Extension of 29 & 30 Vict. c. 25. as to forgery, &c., to bonds.

4. Section fifteen of the Exchequer Bills and Bonds Act, 1866, (which section relates to the forgery of Exchequer bills,) shall apply to all Exchequer bonds issued in pursuance of this Act in like manner as if it were herein enacted with the substitution of Exchequer bond for Exchequer bill.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the Exchequer Bonds (No. 1) Act, 1879.

CHAPTER 4.

An Act to continue for Three Months the Act of the Session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ten, intituled "An "Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the "better Payment of the Army and their Quarters."

[21st March 1879.]

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, and the defence of the possessions of Her Majesty's Crown, and that the whole number of such forces should consist of one hundred and thirty-five thousand six hundred and twenty-five men, including those to be employed at the depôts in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for the training of recruits for service at home and abroad, but exclusive of the numbers actually serving within Her Majesty's Indian possessions:

Number of men to consist of 135,625, including those employed at depôts in United Kingdom, but exclusive of those actually serving in India.

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 requisite, for the retaining all the before-mentioned forces and other persons specified in the Act next herein-after mentioned in their duty, that an exact discipline be observed, and that soldiers who shall mutiny or stir up sedition, or shall desert Her Majesty's service, or be guilty of crimes and offences to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, be brought to a more exemplary and speedy punishment than the usual forms of the law will allow:

And whereas the Act of the session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ten, intituled "An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the "better payment of the army and their quarters," will be in force only in Great Britain until the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and elsewhere until the several dates in the said Act mentioned.

41 & 42 Vict. c. 10.

And whereas a Bill has been introduced into Parliament to amend the law relating to the discipline and regulation of the army, and it is expedient to continue the above-mentioned Act until other provisions can be brought into force for the government of the army.

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Mutiny Act (Temporary) Continuance Act, 1879.

Continuance of Mutiny Act, 41 & 42 Vict. c. 10., for three months.

2. The Act of the session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ten, intituled "An "Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better "payment of the army and their quarters," and any Articles of War made thereunder, shall be and continue in force within Great Britain for the period of three months beginning on the twenty-fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and in any other place for the period of three months, beginning at the time at which the said Act would if this Act had not passed have ceased to be in force in that place.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to continue for three months the Act of the Session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eleven, intituled "An Act "for the Regulation of Her Majesty's Royal Marine "Forces while on shore." [21st March 1879.]

WHEREAS it is judged necessary for the safety of the United Kingdom, and the defence of the possessions of this realm, that a body of Royal Marine forces should be employed in Her Majesty's fleet and naval service, under the direction of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, or the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid:

And whereas the said forces may frequently be quartered or be on shore, or sent to do duty or be on board transport ships, or merchant ships or vessels, or ships or vessels of Her Majesty, or other ships or vessels, or they may be under other circumstances in which they will not be subject to the laws relating to the government of Her Majesty's forces by sea:

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 the judgment of his peers, and according to the known and established laws of this realm; yet nevertheless, it being requisite for the retaining of such forces in their duty that an exact discipline be observed, and that marines who shall mutiny or stir up sedition, or shall desert Her Majesty's service, or be guilty of any other crime or offence in breach of or to the prejudice of good order and discipline, be brought to a more exemplary and speedy punishment than the usual forms of the law will allow:

And whereas the Act of the session of the forty-first and forty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eleven,