilot, pay to the said Trinity House the sum of eleven shillings per turn as heretofore, from the first day of January in each year, until the sums contributed in the same year amount to an aggregate sum equal to the product of thirteen pounds four shillings multiplied by the number of pilots licensed as above who are then surviving and unsuperannuated, and that when such aggregate sum is made up no further contributions shall be required from the said pilots until after the thirty-first day of December in the same year; and if the said contributions during any one year fall short of the said aggregate sum, the said pilots then surviving and unsuperannuated shall, at such time and in such manner as the Trinity House may direct, make good such deficiency by payment of an additional contribution per man, to be calculated pro ratâ upon the number of turns which each may have carried during the said year, and any such pilot failing to pay such additional contribution shall, in default of such payment, become liable to immediate removal from active service and superannuation upon such proportion of the full pension payable to such pilot as the Trinity House may see fit.

Pilotage authority may grant special sea licenses.

11. Any pilotage authority may, if authorised in that behalf by Order in Council, grant special licenses qualifying the persons to whom they are granted to act as pilots for any part of the sea or channels beyond the limits of any pilotage authority, so, however, that no pilot so licensed be entitled to supersede an unlicensed pilot outside the limits of the authority by which he is licensed.

Chain Cables.

Fees and expenses in relation to testing of chain cables and anchors by Trinity House to be paid to and charged on mercantile marine fund.

12. In the event of a license for the testing of chain cables and anchors being granted to the Trinity House under the Chain Cable and Anchor Act, 1871, all fees and other sums received by the Trinity House in respect of such testing shall be carried to the mercantile marine fund, and all expenses incurred by the Trinity House in respect of such testing shall be chargeable on the mercantile marine fund.

General.

Duties of surveyors.

13. All duties in relation to the survey and measurement of ships under this Act or the Acts amended hereby shall be performed by the surveyors appointed under the fourth part of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, in accordance with such regulations as may be from time to time made by the Board of Trade.

Fees and salaries of surveyors and

14. All fees payable in respect of the survey or measurement of ships under this Act or the Acts amended hereby, or in respect of any services performed by any person employed

under the authority of the Passengers Act, 1855, shall be paid to the superintendent of a mercantile marine office at such times and in such manner as the Board of Trade may from time to time direct, and shall be carried to the mercantile marine fund; and the salaries of surveyors, and other expenses connected with the survey and measurement of ships under this Act or the Acts amended hereby, and also so much of the salaries and expenses of persons employed under the authority of the Passengers Act, 1855, as has heretofore been paid by fees, shall be paid out of the mercantile marine fund. emigration officers.

15. If any surveyor, or any person employed under the authority of the Passengers Act, 1855, demands or receives directly or indirectly, otherwise than by the direction of the Board of Trade, any fee, remuneration, or gratuity whatever in respect of any of the duties performed by him under this Act or the Acts amended hereby, he shall for every such offence incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds. Penalty on surveyor, &c. receiving gratuity, &c. for duties performed under this Act.

16. The owner of home trade ships or his agent may enter into time agreements, in forms to be sanctioned by the Board of Trade, with individual seamen to serve in any one or more ships belonging to him, which agreements need not expire on either the thirtieth day of June or the thirty-first day of December, anything in the Merchant Shipping Act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that a duplicate of each agreement entered into under the provisions of the section be forwarded to the Registrar General of Shipping within forty-eight hours after it has been entered into. Owner or agent of home trade ships may enter into time agreements which need not expire half-yearly.

17. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty to accept from time to time the offers of any person whom the Lord High Admiral or the Commissioners for executing his office may recommend, to serve as officers of reserve in the Royal Navy, upon such terms and conditions as to Her Majesty may from time to time seem fit, and the "Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1863," shall be read and construed as if this clause formed part of the said Act. Her Majesty may accept offers of persons recommended by the Admiralty to serve as officers of the Royal Naval Reserve.

CHAPTER 74.

An Act to amend the Law for the prevention of Adulteration of Food and Drink and of Drugs. [10th August 1872.]

WHEREAS the practice of adulterating articles of food and drink and drugs for sale, in fraud of Her Majesty's subjects, and to the great hurt of their health and danger to their lives, requires to be repressed by more effectual laws than those which are now in force for that purpose:

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:

1. Every person who shall wilfully admix, and every person who shall order any other person or persons to admix with any article of food or drink any injurious or poisonous ingredient or material to adulterate the same for sale, and every person who shall wilfully admix, and every person who shall order any other person or persons to admix any ingredient or material with any drug to adulterate the same for sale, shall for the first offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, together with the costs attending such conviction, and for the second offence shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be imprisoned for a period not exceeding six calendar months, with hard labour. Penalty on persons adulterating articles of food or drink or drugs.

2. Every person who shall sell any article of food or drink with which to the knowledge of such person any ingredient or material injurious to the health of persons eating or drinking such article has been mixed, and every person who shall sell as unadulterated Penalty on persons selling articles of food or drink or