For the Relief of such Persons whose Appointments and Admissions or the Entries of whose Admissions as aforesaid may not have been provided, or not duly stamped, or where the same have been lost or mislaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Persons, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, to provide or cause to be provided Appointments and Admissions, or Entries of Admissions, as aforesaid, duly stamped, or in case where such Appointments, Admissions, or Entries of Admissions as aforesaid have been made or provided, but have not been duly stamped, to produce such Appointments, Admissions, or Entries of Admissions as aforesaid to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, to be duly stamped, which such Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered and required to duly stamp, on Payment of double the Amount of the Duties first payable or to have been paid on such Appointments, Admissions, or Entries as aforesaid, without any other Fine or Forfeiture thereon; and in order to denote the said Duties the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to use such Stamps as shall have been heretofore provided to denote any former Duties on stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper, or to cause new Stamps to be provided for that Purpose, and to do all other Things necessary for putting this Act in execution, in the like and in as full and ample Manner as they or the major Part of them are authorized to put in execution any former Law concerning stamped Vellum, Parchment, and Paper; and such Persons so providing Appointments, Admissions, or Entries of Admissions as aforesaid, duly stamped, or procuring the same to be duly stamped in manner aforesaid, are and shall be hereby confirmed and qualified to act as Clerk of the Peace, Town Clerk, and other public Officer, or Member or Members, Officer or Officers of such Cities, Corporations, and Borough Towns respectively, to all Intents and Purposes, and shall and may hold and enjoy and execute such Office, or any other Office or Offices into which he or they hath or have been elected, notwithstanding his or their Omission, or the Omission of any of their Predecessors in such Cities, Corporations, or Borough Towns as aforesaid, and shall be indemnified and discharged of and from all Incapacities, Disabilities, Forfeitures, Penalties, and Damages by reason of any such Omission; and none of his or their Acts shall be questioned or avoided by reason of the same.

Not to restore Persons to any Office avoided by Judgment.

VI. Provided always, That this Act or anything herein contained shall not extend or be construed to extend to restore or entitle any Person or Persons to any Office or Employment, Benefice, Matter, or Thing whatsoever, already actually avoided by Judgment of any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record, already legally filled up and enjoyed by any other Person, but such Office or Employment, Benefice, Matter, or Thing, so avoided or legally filled up and enjoyed, shall be and remain in and to the Person or Persons who is or are now or shall at the passing of this Act be legally entitled to the same, as if this Act had never been passed.

General Issue.

VII. In case any Action, Suit, Bill of Indictment, or Information shall after the passing of this Act be brought, carried on, or prosecuted against any Person or Persons hereby meant or intended to be indemnified, recapacitated, or restored, for or on account of any Forfeiture, Penalty, Incapacity, or Disability whatsoever incurred or to be incurred by any such Neglect or Omission, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and upon their Defence give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence upon any Trial to be had thereupon.

CAP. V.

An Act further to explain and amend the Acts for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in *England* and *Wales*, and in *Ireland*. [20th *April* 1852.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years 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, it is (among other things) enacted, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected or to be a

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76.

'Councillor or an Alderman of any Borough during such Time as he shall have, directly or 'indirectly, by himself or his Partner, any Share or Interest in any Contract or Employment 'with, by, or on behalf of the Council of such Borough: And whereas by another Act 'passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of 'Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in* 'Ireland, it is (among other things) enacted, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected 'or to be a Councillor, or an Alderman, or a Municipal Commissioner of any Borough, 'during such Time as he shall have, directly or indirectly, by himself or his Partner, any 'Share or Interest in any Contract or Employment with, by, or on behalf of any such 'Council, Commissioners, or Charitable Trustees of such Borough: And whereas Doubts 'have arisen whether the said Enactments may not be deemed to extend to the Persons 'herein-after mentioned, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed:' 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,

3 & 4 Vict. c. 108.

Proprietors of Newspapers not to be deemed Contractors by reason of Advertisements.

I. That from and after the passing of this Act no Person shall be deemed to have had or to have an Interest in a Contract or Employment with, by, or on behalf of such Council, Commissioners, or Trustees, by reason only of his having had or having a Share or Interest in any Newspaper in which any Advertisement relating to the Affairs of any such Borough, Council, Commissioners, or Trustees may have been or may hereafter be inserted.

Suits commenced for certain Penalties under recited Acts may be stayed on Payment of Costs out of Pocket.

