'Sort, that is to say, that the Mayor and Bailiffs themselves should keep the Liberties and 'Customs of the aforesaid University, otherwise their Oath should be of no Avail, but 'should be taken again according to the prescribed Form; but if the Chancellor should 'not wish to be present, either by himself or by a Proctor, the Oath should nevertheless be 'taken: And whereas Provisions in relation to the Observance of the same Oath, or an 'altered Oath in lieu thereof, have been made by subsequent Letters Patent granted by 'Kings and Queens of this Realm to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the Univer-'sity of *Oxford*, and also by Orders of the Privy Council made in the Reigns of Queen '*Elizabeth*, King *James* the First, and King *Charles* the Second: And whereas by the 'Statutes of the University of *Oxford*, which the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the 'University have taken their respective Oaths to observe and perform, it is enjoined on 'each of them that they do exact the said annual Oath of the Mayor and Burgesses of '*Oxford*: And whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Oxford* desire to 'be relieved from the Obligation of taking any such Oath, and the Chancellor, Masters, 'and Scholars of the University of *Oxford* are willing that the said Mayor, Aldermen, and 'Citizens should be so relieved, but they are advised that such Relief can only be granted 'by the Authority of Parliament:' 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:

Repeal of Duty to take Oath.

I. So much of the herein-before recited Act of Parliament, and of all Charters, Letters Patent, Orders in Council, Obligations, Deeds, or Instruments, as imposes upon the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, or any of them, or any Municipal Officer of the City of *Oxford*, the Obligation of taking any Oath for the Conservation of the Liberties and Privileges of the University of *Oxford*, or any such Oath as is herein-before referred to, shall be and the same is hereby repealed and annulled and made void.

Prohibition of any Requisition to Mayor, &c. to take Oath.

II. The Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of *Oxford* shall not hereafter, nor shall any of them, nor shall any Municipal Officer of the City of *Oxford*, be required to take any Oath or to make any Declaration for the Conservation of the Liberties and Privileges of the University of *Oxford*: Provided always, that, notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of *Oxford*, and all Officers of the same City, shall observe and keep all manner of lawful Liberties and Customs which the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the said University have reasonably used, without any Gainsaying; saving, nevertheless, the Fidelity of the said Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens, and Officers to the Queen's Majesty, and saving also the Liberties and Privileges of Right belonging to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, and to the Officers of the said City.

CAP. XX.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Military Savings Banks. [13th *August* 1859.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of 5 & 6 Vict. c. 71.
'Her Majesty, "to establish Military Savings Banks," and an Act was passed in the
'Session holden in the Eighth and Ninth Years of Her Majesty, to amend the first-men- 8 & 9 Vict. c. 27.
'tioned Act, and an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Twelfth and Thirteenth 12 & 13 Vict.
'Years of Her Majesty, "to dissolve Regimental Benefit Societies, and to provide for the c. 71.
'"Application of the Funds of such Societies and of Regimental Charitable Funds:" And
'whereas it is expedient to amend and consolidate the said Acts, and to confirm or render
'valid all Acts that may have been done under the Authority of the Secretary-at-War, or
'Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, in relation to the
'Military or Regimental Savings Banks already established, and the Deposits therein, and

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'the Payments of Principal and Interest in respect of such Deposits:' 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:

Recited Acts repealed. Acts done confirmed.

I. The said Acts shall be repealed, save as herein otherwise provided: Provided always, that such Repeal shall not affect any Deposit made or other Act done under the Authority of the said Acts or any of them before such Repeal takes effect; and all Acts done under the Authority of any Rules made in manner provided by Section Three of the firstly hereinbefore mentioned Act, or under the Authority of the Secretary-at-War, before such Repeal takes effect, in relation to the Deposits made in Military or Regimental Savings Banks theretofore established, and all Payments of Principal and Interest made in respect of such Deposits, shall be and be deemed to have been legal and valid.

Military Savings Banks may be established.

II. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, in manner herein-after mentioned, to establish or continue Military or Regimental Savings Banks, for the Purpose of receiving Sums of Money from such of the Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers employed in Her Majesty's Service, either in the United Kingdom or upon Foreign Stations, (*India* alone excepted,) as may be desirous of depositing the same, and for receiving Deposits of any Moneys or Funds whatsoever raised or paid for Objects or Purposes connected with Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers which Her Majesty may from Time to Time think fit to authorize to be deposited in the said Savings Banks.

