be applied by the National Debt Commissioners as if they were part of the old sinking fund.

Creation of annuity to meet deficiency.

4.—(1.) There shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund to the National Debt Commissioners an annuity of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, beginning on the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and payable by such periodical payments as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time fix.

(2.) As soon as all charges on the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund cease, the annuity under this section shall determine.

Management of Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund.

5.—(1.) The National Debt Commissioners shall from time to time invest any moneys forming part of the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund which are not for the time being required for the other purposes of this Act, in any securities in which they may invest moneys held by them on account of savings banks, and may from time to time sell the securities in which they have so invested. All money arising from the income or sale of such securities shall be carried to and form part of the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund, and may be invested and applied accordingly.

(2.) The National Debt Commissioners may from time to time lend to the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund, on the security of that fund, any moneys held by them on account of savings banks or otherwise, which they have power to invest in Government securities, and any sum so lent shall be a charge on the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund, and be repaid out of that fund by an annuity of such amount, and for such term as may be certified by the Comptroller or Assistant Comptroller, and the Actuary of the National Debt Office, to be sufficient to repay the sum borrowed with interest at three and a quarter per cent. per annum.

(3.) Such accounts of the Indian Army Pension Deficiency Fund shall annually be laid before Parliament as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct.

CHAPTER 68.

An Act to amend the Metropolitan Police Staff Superannuation Act, 1875. [14th August 1885.]

38 & 39 Vict. c. 28.

WHEREAS by the Metropolitan Police Staff (Superannuation) Act, 1875, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State (therein referred to as the Secretary of State) is authorised by order to make regulations respecting the grant to the officers of the staff of the metropolitan police mentioned in the schedule to that Act of superannuation allowances, compensations, gratuities, or other allowances on the like principles and conditions as were in force at the passing of that Act with respect to persons in the permanent civil service of the State, and a copy of the order proposed to be made is to lie before both Houses of Parliament for not less than twenty-one days before it is finally made by the Secretary of State:

And whereas an Order in pursuance of the said Act was duly made by the Secretary of State, dated the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six:

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the Secretary of State to make any amending order, 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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Police Staff Superannuation Act, 1885.

This Act shall be construed as one with the Metropolitan Police Staff Superannuation Act, 1875, and together with that Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Police Staff Superannuation Acts, 1875 and 1885.

Amendment of order under 38 & 39 Vict. c. 28.

2. The Secretary of State may from time to time make a new order in pursuance of section one of the Metropolitan Police Staff (Superannuation) Act, 1875, and may thereby revoke or vary any order previously made in pursuance of that section, whether before or after the passing of this Act.

Provided that—

(*a*) any such order shall not apply without his consent to any person holding office at the time when the order is made; and

(*b*) if any superannuation allowance has been granted before the making of the order to any officer in pursuance of an order made under the said Act the Secretary of State may, if he think fit, grant to such officer on his application a superannuation allowance in accordance with the new order in lieu of the superannuation allowance previously granted.

Order in schedule.

3. The regulations contained in the schedule to this Act shall have effect as if contained in an order made by the Secretary of State in pursuance of the Metropolitan Police Staff (Superannuation) Act, 1875, as amended by this Act, and they shall accordingly be subject to the provisoes subject to which an Order made in pursuance of this Act is subject.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS.

Paragraph thirteen of the Order made by the Secretary of State in pursuance of the Metropolitan Police Staff Superannuation Act, 1875, and dated the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, shall be revoked, and the following paragraph shall have effect as if inserted in the Order in lieu thereof:

In substitution for Paragraph 13.

Right to superannuation allowance of officer transferred from other public employment to police service.

Where an officer holding any employment remunerated out of public moneys, and not in the police service, is appointed to the police service, the Secretary of State may grant to such officer, upon his ultimate retirement from the police service, the same superannuation, compensation, gratuity, or other allowance as he might have granted under this Order if the whole period of the service of such officer in employments remunerated out of public moneys which has been practically continuous had been in the police service, subject nevertheless to a deduction of the amount of such pension, gratuity, or other allowance as may be otherwise allowed him in respect of his previous employment remunerated out of public moneys: Provided that if his service in his former employment has formed his quali-

fication under an order made in pursuance of Regulation four of this Order, either the period of his service in such employment or the number of years added by such Order may be reckoned, but both shall not be reckoned for the purpose of any such superannuation, compensation, gratuity, or other allowance to be granted in pursuance of this Order.

CHAPTER 69.

An Act to make further provision for the Protection of Women and Girls, the suppression of brothels, and other purposes. [14th 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 Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885.

PART I.

Protection of Women and Girls.

Procuration.

2. Any person who—

(1.) Procures or attempts to procure any girl or woman under twenty-one years of age, not being a common prostitute, or of known immoral character, to have unlawful carnal connexion, either within or without the Queen's dominions, with any other person or persons; or

(2.) Procures or attempts to procure any woman or girl to become, either within or without the Queen's dominions, a common prostitute; or

(3.) Procures or attempts to procure any woman or girl to leave the United Kingdom, with intent that she may become an inmate of a brothel elsewhere; or

(4.) Procures or attempts to procure any woman or girl to leave her usual place of abode in the United Kingdom (such place not being a brothel), with intent that she may, for the purposes of prostitution, become an inmate of a brothel within or without the Queen's dominions,

shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable at the discretion of the court to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years, with or without hard labour.

Provided that no person shall be convicted of any offence under this section upon the evidence of one witness, unless such witness be corroborated in some material particular by evidence implicating the accused.

Procuring defilement of woman by threats or fraud or administering drugs.

3. Any person who—

(1.) By threats or intimidation procures or attempts to procure any woman or girl to have any unlawful carnal connexion, either within or without the Queen's dominions; or

(2.) By false pretences or false representations procures any woman or girl, not being a common prostitute or of known immoral character, to have any unlawful carnal connexion, either within or without the Queen's dominions; or