## CHAPTER 13.

An Act for transferring the right of Presentation to the Professorships of Botany and Natural History in the University of Edinburgh. [3rd June 1897.]

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:

Transfer of presentation to professorships.

1. From and after the passing of this Act the right of presentation to the Professorship of Natural History in the University of Edinburgh presently exercised by Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in right of Her Crown, shall be transferred to and in all time coming be exercised by the curators of the said University appointed under the provisions of section thirteen of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858; and the right of presentation to the Professorship of Botany in the said University presently exercised by the said curators shall be transferred to and in all time coming be exercised by Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in right of Her Crown.

21 & 22 Vict. c. 83.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Edinburgh University (Transfer of Patronage) Act, 1897.

## CHAPTER 14.

An Act for enabling the Metropolitan Police Courts to be closed on Special Bank Holidays. [3rd June 1897.]

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:

Power to close metropolitan police courts on Bank holidays. 34 & 35 Vict. c. 17

1. The Secretary of State may, by order, close the metropolitan police courts on any day appointed under section four of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, to be observed as a Bank holiday.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Act, 1897, and may be cited with the Metropolitan Police Acts, 1829 to 1895.

## CHAPTER 15.

An Act to amend the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1865. [3rd June 1897.]

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:

Amendment of 28 & 29 Vict. c. 72. as to wills of seamen, &c.

**1.** Section five of the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1865, which contains regulations as to the wills of persons being or having been seamen or marines with respect to wages, allowances, and other like payments) shall, in its application to the will of any person who dies after the passing of this Act, be amended as follows:

(1.) The words "or when he has ceased so to serve" shall be repealed:

(2.) After the words "or a notary public" shall be inserted the words "or a solicitor, or in Scotland a law agent."

Short title.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1897, and the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1865, and this Act may be cited together as the Navy and Marines (Wills) Acts, 1865 and 1897.

## CHAPTER 16.

### An Act to amend Section Ninety-Seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870. [3rd June 1897.]

WHEREAS by section ninety-seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, it is enacted as follows:

"Where the school board satisfy the Education Department that "in any year ending the twenty-ninth of September the sum "required for the purpose of the annual expenses of the school "board of any school district, and actually paid to the treasurer "of such board by the rating authority, amounted to a sum which "would have been raised by a rate of threepence in the pound on "the rateable value of such district, and any such rate would have "produced less than twenty pounds, or less than seven shillings "and sixpence per child of the number of children in average "attendance at the public elementary schools provided by such "school board, such school board shall be entitled, in addition to "the annual parliamentary grant in aid of the public elementary "schools provided by them, to such further sum out of moneys "provided by Parliament as, when added to the sum actually so "paid by the rating authority, would, as the case may be, make up "the sum of twenty pounds, or the sum of seven shillings and "sixpence for each such child, but no attendance shall be reckoned "for the purpose of calculating such average attendance unless "it is an attendance as defined in the said minutes":

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said section:

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:

Power to increase grant under 33 & 34 Vict. c. 75. s. 97.

**1.**—(1.) Section ninety-seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, shall have effect as if the sum of seven shillings and sixpence therein mentioned were increased by the sum of fourpence for every complete penny by which the school board rate for the year