Regulations for Savings Banks, how to be made.

III. Regulations for the Savings Banks so to be established or continued shall from Time to Time be made by the Secretary-at-War, with the Concurrence of the General commanding in chief and of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; and such Regulations, when sanctioned by Her Majesty, shall be signed by the Secretary-at-War, and laid before both Houses of Parliament; and a Copy of such Regulations shall be deposited in the Orderly Room of every Regiment to which they apply; and such Regulations shall be binding upon all Officers concerned, and upon the several Depositors in the said Savings Banks and upon their Representatives.

What to be provided for by the Regulations.

IV. Such Regulations shall or may (as the Case may require) make Provision in relation to the following Matters; (that is to say,)

Shall regulate and determine the Rate of Interest to be paid to Depositors, not exceeding the yearly Rate of Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings for every One hundred Pounds, and what (if any) fractional Parts of a Pound or Sums less than a Pound shall bear Interest, and what Length of Time Deposits must remain in order to bear Interest, and at what Times Interest shall be added to Principal so as to become Principal, in like Manner as if the same had been paid to the Depositor and been again deposited, and what Deposits may be received upon which Interest shall not be payable;

May determine in what Cases or under what Circumstances Deposits and the Interest (if any) thereon shall be forfeited to the Public;

May make Provision for and concerning the Retention or Deposit in the Military or Regimental Savings Banks of the Effects of deceased Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, or the Money arising therefrom, at Interest or without Interest, and for the Payment or Application thereof and of the Interest thereon to or for the Benefit of the Orphans of such Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers or other Persons entitled to the same;

May make Provision for and concerning the Deposit of Funds created for Charitable Regimental Purposes by Subscriptions of Officers, unexpended Balances of Canteen Funds, or otherwise, and of any Funds or Moneys created, raised, or paid in any Manner whatsoever for Objects or Purposes connected with Non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, and concerning the Manner in which such Funds or Moneys, and the Interest thereon, shall be paid, applied, or distributed;

May make it obligatory on Commanding Officers of Regiments and others to deposit such Funds or Moneys in the said Savings Banks, and to account to the Secretary-at-War or otherwise for the same, and the due Application thereof;

May make Provision for the Withdrawal from the said Savings Banks for the Purpose of Transfer to *India* of any Money whatsoever deposited in the said Savings Banks, and the Accumulations of Interest thereon, upon the Occasion of Regiments proceeding to *India*;

And shall provide for the keeping of proper Accounts, and generally for all such Matters in relation to the said Savings Banks and Deposits therein as may be thought proper;

And such Regulations shall be made as well with reference to Deposits already made in the Savings Banks established under the firstly herein-before mentioned Act and Charitable Regimental Funds already paid into the Bank of *England* under the thirdly herein-before mentioned Act as to Deposits to be made under this Act:

Provided always, that Deposits by any individual Depositor in any One Year, (ending on such Day as may be in the Regulations mentioned,) exceeding Thirty Pounds in the whole (exclusive of Interest added), shall not bear Interest until after the End of such Year, except only in the Case of Deposits of Gratuities awarded for good Conduct or otherwise, and that while the Sums standing in the Name of any individual Depositor (inclusive of Interest, if any,) amount to or exceed Two hundred Pounds no Interest shall accrue on any Sum in Excess of that Amount standing in his Name; but this Proviso shall not apply to or in the Case of Money retained or deposited in a Military or Regimental Savings Bank after the Death of a Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, for the Benefit of his Orphans or other Persons entitled to his Effects, or to or in the Case of Funds or Moneys created, raised, or paid for Charitable Regimental Purposes, or for such Objects or Purposes as herein-before mentioned.

Receipts of Infants and Married Women.

V. The Receipt of any Infant for any Money deposited in any such Savings Bank, or for any Interest thereon, shall be a sufficient Discharge, notwithstanding his Incapacity or Disability in Law to act for himself; and any Payment in respect of any Deposit or Interest thereon which may be made to any Married Woman, under any Regulations made under this Act, shall be deemed a valid Payment, and her Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge.

Deposits to be applied to Public Expenditure, and Payments made out of Grants for ordinary Services.

