under the said recited Act shall be laid on according to the Manner thereby prescribed for the Case of Parishes in which there is no Assessment for the Poor.

V. In every Case in which the Status of any Person shall be altered by a Decree of any competent Court, the Clerk to the Process shall forthwith report such Decree to the Registrar General; and it shall be lawful for the Registrar General, and he is hereby required, to take all Measures necessary for having the Entries in the Duplicate Registers affected by such Decree rectified, by causing the Date of the Decree and the Import thereof to be noted upon the Margin of both Duplicates opposite to such Entries, as the Registrar General shall think fit and direct. Decrees of Court fixing Status of Parties to be noted in Register.

VI. In reference to the Sixty-third Section of the recited Act, the Register of corrected Entries shall be kept in Duplicate; and One of the Duplicates shall be annually transmitted to the Registrar General along with the Duplicate Registers directed by the Fifty-third Section of the said Act to be annually so transmitted. Register of corrected Entries to be kept in Duplicate.

VII. The Penalties imposed by the said Act, and by the Sixty-fifth Section thereof directed to be recovered by Prosecution by the Procurator Fiscal, and when recovered to go to the Registrar General, shall instead be paid to the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*; and the Expense of all such Prosecutions, where not recovered from the Parties, shall be charged and paid in Exchequer, and the Recovery of such Penalties shall be a Part of the ordinary Duties of the Procurator Fiscal. Penalties recovered to be paid into Exchequer.

VIII. It shall in all Cases be lawful for the Sheriff Clerks in the several Counties, and they are hereby required, to act in aid of the Sheriff in the Execution of the Powers, Provisions, and Duties of the recited Act and of this Act, in all respects as the Sheriffs may direct. Sheriff Clerks to act in execution of Act.

IX. The Appointments of the Examiners, and the other Clerks and Officers to be appointed under this Act, shall, in like Manner as the Appointments mentioned in the Sixteenth Section of the recited Act, be exempt from all Stamp Duties. Appointments to be exempt from Stamp Duty.

X. This Act shall be deemed a Part of the recited Act, and shall be construed therewith as if the said Acts formed One Act. This Act and recited Act to be as One.

CAP. XXX.

An Act to empower the Commissioners of Sewers to expend on House Drainage a certain Sum out of the Monies borrowed by them on the Security of the Rates, and also to give to the said Commissioners certain other Powers for the same Purpose. [15th *June* 1855.]

'WHEREAS it is of urgent Importance to the Health of the Metropolis that Powers of House Cleansing, Drainage, and Improvement should be forthwith actively exercised by the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, for the Purpose of executing in Houses which may appear exposed to the Ravages of Zymotic Diseases such palliative and preventive Works, either temporary or permanent, as the Time admits of, to obviate the Outbreak and Spread of such Epidemic Disorders:' 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:

I. That the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers be and they are hereby empowered to carry on forthwith such Works as aforesaid, and they are hereby authorized to employ on such Works a Sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand Pounds out of the Monies in their Hands borrowed on the Security of the Rates, charging the Cost of such Works in each Case upon the Owner or Occupier, as herein-after provided. Power to Commissioners of Sewers to carry on certain Works, at Expense of Owners, &c.

II. To facilitate the Execution of such Works in Cases where it shall appear to the Commissioners, on the Presentment of One of their Engineers, that it is requisite or proper to Commissioners may simultaneously execute

Works of Improvement common to several Messuages, and divide the Expense among the Owners or Occupiers.

to execute such Works or any of them in several Messuages, Tenements, or Premises situate in the same Road, Street, or Place, or in contiguous or neighbouring Streets, Roads, or Places, as combined Works, or Works of Improvement common to several Messuages, Tenements, or Premises, and for that Purpose to construct, perform, or execute any Sewers, Drains, Waterclosets, Apparatus, or other Works of Improvement, whether temporary or permanent, simultaneously or in combination or conjunction, and that such Works can be executed for such a Sum as the Commissioners shall deem reasonable and proper in that Behalf, it shall be lawful in all such Cases for the Commissioners to give Notice to the Owners or Occupiers of such Messuages, Tenements, and Premises of their Intention to execute such Works, and to charge them or some of them with the Expenses thereof; and the Commissioners shall appoint a Time and Place for receiving Objections in Writing, which any Party interested in such Messuages, Tenements, or Premises, or any of them, may desire to offer, and at the appointed Time and Place the Commissioners shall receive and consider such Objections, if any, and may execute, abandon, or alter such intended Works, and if they shall execute such Works shall ascertain the Expenses incurred thereby, and shall divide such Expenses among the Owners or Occupiers of such Premises respectively, in such Proportions as they may deem equitable and reasonable; and the Amount imposed upon any such Owner or Occupier shall be paid by an Improvement Rate upon such Premises, or as Charges for Default, as the Commissioners shall in that Behalf direct and decree.

This Act and 11 & 12 Vict. c. 112 to be construed as One.

III. This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Metropolitan Sewers Act, 1848," and shall be construed and taken as if this Act and "The Metropolitan Sewers Act, 1848," were One Act.

CAP. XXXI.

An Act to confirm the Incorporation of the Borough of *Brighton*.

[15th *June* 1855.]

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76.

'WHEREAS since the passing of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in* England *and* Wales, a Charter of Incorporation has been granted to the Borough of *Brighton* in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Act, and of the Acts afterwards passed for amending the said Act: And whereas Doubts have arisen respecting the Validity of the said Charter, and the Right of the Mayor of the said Borough of *Brighton* to be the Returning Officer at the Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of *Brighton*; and it is expedient that such Doubts be removed;' Be it declared and 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:

Charter of Incorporation confirmed.

I. That the said Charter of Incorporation, and also the Grant of separate Courts of Sessions of the Peace, issued and granted to the said Borough, and all Acts and Proceedings done or had in pursuance thereof before the passing of this Act, shall be deemed good and lawful from the Time of the Grants, Acts, and Proceedings respectively.

The Mayor to be the Returning Officer.

II. The Mayor of *Brighton* shall be the Returning Officer for the Borough of *Brighton* at all Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of *Brighton*: Provided, that in case the Mayor shall, at the Time when he shall be required to perform the Duties of such Returning Officer, be dead, absent, or otherwise incapable of acting, or in case there shall be no Mayor, the Town Council of *Brighton* shall forthwith elect One of the Aldermen to be the Returning Officer for the Borough in the Place of the Mayor being so dead, absent, or otherwise incapable of acting.