which may come or be brought to his knowledge; and he or any person deputed by him may at any time have access to the consignation books, and may call for exhibition of the deposit receipts, bank pass books, accounts, and all other documents applicable or relating to consigned moneys.

Payment by Queen's Remembrancer to Exchequer.

9. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time to direct the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer to pay over to the Exchequer out of the balances accumulated in his hands under the provisions of this Act such sums as to them may seem fit.

Right to claim moneys in Queen's Remembrancer's hands.

10. Every person having any legal claim to the moneys to be paid over in terms of this Act, or any part of them, shall have such and the like claim therein, and such and the like right to demand and recover the same from the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer, after payment thereof to the said Remembrancer, as from the person or persons having possession of such moneys before payment to the said Remembrancer; and an order by the court in which any consignation has been made or received, for the payment thereof, or of any part thereof, to any person or persons named, shall be sufficient warrant to the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer to make such payment, and such court shall continue to have jurisdiction relative to the disposal of such consignation, and the parties to the cause shall have the same rights of appeal and otherwise in case of dispute regarding the consignation as they would have had if the money had remained in the hands of the sheriff clerk.

CHAPTER 45.

An Act to make further provision for the completion and equipment of Ships under the Naval Defence Act, 1889, and to amend that Act. [12th September 1893.]

Most Gracious Sovereign—

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, being desirous to make further provision for the completion and equipment of the ships authorised to be built under the Naval Defence Act, 1889, have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty for those purposes the sums herein-after mentioned as an addition to the sums already granted for those purposes, and have resolved that those sums should be raised as in this Act provided:

52 & 53 Vict. c. 8.

We do therefore humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

Increase of expenditure authorised for dockyard shipbuilding under 52 & 53 Vict. c. 8.

1.—(1.) The Admiralty may expend for the purpose of dockyard shipbuilding under the Naval Defence Act, 1889, the sum of one million three hundred and fifty thousand pounds in addition to the sum of eight million six hundred and fifty thousand pounds authorised by that Act for the purpose, and the total amount authorised to be expended for the purposes of that Act shall be increased accordingly, and for the purpose of meeting this total expenditure there shall, in addition to the provision made under section three of the Naval Defence Act, 1889, be applied out of moneys provided by Parliament for navy services during the year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, sums not exceeding in the aggregate the excess of the said total expenditure above the provision under the said section three.

(2.) The time for completion mentioned in section one of the Naval Defence Act, 1889, shall be extended to the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

Application of surplus on former years for 1895. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 8.

2. If at the end of the financial year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four any surplus remains on the Naval Defence Account out of moneys transferred thereto in pursuance of section three of the Naval Defence Act, 1889, then, notwithstanding anything in that section, that surplus may, in whole or in part, irrespective of its source, be applied in accordance with the directions of the Treasury either for the purpose of dockyard shipbuilding or for the armament of dockyard vessels, within the meaning of the Naval Defence Act, 1889, as an addition to the sum authorised by this Act to be applied for either of those purposes during the year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, but if at the end of that year there still remains any such surplus on the Naval Defence Account, that surplus shall be paid and applied as part of the new sinking fund.

Armament in certain cases not to include reserves.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the Naval Defence Act, 1889, the armament to be provided for the contract vessels out of the sum of ten million pounds authorised by that Act need not include reserves of torpedoes and ammunition.

Charge of certain expenditure before the passing of 52 & 53 Vict. c. 8.

4. Whereas before the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, certain expenditure was incurred which is properly chargeable as part of the expenditure under the Naval Defence Act, 1889: Be it therefore enacted that such expenditure may, to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand pounds, be charged as part of the expenditure duly incurred under the Naval Defence Act, 1889.

Explanation of s. 3 (2) of 52 & 53 Vict. c. 8.

5. The powers conferred by sub-section two of section three of the Naval Defence Act, 1889, shall be, and be deemed always to have been, applicable, notwithstanding that in any financial year sums less than two million six hundred and fifty thousand pounds or six hundred thousand pounds may be or may have been provided by Parliament.

Application of ss. 4, 5, & 6 of

6. Sections four, five, and six of the Naval Defence Act, 1889, shall apply in the case of money applied, expended, or authorised

52 & 53 Vict. c. 8.

under this Act as they apply in the case of money applied, expended, or authorised under that Act.

Commencement and short title.

7. This Act shall have effect from the beginning of the current financial year, and may be cited as the Naval Defence Act, 1893.

CHAPTER 46.

An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

[12th September 1893.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

Issue of 11,833,596*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1894.

1. The Treasury may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four the sum of eleven million eight hundred and thirty-three thousand five hundred and ninety-six pounds.

Power to the Treasury to borrow.

2. The Treasury may borrow from any person, and the Bank of England may advance to the Treasury, on the credit of the said sum, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of eleven million eight hundred and thirty-three thousand five hundred and ninety six pounds, and the Treasury shall repay the moneys so borrowed with interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund, at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said moneys were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of the Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Act, 1893