VI. The Moneys deposited in Military or Regimental Savings Banks shall be applied under the said Regulations by the Officers or Persons authorized to receive the same to the Payment of such ordinary Army Services as it may be their Duty to defray, and all Sums from Time to Time payable to Depositors or otherwise under the said Regulations for Principal and Interest in respect of Moneys so deposited under the said Acts or any of them, or this Act, or paid into the Bank of *England* under the thirdly herein-before mentioned Acts, shall be paid out of the Grants by Parliament for ordinary Army Services.

Secretary-at-War to direct certain Moneys to be paid to the Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and carried to the Account of the Military Savings Banks.

VII. It shall be lawful for the Secretary-at-War from Time to Time to authorize, by his Warrant, Payment out of the Moneys granted for Army Services, and placed to the Account of the Paymaster General at the Bank of *England*, of the Amount of the Money received and applied for the Public Service under this Act, together with the Interest allowed thereon, to the separate Account raised under the secondly herein-before mentioned Act in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, and denominated "The Fund for the Military Savings Banks," and to authorize in like Manner Payment as aforesaid to such last-mentioned Account of the Amount of the Money so received, and applied under the Acts hereby repealed or any of them, with Interest, as aforesaid, so far as such Payment may not have been already authorized under such Acts or any of them; and in ascertaining the Amount of which Payment is to be so authorized Deduction or Allowance shall be made in respect of Payments previously made to Depositors or otherwise in respect of Deposits; and the Cashier of the Bank of *England* is hereby required to pay or transfer the Amount mentioned in every such Warrant from the Account of the Paymaster General to such separate Account accordingly: Provided always, that previous to any Payment or Transfer being made as aforesaid to such separate Account, the Person applying for that Purpose shall in all Cases produce to the Officer of the last-mentioned Commissioners, at their Office in *London*, a Warrant from the Secretary-at-War, stating that the Money mentioned therein is Part of the Funds of the Military Savings Banks.

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Investment of such Moneys.

VIII. The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall cause all the Moneys placed to their Account, in pursuance of this Act, or which may have been placed to their Account under the Acts hereby repealed or any of them, and may not have been invested before the Repeal of such Acts takes effect, to be invested from Time to Time, under such Regulations as such Commissioners may direct, in the Purchase of any Bank Annuities in their Names, and to be carried to the Account raised in their Names under the secondly herein-before mentioned Act; and the Interest or Dividends to arise from Time to Time and become due on any Bank Annuities purchased under this Act or the Acts hereby repealed, or any of them, shall in like Manner be invested in the Purchase of Bank Annuities; and such Interest or Dividends shall not be subject or liable to any Taxes, Charges, or Impositions whatever.

Secretary-at-War may direct Moneys invested in Annuities to be transferred to Account of Paymaster General.

IX. It shall and may be lawful for the Secretary-at-War, by his Warrant, to require that, within Fourteen Days from the Day on which the same is lodged at the Office of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, the whole or any Part of the Bank Annuities standing in the Books of the Bank of *England* in the Names of such Commissioners and to the Account aforesaid shall be sold, and the Produce thereof paid to the Account of the Paymaster General at the Bank of *England*.

Commissioners for Reduction of National Debt empowered to sell.

X. It shall and may be lawful for such Commissioners, on the Requisition aforesaid of the Secretary-at-War, to sell from Time to Time any Part of the said Bank Annuities which may be standing in their Names in the Books of the Bank of *England* in pursuance of the Acts hereby repealed or any of them, or this Act, and the Certificate of the Cashier of the Bank of *England* of the Money having been placed to the Account of the Paymaster General shall be a full and sufficient Discharge to such Commissioners.

Provisions as to Money arising from a dissolved Benefit Society.

XI. 'And whereas by the said Act of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, 'Provision was made for an equitable Distribution of the Funds of certain Regimental 'Benefit Societies thereby determined, and for placing the Sum to which each existing 'Subscriber might be declared entitled in the Savings Bank, established under the firstly 'herein-before mentioned Act in the Regiment to which he belonged, to accumulate for 'him until his Discharge; and it was by the Act now in recital enacted, that upon its being 'proved to the Satisfaction of the Secretary-at-War, upon the Recommendation of the 'Commanding Officer of the Regiment, that it would be of advantage to a Soldier to with-'draw his Portion of the said Fund, including any Accumulations thereon, from the 'Regimental Savings Bank before his Discharge, it should be lawful for the Secretary-at-'War to sanction such Withdrawal, and such Portion might be withdrawn accordingly:'

The Repeal of the said Act of the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty shall not affect the said Provisions concerning the Sums so placed as aforesaid in any Savings Bank.

