bonds, therein named, shall apply to the creation or issue, for the purposes of this Act, of any terminable annuities, any three per cent. capital stocks of annuities, exchequer bills, or exchequer bonds.

Certain charges not to be defrayed out of moneys raised under this Act.

3. No part of the moneys raised in pursuance of this Act shall be applied to defray any charges in respect of telegraph extensions coming in course of payment on and after the first day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Mode of issuing moneys raised.

4. All moneys raised in pursuance of this Act shall be placed to the account of the Paymaster General at the Bank of England, and shall be issued from time to time under regulations to be made by the Treasury, and to be laid by them before Parliament; but in applying such moneys to meet the charges sanctioned by this Act regard shall be had to the several heads of expenditure in the schedule hereto, and no greater sum shall be applied to the expenditure under any one of such heads than is apportioned thereto in the said schedule, except with the sanction of the Treasury, to be given upon a certificate of the Postmaster General that the excess so proposed to be expended under any one head is compensated by a deficiency of expenditure under some other head, and that the total sum to be expended under this Act in carrying into effect the provisions thereof will not exceed the said sum of one million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Accounts of expenditure.

5. Accounts of all expenditure defrayed out of moneys raised in pursuance of the said Telegraph Acts, 1869 to 1871, and of this Act, shall be prepared by the Postmaster General in such form as may be approved by the Treasury, and be transmitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General, to be examined by him as if they were appropriation accounts, in manner directed by the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Telegraph Act, 1873.

SCHEDULE referred to in this Act.

HEADS OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.

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1. Sum required to make good amount improperly diverted from the Consolidated Fund to 31st March 1873	812,800
2. Expenses of telegraph extensions which shall come in course of payment previous to 1st October 1873	120,000
3. Cost of undertakings purchased or to be purchased	87,200
4. Commutation of pensions	230,000
	£1,250,000

CHAPTER 84.

An Act to explain the Militia Pay Acts, 1868 and 1869, and to facilitate the sale of property held for Militia purposes. [5th August 1873.]

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:

"Sub-lieutenant" included under "lieutenant."

1. The Militia Pay Acts, 1868 and 1869, shall be construed as if the word "lieutenant" in the said Acts included "sub-lieutenant."

Amendment of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 68. s. 10., as to sale of militia

2. Whereas by the tenth section of "The Military Forces Localisation Act, 1872," it was enacted that the commissioners of lieutenancy of the city of London, the justices of any county, riding, division, or liberty of a county (in this section included under the

term county), and the council of any municipal borough, may transfer to the said Secretary of State, for the purposes of this Act, upon such terms, and with or without payment of a pecuniary consideration, as they think expedient, any barracks, storehouses for arms or ammunition, or other buildings or land held in the case of a county for the public uses or purposes of such county, and in the case of a borough, for the public uses or purposes of such borough: storehouses, &c.

And whereas it is expedient in cases where the said Secretary of State does not require the transfer of any barrack, storehouse, or other building or land as aforesaid, to authorise the sale thereof in like manner as if the public service required the site of such storehouse to be changed: Be it therefore enacted, that upon a certificate being given by the said Secretary of State that any such barrack, storehouse, or other building or land is not required for the purposes of the said Act, the said commissioners of lieutenancy, justices, or council may sell the same; such sale shall in Great Britain be made in like manner as if the same were a place for keeping the stores of the militia and the public service required the site of the same to be changed, and all enactments relating to such sale shall apply accordingly, with this modification, that the purchase-money need not be applied or paid towards the cost of purchasing any ground for the purpose of building, purchasing, rebuilding, enlarging, altering, improving, or fitting up any place, building, or premises for the purposes of the militia; and such sale shall in Ireland be made in like manner as if the same were the sale of an old gaol, and the purchase-money arising from any such sale shall be applied in like manner as if the same were the purchase-money arising from the sale of an old gaol.

The terms in this section shall have the same meaning as they have in section ten of "The Military Forces Localisation Act, 1872."

3. This Act may be cited as the "Militia Pay and Storehouses Act, 1873." Short title.

CHAPTER 85.

An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts. [5th August 1873.]

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:

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Act, 1873. Short title.

2. This Act shall be construed as one with the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, and the Acts amending the same, and the said Acts and this Act may be cited collectively as the Merchant Shipping Acts, 1854 to 1873. Construction of Act.

Registry (Part II. of Merchant Shipping Act, 1854).

3. Every British ship registered after the passing of this Act shall before registry, and every British ship registered before the passing of this Act shall, on or before the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, be permanently and conspicuously marked to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade, as follows: Particulars to be marked on British ships.

Her name shall be marked on each of her bows, and her name and the name of her port of registry shall be marked on her stern, on a dark ground in white or yellow letters, or on a light ground in black letters, such letters to be of a length not less than four inches, and of proportionate breadth:

Her official number and the number denoting her registered tonnage shall be cut in on her main beam: