'of Dividends of any such Stocks or Funds; and Doubts have arisen whether both the 'said Duties may not be chargeable upon one and the same Instrument:' 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:

Letters of Attorney, &c. how to be charged with Stamp Duty.

1. No Letter or Power of Attorney made for the Sale, Transfer, or Acceptance of any of the Government or Parliamentary Stocks or Funds, and duly stamped in that Behalf, shall be chargeable with any further or other Stamp Duty by reason of its containing therein any Authority for the Receipt of Dividends on any such Stocks or Funds.

As to Letters requesting that Dividends or Interest of Stocks, &c. may be paid to Nominees.

2. 'And whereas Doubts have arisen as to whether certain Letters or Writings hereinafter described are chargeable with Stamp Duty as Letters or Powers of Attorney:' Be it enacted, That no Letter or other Writing under Hand only containing any Request or Direction to any Joint Stock or other Company or Society, or to any Secretary, Treasurer, or other Officer thereof, or to any Banker, by the Owner or Proprietor of any Stocks, Funds, or Shares of or in any such Company or Society, to pay the Dividends or Interest arising from any such Stocks, Funds, or Shares to any Person named in such Order, Request, or Direction, shall be chargeable with Stamp Duty as a Letter or Power of Attorney.

CAP. XCI.

An Act for the more effectual Protection of Her Majesty's Naval and Victualling Stores. [29th *July* 1864.]

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:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as The Naval and Victualling Stores Act, 1864.

Extent of Act

2. This Act shall not extend to *Scotland* or *Ireland*.

Interpretation of Terms.

3. In this Act—

The Term "the Admiralty" means the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral:

The Term "Dealer in Marine Stores" means a Person bound to conform to the Regulations of The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, Section Four hundred and eighty:

The Term "Dealer in old Metals" has the same Meaning as in The Old Metal Dealers Act, 1861:

The Term "in Her Majesty's Service," when applied to Persons, applies also to Persons in the Employment of the Admiralty:

The Term "Stores" includes any single Store or Article.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 64. repealed as to future Offences.

4. The Naval and Victualling Stores Act, 1862, is hereby repealed; but this Repeal or anything in this Act shall not apply to or in respect of any Offence, Act, or Thing committed or done before the passing of this Act.

Marks in Schedule appropriated for Her Majesty's Naval and Victualling Stores.

5. The Marks described in the Schedule to this Act may be applied in or on Her Majesty's Naval and Victualling Stores to denote Her Majesty's Property in Stores so marked.

It shall be lawful for the Admiralty, their Contractors, Officers, and Workmen, to apply the said Marks or any of them in or on any such Stores as are described in the said Schedule.

Imitation a Misdemeanour.

If any Person, without lawful Authority (Proof of which Authority shall lie on the Party accused), applies any of the said Marks in or on any such Stores he shall be guilty of a Misdemeanour,

Misdemeanour, and shall be liable to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour.

Obliteration, with Intent to conceal Her Majesty's Property, Felony.

6. If any Person, with Intent to conceal Her Majesty's Property in any Naval or Victualling Stores, takes out, destroys, or obliterates, wholly or in part, any such Mark as aforesaid, he shall be guilty of Felony, and shall be liable, in the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for any Term not exceeding Four Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

Knowingly receiving, &c. marked Stores a Misdemeanour.

7. If any Person, without lawful Authority (Proof of which Authority shall lie on the Party accused), receives, possesses, keeps, sells, or delivers any Naval or Victualling Stores bearing any such Mark as aforesaid, knowing them to bear such Mark, he shall be guilty of a Misdemeanour, and shall be liable to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding One Year, with or without Hard Labour.

Knowledge of Stores being marked presumed against Dealers, &c.

8. Where the Person charged with such a Misdemeanour as last aforesaid was at the Time at which the Offence is charged to have been committed a Dealer in Marine Stores, or a Dealer in Old Metals, or in Her Majesty's Service, Knowledge on his Part that the Stores to which the Charge relates bore such Mark as aforesaid shall be presumed until the contrary is shown.

Offenders may be summarily convicted in certain Cases.

9. Any Person charged with such a Misdemeanour as last aforesaid in relation to Stores the Value of which does not exceed Five Pounds shall be liable on summary Conviction before a Justice of the Peace to a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds, or, in the Discretion of the Justice, to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Six Months, with or without Hard Labour.

Effect of Conviction of Dealer in old Metals.

10. Every Conviction of a Dealer in old Metals for any Offence in this Act expressed to be a Felony or Misdemeanour shall, for the Purposes of Registration and its Consequences under The Old Metal Dealers Act, 1861, be equivalent to a Conviction under that Act.

Persons, not Dealers in Marine Stores, &c., found in possession of Naval or Victualling Stores, and not satisfactorily accounting for the same, liable to Penalty.

