CAP. CXV.

An Act to prohibit the placing of poisoned Flesh and poisonous Matters in Plantations, Fields, and open Places, and to extend "The Poisoned Grain Prohibition Act, 1863." [29th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the Provisions of an Act passed in the Session of 'Parliament held in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Years of the Reign of Her 'present Majesty, intituled *An Act to prohibit the Sale and Use of Poisoned Grain or Seed:*' 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 for all Purposes as "The Poisoned Flesh Prohibition Act, 1864."

Penalty for placing poisoned Flesh in Fields, &c.

2. Every Person who shall knowingly and wilfully set, lay, put, or place, or cause to be set, laid, put, or placed, in or upon any Land any Flesh or Meat which has been mixed with or steeped in or impregnated with Poison or any poisonous Ingredient so as to render such Flesh or Meat poisonous and calculated to destroy Life, shall, upon a summary Conviction thereof, forfeit any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered in the Manner provided by The Poisoned Grain Prohibition Act, 1863: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent Owners or Occupiers of Land in *Ireland* from laying or causing to be laid any poisonous Matter as herein-before described, after a Notice has been posted in a conspicuous Place, and Notice in Writing has been given to the nearest Constabulary Station.

Not to apply to Occupier placing poisoned Preparations for Destruction of Vermin.

3. Nothing in this Act shall make it unlawful for the Occupier of any Dwelling House or other Building, or the Owner of any Rick or Stack of Wheat, Barley, Oats, Beans, Peas, Tares, Seeds, or of any cultivated Vegetable Produce, to put or place or cause to be put or placed in any such Dwelling House or other Building, or in any enclosed Garden attached to such Dwelling House, or in the Drains connected with any such Dwelling House, provided that such Drains are so protected with Gratings or otherwise as to prevent any Dog from entering the same, or within such Rick or Stack, any Poison or poisonous Ingredient or Preparation for the Destruction of Rats, Mice, or other small Vermin.

As to Application of Act.

4. This Act shall not apply to any Grain, Seed, or Meal within the Provisions of The Poisoned Grain Prohibition Act, 1863, and the Provisions of the Fifth Section of the said Poisoned Grain Prohibition Act, 1863, shall apply to any Proceedings instituted under this Act, and shall come into operation on the First *October* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

CAP. CXVI.

An Act to make Provision for distributing the Charge of Relief of certain Classes of poor Persons over the whole of the Metropolis. [29th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that Provision should be made for distributing the Charge 'of the Relief of certain poor Persons in the Metropolis during the ensuing Winter 'otherwise than is now lawful:' 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,

After Sept. 29th the Guardians of Parishes or Unions in the

1. That after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next the Guardians of every Union or Parish situated wholly or partly within the District to which the Metropolis Local Management Act applies may, subject to the Orders and Regulations of the Poor Law Board, make

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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,