CAP. XI.

An Act for the Cancellation of certain Capital Stocks of Annuities standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt. [23d *March* 1866.]

'WHEREAS Capital Stocks of Annuities to a large Amount are standing in the Names of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to Two separate Accounts, and arising from different Sources, that is to say, first, to an Account, intituled "The Account of unclaimed Dividends," arising from Investments made by the said Commissioners of Dividends not claimed upon Capital Stock transferred to the Commissioners in pursuance of divers Acts of Parliament, and secondly, to an Account intituled "The Account of Donations and Bequests towards reducing the National Debt," and arising from the Investment of certain Sums that have at various Times been given by way of Donation or Bequest toward reducing the National Debt: And whereas it is expedient that Power should be given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to cancel the said Capital Stocks to the Extent and in manner herein-after mentioned:' 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:

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The National Debt Reduction Act, 1866." Short Title.

2. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may at any Time hereafter, by Warrant addressed to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, direct them to cancel any Amount the said Commissioners may think fit, not exceeding in the whole Three million Pounds of the Capital Stock of Annuities standing in the Names of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Account intituled "The "Account of unclaimed Dividends, pursuant to Acts Fifty-sixth *George* the Third, Chapter "Sixty, and Eighth and Ninth *Victoria*, Chapter Sixty-two," and upon such Cancellation being effected all Dividends payable on the cancelled Stock shall cease from and after the last Day on which they were due previous to such Cancellation. Cancellation of Stock standing to the Unclaimed Dividend Account. 56 G. 3. c. 60. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 62.

3. If at any Time after the Cancellation of such last-mentioned Stock it shall be certified to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* that the Amount of Cash standing to the said Account is insufficient to meet the legal Claims thereon, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall issue out of the growing Produce of the Consolidated Fund to the said Governor and Company such Amounts as may from Time to Time be required for Payment of such legal Claims. Indemnity to Parties claiming cancelled Stock.

4. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may at any Time hereafter, by Warrant addressed to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, direct them to cancel the whole of the Capital Stock of Annuities standing at the Date of such Warrant in the Names of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, to the Account, intituled "The Account of Donations and Bequests towards the Reduction of "the National Debt," and upon such Cancellation being effected all Dividends payable on the cancelled Stock shall cease from and after the last Day on which they were due previous to such Cancellation. Cancellation of Stock standing to the Donation and Bequest Account.

5. The Warrants to be issued to the said Governor and Company for the Cancellation of any Capital Stock under this Act shall be a sufficient Authority for such Cancellation. Cancellation by Warrants.

6. In all future Cases of Purchases of Capital Stocks of Annuities by the Application of Donations and Bequests Monies, unless it be otherwise expressly provided in every such Donation Provision for cancelling future Annuities.

Donation or Bequest respectively, such Annuities shall be at once cancelled by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, on a Direction from the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, signified in Writing under the Hand of the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller for the Time being of the National Debt Office.

CAP. XII.

An Act to make Provision for the Government of *Jamaica*.

[23d *March* 1866.]

Acts passed by Legislature of Jamaica.

'WHEREAS Two Acts were passed by the Legislature of *Jamaica* during a Session held in this present Year of Her Majesty, intituled, respectively, *An Act to alter and amend the Political Constitution of this Island, An Act to amend an Act passed in the present Session, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Political Constitution of this Island,"* and it is expedient that the said Acts should be brought into operation, under Authority of Parliament, in the Manner and to the Extent herein-after set forth:

'And whereas Parts of the said Acts are set out in the Schedule hereunto annexed:'

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:

So much of such Acts as in Schedule to this Act to take effect.

1. So much of said recited Acts as is contained in the said Schedule shall come into operation in the Island of *Jamaica* so soon as the Assent thereto of Her Majesty in Council shall have been proclaimed in the said Island by the Officer administering the Government thereof.

"Government" to include "Legislature." Powers how exerciseable.

2. In construing the said secondly-recited Act the Term "Government" shall be held to include "Legislature;" and the Powers exerciseable by Her Majesty under the said Act shall be exerciseable by Her Majesty in Council.

SCHEDULE.

An Act to alter and amend the Political Constitution of this Island.

WHEREAS it is necessary to alter the present Political Constitution of this Island: Be it enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly of this Island, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same,

First, that from and after the coming into operation of this Act the present Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and all and every the Functions and Privileges of those Two Bodies respectively, shall cease and determine absolutely.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the present Session, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Political Constitution of this Island."

WHEREAS an Act was passed by the Legislature of this Island during this present Session, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the Political Constitution of this Island:" And whereas it is desirable that the same should be amended: Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly of this Island, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same,

In place of the Legislature abolished by the First Section of the recited Act it shall be lawful for Her Majesty the Queen to create and constitute a Government for this Island in such Form and with such Powers as to Her Majesty may best seem fitting, and from Time to Time to alter or amend such Government