CHAPTER 6.

An Act to amend the Military Lands Act, 1892.

[8th April 1897.]

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:

Amendment of law as to borrowing powers.

1. The powers of a volunteer corps to borrow, and of the Public Works Loan Commissioners to lend, shall extend to the borrowing and lending of such money as may be required for the purchase, erection, construction, alteration, or enlargement of any building or permanent work for the purposes of a volunteer corps, or for the repayment of a loan raised for any such purpose.

Short title and construction. 55 & 56 Vict. c. 43.

2. This Act shall be construed as part of the Military Lands Act, 1892, and may be cited as the Military Lands Act, 1897, and the Military Lands Act, 1892, and this Act may be cited together as the Military Lands Acts, 1892 and 1897.

CHAPTER 7.

An Act to provide for defraying the Expenses of certain Military Works and other Military Services.

[8th April 1897.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the execution of the military works specified in the schedule to this Act at the estimated cost therein stated:

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:

Issue of money for works mentioned in schedule.

1.—(1.) The Treasury shall issue out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof such sums not exceeding in the whole five million four hundred and fifty-eight thousand pounds, as may be required by a Secretary of State for defraying the costs of the works specified in the schedule to this Act, incurred at any time after the thirty-first of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six.

(2.) Before any moneys are issued for the purpose of expenditure under any head in the schedule to this Act, a Secretary of State shall submit to the Treasury an estimate, with such details as may be required by the Treasury, of the expenditure under that head for which it is for the time being proposed to issue money,

and shall therewith state the period within which it is proposed to expend the money so issued.

(3.) There shall be no excess of expenditure under any head in the schedule above the amount stated therein for that head, unless the Treasury and Secretary of State are satisfied that the excess will be compensated by savings on the expenditure under another head, so that no excess will be caused over the total expenditure specified in the schedule, and in such cases the savings may be applied in payment of the excess.

Borrowing for purposes of Act, and accounts and audit.

2.—(1.) The Treasury may, if they think fit, at any time for the purpose of providing money for the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund under this Act, or the repayment to that fund of all or any part of the sums so issued, borrow money by means of terminable annuities for such period not exceeding thirty years from the passing of this Act as the Treasury may fix, and all sums so borrowed shall be paid into the Exchequer.

(2.) The said annuities shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament for army services; and if those moneys are insufficient, shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, but shall not be payable as part of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

(3.) The Secretary of State shall in every financial year cause to be made out and laid before the House of Commons an account, in the form required by the Treasury, of the money expended and borrowed and the securities created under this Act, and the accounts of expenditure under this Act shall be audited and reported upon by the Comptroller and Auditor-General as appropriation accounts in manner directed by the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.

Application of surplus income of year 1896–97 for expenses of scheduled work. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 45.

3.—(1.) Such sum as is shown by the account certified by the Comptroller and Auditor-General under section four of the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, to be the surplus of income above expenditure for the financial year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven shall, instead of being applied as provided by the above-mentioned Act, be set apart in the Exchequer account and applied by the Treasury at such times as they direct in paying any sums authorised by this Act to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund.

(2.) The amount which the Treasury may borrow under this Act shall be reduced by the amount set apart in the Exchequer account in pursuance of this section.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Military Works Act, 1897.

SCHEDULE.

MILITARY WORKS.

Heads. (1.)	Estimated Cost. (2.)
	£
1. Defence works	1,120,000
2. Barracks, including completion of large camps.	2,989,000
3. Ranges, including accommodation for manœuvring and mobilization.	1,149,000
4. Staff and contingencies	200,000
Total	5,458,000

Note.—The above works are partly new works and partly works which have been commenced and not completed under the Imperial Defence Act, 1888 (51 & 52 Vict. c. 32), and the Barracks Act, 1890 (53 & 54 Vict. c. 25).

CHAPTER 8.

An Act to amend the Trusts (Scotland) Act, 1867, Amendment Act, 1887. [3rd June 1897.]

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 Trusts (Scotland) Act, 1897.

Amendment of 50 & 51 Vict. c. 18.

2. Section two of the Trusts (Scotland) Act (1867) Amendment Act, 1887, is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof it is enacted as follows, viz.:—

In addition to the powers conferred upon trustees by the second section of the Trusts (Scotland) Act, 1867, in all trusts to which that section applies, the trustees shall have powers to make abatement or reduction, either temporary or permanent, of the rent, lordship, royalty, or other consideration, stipulated in any lease of lands, houses, tenements, minerals, metals, or other subjects, and to accept renunciations of leases of any such subjects.

Past abatement or renunciation not liable to challenge.

3. No abatement or reduction of rent, lordship, royalty, or other consideration or acceptance of renunciation of any such lease heretofore made by trustees shall be liable to be challenged which would have been lawful if made after the passing hereof.