11. In order to prevent a Failure of Justice in some Cases by reason of the Difficulty of proving Knowledge of the Fact that Stores bore such a Mark as aforesaid,—

If any Naval or Victualling Stores bearing any such Mark are found in the Possession of any Person not being a Dealer in Marine Stores or a Dealer in Old Metals, and not being in Her Majesty's Service, and such Person, when taken or summoned before a Justice of the Peace, does not satisfy the Justice that he came by the Stores so found lawfully, he shall be liable, on Conviction by the Justice, to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds; and if any such Person satisfies the Justice that he came by the Stores so found lawfully, the Justice, at his Discretion, as the Evidence given and the Circumstances of the Case require, may summon before him every Person through whose Hands such Stores appear to have passed, and if any such Person as last aforesaid who has had Possession thereof does not satisfy the Justice that he came by the same lawfully, he shall be liable, on Conviction by the Justice, to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

Criminal Possession explained.

12. For the Purposes of this Act, Stores shall be deemed to be in the Possession or Keeping of any Person if he knowingly has them in the actual Possession or Keeping of any other Person, or in any House, Building, Lodging, Apartment, Field, or Place, open or inclosed, whether occupied by himself or not, and whether the same are so had for his own Use or Benefit or for the Use or Benefit of another.

No unauthorized Person to creep, sweep, &c. for Stores within 100 Yards of Dockyards, &c.

13. It shall not be lawful for any Person, without Permission in Writing from the Admiralty, or from some Person authorized by the Admiralty in that Behalf, to creep, sweep, dredge, or otherwise search for Stores in the Sea or any Tidal Water within One hundred Yards from any Vessel belonging to Her Majesty or in Her Majesty's Service, or from any Mooring Place or Anchoring Place appropriated to such Vessels, or from any Moorings belonging to Her Majesty, or from any of Her Majesty's Wharves, or Dock, Victualling, or Steam Factory Yards.

If any Person acts in contravention of this Provision, he shall be liable, on summary Conviction before a Justice of the Peace, to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Months with or without Hard Labour.

14. The

14. The following Sections of the Act of the Session of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Ninety-six), "to consolidate and amend the Statute "Law of *England* and *Ireland* relating to Larceny and other similar Offences," shall be incorporated with this Act, and shall for the Purposes of this Act be read as if they were here re-enacted, namely, Sections Ninety-eight to One hundred, One hundred and three, One hundred and five, One hundred and seven to One hundred and thirteen, and One hundred and fifteen to One hundred and twenty-one, all inclusive; and for this Purpose the Expression "this Act," when used in the said incorporated Sections, shall be taken to include the present Act. Sections 98, 99, 100, 103, 105, 107 to 113, and 115 to 121, of 24 & 25 Vict. c. 96. incorporated with this Act.

15. It shall not be competent for any Person, other than the Admiralty, to institute or carry on under this Act any Prosecution or Proceeding for any Offence. None but the Admiralty to prosecute.

16. Notwithstanding anything in any Act relating to Municipal Corporations or to the Metropolitan Police Force or in any other Act, any pecuniary Penalty or other Money recovered under this Act shall be paid or applied as the Admiralty direct. Penalties, &c. to be applied under Orders of Admiralty.

17. Nothing in this Act shall prevent any Person from being indicted under this Act or otherwise for any indictable Offence made punishable on summary Conviction by this Act, or prevent any Person from being liable under any other Act or otherwise to any other or higher Penalty or Punishment than is provided for any Offence by this Act, so that no Person be punished twice for the same Offence. Not to prevent Persons being indicted under this Act, &c.

SCHEDULE.

MARKS appropriated for Her Majesty's Use in or on Naval and Victualling Stores.

Stores.	Marks.
Hempen Cordage and Wire Rope - -	White, Black, or Coloured Worsted Threads laid up with the Yarns and the Wire respectively.
Canvas, Fearnought, Hammocks, and Seamen's Bags.	A Blue Line in a Serpentine Form.
Buntin - - - - - -	A double Tape in the Warp.
Candles - - - - -	Blue or Red Cotton Threads in each Wick, or Wicks of Red Cotton.
Timber, Metal, and other Stores not before enumerated.	The Broad Arrow.

CAP. XCII.

An Act for annexing Conditions to the Appointment of Persons to Offices in the Governing Bodies of certain Public Schools and Colleges.

[29th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS a Commission was issued in the Year One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, under Letters Patent of Her Majesty, for the Purpose of inquiring into the Nature and Application of the Endowments and into the Administration and Management of the Colleges and Schools named in the Schedule annexed hereto: And whereas the said Commission reported, amongst other things, to Her Majesty, that Parliamentary Legislation would be required in order to make the Changes which the said Commission considered desirable, in respect, amongst other things, of the Governing Bodies