Officers of Savings Banks not personally liable, except for their own Acts.

XII. No Person having any Control in the Management of any Savings Bank established or continued under this Act shall be personally liable, except for his own Acts, nor shall any such Person be personally liable for anything done by him in virtue of his Office in the Execution of this Act, except in Cases where he is guilty of wilful Neglect or Default.

Accounts to be laid before Parliament.

XIII. An Account of the Amount of all Sums deposited under the Acts hereby repealed, or any of them, or this Act, within the Year ended on the Thirty-first Day of *March* preceding, and of the Amount of all Sums withdrawn during the same Period, and of the Interest allowed upon such Deposits, and also of the Number of Accounts open on the said Thirty-first Day of *March*, with such other Particulars as Her Majesty may be pleased from Time to Time to order, shall be annually prepared by the Secretary-at-War, and rendered to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament before the First Day of *April* in every Year, if Parliament be then sitting, or if Parliament be not sitting, then within Fourteen Days after the next Meeting of Parliament; and the gross Amount of all Moneys received and paid by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, under the Authority of the said Acts hereby repealed, or any of them, or this Act, prepared up to the Fifth Day of *January* in every Year,

Year, shall also be annually laid before both Houses of Parliament on or before the said First Day of *April*, or within such Period as aforesaid.

XIV. The Savings Banks established under the firstly herein-before recited Act, and to be established or continued under this Act, shall not, nor shall any Moneys which have been placed to the Account or have come to the Hands of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, under the Acts hereby repealed or any of them, or which may be placed to the Account or come to the Hands of such Commissioners under this Act, be taken to be within the Provisions of an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Savings Banks*, or of any other Act heretofore passed relating to Savings Banks. Military Savings Banks not to be within the Provisions of 9 G. 4. c. 92. or other Acts.

XV. In the Construction of this Act "*India*" shall have the same Meaning as under Section One of the Act of the Session holden in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and six. As to the Word "India."

XVI. This Act shall, as regards the making of Regulations for Savings Banks thereunder, take effect immediately after the passing hereof, and in all other respects shall take effect from the Time at which the Regulations first made shall be therein appointed to come into operation. Commencement of Act.

CAP. XXI.

An Act to regulate the Office of Queen's Remembrancer, and to amend the Practice and Procedure on the Revenue Side of the Court of Exchequer.

[13th *August* 1859.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-six, "for abolishing certain Offices on the Revenue "Side of the Court of Exchequer in *England*, and for regulating the Office of Her "Majesty's Remembrancer in that Court:" And whereas the Office of the said Remembrancer may be conveniently held and the Duties thereof performed by One of the Masters of the said Court, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, upon the Retirement of *Henry William Vincent* Esquire, appointed *William Henry Walton* Esquire, One of the said Masters, to the said Office of Remembrancer: And whereas it is expedient further to regulate the said Office, and to make other Provision in relation thereto, and to the Procedure on the Revenue Side of the said Court:' 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: 5 & 6 Vict. c. 86.

I. The said Appointment of the said *William Henry Walton* shall be confirmed, and he may continue to hold the Office of Her Majesty's Remembrancer during good Behaviour, together with the Office of Master; and upon any Vacancy in the said Office of Remembrancer it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to appoint from Time to Time One of the Masters of the Court of Exchequer to be such Remembrancer, and such Master shall hold such Office together with the Office of Master: Provided, that in the Absence of the Remembrancer from Illness or other Cause the Senior Master for the Time being in attendance may perform the Duties of the Office of Remembrancer. Appointment of Queen's Remembrancer.

II. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, with the Consent of the Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, to reduce or regulate the Establishment under Her Majesty's Remembrancer, and to fix or alter the Salaries of the Remembrancer and the Clerks and other Persons employed in such Establishment, and from Time to Time, and with the like The Treasury to regulate Establishment and to fix Salaries.