to be the head burgh or county town of the shire for the purposes of civil and criminal jurisdiction, and for all other purposes and to all other effects whatsoever.

Repeal of Act of Parliament of Scotland 9th October 1696, and 16 & 17 Vict. c. 27.

2. The Act passed by the Parliament of Scotland held by King William at Edinburgh the ninth day of October, in the year one thousand six hundred and ninety-six, intituled "An Act declaring "the Burgh of Greenlaw the head burgh of the Shire of Berwick," and the Berwickshire Courts Act, 1853, are hereby repealed.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Berwickshire County Town Act, 1903.

CHAPTER 6.

An Act to provide for the Constitution of a Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and a Force of Royal Marine Volunteers, and otherwise amend the Law relating to His Majesty's Naval Forces. [30th June 1903.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:

Power to raise new Naval Volunteer force.

1.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Admiralty to raise and maintain a force to be called the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

22 & 23 Vict. c. 40.

(2) The provisions of the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1859, as amended by any subsequent enactment, shall apply to the force so raised, subject to the following modifications, namely:—

(i) Section two, section three, the proviso to section five, and section twenty of the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1859 (relating to conditions of service), so much of section six as relates to naval pay, and sections nine and ten of that Act (relating to pay and pensions), shall not apply to the force raised under this section:

(ii) The Admiralty may make regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this section, and in particular for adapting to volunteers enrolled under this section the provisions of the Volunteer Act, 1863, which relate to the power of volunteers to quit the corps when not on actual service, and to rules and property of the corps.

26 & 27 Vict. c. 65.

Royal Marine Volunteers.

2.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Admiralty to raise and maintain a force of Royal Marine Volunteers, and for that purpose the Admiralty may make regulations as to the enrolment of men to serve in that force.

(2) The volunteers so enrolled shall be subject to the provisions of the enactments for the time being in force relating to volunteers, provided that, when subject to military law, the Army Act shall apply to them as it applies to the Royal Marines, and that, when called out for actual service or voluntarily serving for training afloat, they shall be available for service beyond the seas.

(3) In the application of the enactments relating to the volunteers to the Royal Marine Volunteers, the Admiralty shall be substituted for a Secretary of State, and the Admiralty may make regulations for adapting those enactments where necessary to the Royal Marine Volunteers.

Payment of volunteers on actual service or when training afloat.

3. Where a volunteer enrolled under this Act is serving for training afloat or is called out for actual service, he shall be deemed to be serving in His Majesty's naval or marine force within the meaning of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, as amended by any subsequent enactment, and those enactments shall apply accordingly. 28 & 29 Vict. c. 73.

Engagement of non-continuous service men.

4.—(1) Where, after the passing of this Act, a man or boy is entered for non-continuous service in the naval service of His Majesty, he may, if regulations made by the Admiralty so prescribe, be engaged for a period not exceeding twelve years, on the terms that after such number of years' service in the Navy as the regulations prescribe, and as may be specified in his engagement paper, he shall be liable to serve for the residue of the term of his engagement in the Royal Fleet Reserve.

(2) The expression "Royal Fleet Reserve" means the division of the Royal Naval Reserve raised under the Naval Reserve Act, 1900. 63 & 64 Vict. c. 52.

Removal of restriction on numbers of Naval Reserve

5. The Royal Naval Reserve and the Royal Fleet Reserve shall consist of such number of men as the Admiralty may determine, and in section one of the Royal Naval Reserve (Volunteer) Act, 1859, the words "not exceeding thirty thousand," and in section one of the Naval Reserve Act, 1900, the words "not exceeding fifteen thousand in number" shall be repealed.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the Naval Forces Act, 1903.

CHAPTER 7.

An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887.

[30th June 1903.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:

Amendment of 50 & 51 Vict. c. 58. s. 23 (1).

1. From and after the passing of this Act, section twenty-three, subsection one, of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1887, shall be read and construed as if the words following were added thereto at the end of the said subsection, viz.:—

"Or unless he has received a diploma in scientific and mining training after a course of study of at least two years at any university, university college, mining school, or other educational institution to be approved of by a Secretary of State, or has taken a degree of any university to be so