out a separate Account of the Money expended by them daily in the Relief of destitute Wayfarers, Wanderers, or Foundlings during the Hours from Eight o'Clock at Night until Eight o'Clock in the Morning, and submit the same to the Auditor appointed to audit their Accounts at the usual Times of Audit, who shall duly examine the same, and shall certify the Amount which he shall find to have been legally expended in and about such Relief under his Hand, and if the Poor Law Board shall have certified that proper Wards or Places of Reception have been provided by such Guardians, the said Guardians may thereupon make Application in Writing to the Metropolitan Board of Works for Reimbursement of the Amount so certified by the Auditor.

Metropolis may keep Account of Relief to certain Poor, and obtain Reimbursement of the Amount from the Metropolitan Board of Works.

2. The said Metropolitan Board of Works shall forthwith pay the Amount so certified to the Guardians making the Application out of the Funds in their Possession from Time to Time raised under the Provisions of the said Metropolis Local Management Act, and the Amount so paid shall be deemed to be Part of the Expenses for which the said Board are empowered to make Assessments under the said Act, and the said Guardians shall apply the Sum received in aid of the Poor Rate of their Parish or the Common Fund of their Union, as the Case may be, and shall account for the same accordingly.

The Metropolitan Board of Works shall reimburse the Guardians out of their General Rate.

3. The Relief to which this Act shall apply shall include Food and Articles of Necessity supplied by the said Guardians, or by their Relieving or other Officer, or by any Metropolitan Police Constable authorized by them in such Behalf, and also the Cost of Lodging or Shelter hired or temporarily provided for any such poor Person, but not Money given to him.

What Relief to be reimbursed.

4. Where the Guardians shall have provided proper Wards or other Places of Reception for this Class of Poor, and the same shall have been approved of by the Poor Law Board, they may include as Part of the Expense incurred by them in the Relief of these poor Persons such Sum in respect of each Pauper as the Poor Law Board shall from Time to Time allow for the Cost and Expense of temporarily providing and maintaining such Wards or other Places.

Provision for the Case where Vagrant Wards established.

5. Where no adequate Accommodation exists, the Guardians shall provide within their respective Unions or Parishes such Wards or other Places of Reception for destitute Wayfarers and Foundlings as the Poor Law Board, having regard to the Number of Persons likely to require Relief therein respectively, shall direct. In default of making such Provision, and until the same has been made, the Guardians of the Union or Parish so making default shall not be entitled to the Benefit of this Act.

Guardians to provide proper Casual Wards.

6. The Provisions of this Act shall not apply to any Expenditure for Relief incurred after the Half Year which will expire at *Lady Day* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Not to apply to Expenditure for Relief after Lady Day 1865.

7. The several Words used in this Act shall be construed as in the Act of the Fourth and Fifth *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six, and the subsequent Acts explaining and extending the same, and the Provisions thereof not inconsistent with anything herein contained shall be incorporated herewith.

Interpretation of Words.

8. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as the "Metropolitan Houseless Poor Act 1864."

Short Title.

CAP. CXVII.

An Act to render permissive the Use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures. [29th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS, for the Promotion and Extension of our internal as well as our foreign Trade, and for the Advancement of Science, it is expedient to legalize the Use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures:' Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty,

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 "Metric Weights and Measures Act, 1864."

Contracts may be made in Terms of the Metric System.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act of Parliament to the contrary, no Contract or Dealing shall be deemed to be invalid or open to Objection on the Ground that the Weights or Measures expressed or referred to in such Contract or Dealing are Weights or Measures of the Metric System, or on the Ground that Decimal Subdivisions of legal Weights and Measures, whether Metric or otherwise, are used in such Contract or Dealing.

Equivalents of Metric Weights and Measures in Terms of Weights and Measures.

3. The Table in the Schedule hereto annexed shall be deemed to set forth, in Terms of the Weights and Measures in force in this Country, the Equivalents of the Weights and Measures therein expressed in Terms of the Metric System, and such Table may be lawfully used for computing, determining, and expressing, in Weights and Measures, Weights and Measures of the Metric System.

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

SCHEDULE of TABLES of the Values of the principal Denominations of Measures and Weights on the Metric System expressed by means of the legalized Denominations of Measures and Weights in Great Britain and Ireland.

MEASURES OF LENGTH.

Metric Denominations and Values.		Equivalents in British Denominations.			
	Metres.	Miles.	Yards.	Feet.	Inches. Decimals.
Myriametre	10,000	6	376	0	11·9
		or	10,936	0	11·9
Kilometre	1000		1093	1	10·79
Hectometre	100		109	1	1·079
Dekametre	10		10	2	9·7079
Metre	1		1	0	3·3708
Decimetre	$\frac{1}{10}$				3·9371
Centimetre	$\frac{1}{100}$				0·3937
Millimetre	$\frac{1}{1000}$				0·0394

MEASURES OF SURFACE.

Metric Denominations and Values.		Equivalents in British Denominations.		
	Square Metres.	Acres.	Square Yards.	Decimals.
Hectare, i.e. 100 Ares	10,000	2	2280·3326	
		or	11,960·3326	
Dekare, i.e. 10 Ares	1,000		1196·0333	
Are	100		119·6033	
Centiare, i.e. $\frac{1}{100}$ Are	1		1·1960	

MEASURES OF CAPACITY.

Metric Denominations and Values.		Equivalents in British Denominations.					
—	Cubic Metres.	Quarters.	Bushels.	Pecks.	Gallons.	Quarts.	Pints. Decimals.
Kilolitre, i.e. 1000 Litres -	1	3	3	2	0	0	0·77
Hectolitre, i.e. 100 Litres -	$\frac{1}{10}$		2	3	0	0	0·077
Dekalitre, i.e. 10 Litres -	$\frac{1}{100}$			1	0	0	1·6077
Litre - - -	$\frac{1}{1000}$						1·76077
Decilitre, i.e. $\frac{1}{10}$ Litre -	$\frac{1}{10000}$						0·176077
Centilitre, i.e. $\frac{1}{100}$ Litre -	$\frac{1}{100000}$						0·0176077

WEIGHTS.

Metric Denominations and Values.		Equivalents in British Denominations.				
—	Grams.	Cwts.	Stones.	Pounds.	Ounces.	Drams. Decimals.
Millier - -	1,000,000	19	5	6	9	15·04
Quintal - -	100,000	1	7	10	7	6·304
Myriagram - -	10,000		1	8	0	11·8304
Kilogram - -	1,000			2	3	4·3830
		(or 15432 3487 grains)				
Hectogram - -	100				3	8·4383
Dekagram - -	10					5·6438
Gram - -	1					0·56438
Decigram - -	$\frac{1}{10}$					0·056438
Centigram - -	$\frac{1}{100}$					0·0056438
Milligram - -	$\frac{1}{1000}$					0·00056438

CAP. CXVIII.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to Salmon Fisheries in *Scotland*.

[29th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act to regulate and amend the Law respecting the Salmon Fisheries of* Scotland; and another Act was passed in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act to continue the Powers of the Commissioners under the Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act until the First Day of* January *One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and to amend the said Act*: And whereas by the first-recited Act Provision was made for determining by Byelaws certain Matters on or before the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and certain other Matters on or before the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and for reporting the same to the Secretary of State; and by the second-recited Act the Time for determining and reporting on certain of such Matters was continued till the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five; and it is expedient that the Times so limited should be extended, and that the said Two recited Acts should be amended:' Be it enacted by the

25 & 26 Vict. c. 97.

26 & 27 Vict. c. 50.