II. That immediately from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any Person or Persons against whom any original Writ, Suit, Action, Plaint, or Information shall have been sued out, commenced, or prosecuted on or before the Day of the passing of this Act, for the Recovery of any pecuniary Penalty or Penalties incurred under the said Enactments, (by reason only of any Extension of the Words "Contract" or "Employment," therein contained, to the Case of any such Insertion of Advertisements in any Newspaper as aforesaid,) to apply to the Court in which such original Writ, Suit, Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information shall have been sued out, commenced, or prosecuted, or to any Judge of One of the Superior Courts at *Westminster* or *Dublin*, as the Case may be, for an Order that such Writ, Suit, Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information shall be discontinued, upon Payment of the Costs thereof out of Pocket incurred to the Time of such Application being made, such Costs to be taxed according to the Practice of such Court; and every such Court or Judge is hereby authorized and required, upon such Application, and Proof that sufficient Notice has been given to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or to his or their Attorney, of the Application, to make such Order as aforesaid, and upon the making such Order, and Payment or Tender of such Costs as aforesaid; such Writ, Suit, Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information shall be forthwith discontinued.

Suits, &c. renewed or continued may be discontinued on Payment of Costs out of Pocket.

III. Provided always, That in all Cases in which any such Writ, Suit, Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information sued out or commenced on or before the Fifth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two shall have been renewed or continued before the passing of this Act, or upon which any Declaration shall have been filed or delivered, or other Proceedings had, after the said Fifth Day of *February*, and before the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for such Court or Judge, upon such Application and Proof as aforesaid, to make such Order as aforesaid for discontinuing the same, upon Payment of the Costs out of Pocket of all Proceedings had on or before the said Fifth Day of *February*, to be taxed as aforesaid, and such Costs out of Pocket (if any) of any Proceedings had after the said Fifth Day of *February*, as the Court or Judge making such Order shall think fit to direct, and upon making such Order; and upon Payment or Tender of such Costs, such Writ, Suit, Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information shall be forthwith discontinued.

Court may make Order for discontinuing Suit, without Payment of Costs.

IV. Provided also, That in all Cases in which any such Writ, Suit, Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information shall have been sued out or commenced at any Time subsequent to the said Fifth Day of *February*, it shall be competent for such Court or Judge as aforesaid to make such Orders as aforesaid for discontinuing the same, without Payment of any Costs; and upon making such Order such Writ, Suit, Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information shall be forthwith discontinued.

V. That

V. That nothing herein contained shall extend to any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, or any legal Proceeding of any kind whatsoever, in which any Judgment shall have passed on or before the Day of the passing of this Act, but such Proceedings may be thereupon had and taken, and any such Judgment may be dealt with in all respects, as if this Act had not passed. Judgments not to be affected.

VI. That from and after the passing of this Act no Municipal Commissioner, Councillor, Alderman, or Mayor, in any Municipal Corporation within the Provisions of either of the said Acts, shall be deemed to have been or to be disqualified to be elected or to be such Municipal Commissioner, Councillor, Alderman, or Mayor, by reason only of his having had or having any Share or Interest in any Newspaper in which any such Advertisement as aforesaid may have been or may be inserted, but all Elections of Municipal Commissioners, Councillors, Aldermen, or Mayors as aforesaid shall be deemed and taken to have been and to be valid (unless in Cases where Judgment may have been obtained before the passing of this Act) notwithstanding any such Share or Interest as aforesaid. Proprietors of Newspapers not disqualified from Election to Municipal Offices by reason of Advertisements, &c.

CAP. VI.

An Act for extending the Term of the provisional Registration of Inventions under "The Protection of Inventions Act, 1851." [20th *April* 1852.]

'WHEREAS by "The Protection of Inventions Act, 1851," it was provided, that the provisional Registration of any new Invention registered thereunder should continue in force for the Term of One Year from the Time of the same being so registered: And whereas it is expedient that the said Term should be extended:' 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: 14 Vict. c. 8.

I. The Registration of every Invention provisionally registered under the said Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, in like Manner, and with the like Effect and Consequences, as if every such Registration had been continued in force till that Day by the said Act, instead of for the Term of One Year from the Time of the Invention being registered as therein mentioned. Provisional Registration under the recited Act to continue in force till 1st Feb. 1853.

CAP. VII.

An Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters. [20th *April* 1852.]

'WHEREAS the raising or keeping a Standing Army within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Time of Peace, unless it be with the Consent of Parliament, is against Law: And whereas it is adjudged necessary by Her Majesty, and this present Parliament, that a Body of Forces should be continued, for the Safety of the United Kingdom, the Defence of the Possessions of Her Majesty's Crown, and the Preservation of the Balance of Power in *Europe*, and that the whole Number of such Forces should consist of One hundred and one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven Men, exclusive of the Officers and Men belonging to the Regiments employed in the Territorial Possessions of the *East India* Company, but including the Officers and Men of the Troops and Companies recruiting for those Regiments: And whereas no Man can be forejudged of Life or Limb, or subjected in Time of Peace to any kind of Punishment within this Realm, by Martial Law, or in any other Manner than by Judgment of his Peers and according to the known and established Laws of this Realm; yet nevertheless it being Numbers.