'Coins of the same Weight and Fineness and of the same Denominations as the Gold 'Coin issued by Her Majesty's Mint in *London*, and it is expedient that Power should 'be given to Her Majesty to declare the Gold Coin so made and issued by such Colonial 'Branch Mints a legal Tender for Payments in any Part of Her Majesty's Dominions in 'which Gold Coin issued from Her Majesty's Mint in *London* may from Time to Time be 'a legal Tender:'

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 Her Majesty to proclaim Gold Coins made at the Branch Mints a legal Tender in the United Kingdom and Colonies.

1. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, from Time to Time, by Proclamation issued with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to declare that for such Period and subject to such Conditions as may be specified in such Proclamation, Gold Coins made at any such Colonial Branch Mint, of Designs approved by Her Majesty, and being of the same Weight and Fineness as are required by Law with respect to Gold Coins of the same Denominations made at Her Majesty's Mint in *London*, are to be a legal Tender for Payments within any Part of Her Majesty's Dominions to be specified in such Proclamation in which Gold Coins issued from Her Majesty's Mint in *London* shall at the Date of the Issue of such Proclamation be a legal Tender, and upon such Proclamation being issued Gold Coins made of such Designs, and being of such Weight and Fineness as aforesaid, shall be a legal Tender for Payments accordingly.

Power to Her Majesty to impose a Charge on coining Gold.

2. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Proclamation issued with such Advice as aforesaid, from Time to Time to impose on the Coinage of Gold at any such Branch Colonial Mint as aforesaid a Charge sufficient to defray the Expenses of Coinage over and above the Expenses of Assay and Refining; and it shall be incumbent on the Deputy Master of any such Mint to coin Gold at the Charge so imposed.

Power to revoke Proclamation.

3. Any Proclamation issued under Authority of this Act may be revoked by Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council.

Short Title.

4. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Colonial Branch Mint Act, 1866."

CAP. LXVI.

An Act to provide for the Relief of the Poor in the *New Forest*.

[6th *August* 1866.]

'WHEREAS a great Portion of Her Majesty's Forest situated in the County of 'Southampton termed the *New Forest* is reputed to be extra-parochial, but by reason 'of its great Extent and the Peculiarity of its Form the Enactments of the Statute passed 'in the Twentieth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Nineteen, cannot be 'carried into execution therein; and it is expedient that Provisions should be made for the 'Division thereof and other dealing therewith, and with other Places included therein or 'adjoining thereto, so that such Enactments may be rendered available therein:' 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:

The Poor Law Board may set out the Boundaries of the Extra-parochial Lands in the New Forest No Man's

1. The Poor Law Board may, as and when they shall think fit, ascertain and by Order under their Seal set out and fix the Boundaries of the Extra-parochial or reputed Extra-parochial Lands within Her Majesty's *New Forest* aforesaid, and of certain other Extra-parochial or reputed Extra-parochial Lands called *No Man's Land*, and of any Parish or Place heretofore maintaining its own Poor, which may be situated within the said Lands or may adjoin or abut on the same or any Part thereof, or such Part of the said Boundaries

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as the Poor Law Board shall think fit, so far as such Boundaries fall within or abut upon the said Forest only; and after the said Boundaries shall have been so ascertained, set out, and fixed the same shall be and be deemed to be the Boundaries of the said Lands and the said Parishes and Places.

Land, and adjoining Parishes.

2. The Poor Law Board may, if they think fit, divide the said Lands or Parts thereof into Portions or Districts of such Extent respectively and bounded in such Manner as they shall deem most convenient, and, with the Consent of the Commissioner of Her Majesty's Woods and Forests and Land Revenues for the Time being in charge of the said Forest, by their Order declare that each of such Portions or Districts shall thenceforth for all the Purposes mentioned in the First Section of the said Act be a Township, and shall be designated by such Name as the Poor Law Board shall in such Order direct, and the same shall thenceforth be a Township separately maintaining its own Poor, and shall be designated by such Name as aforesaid; and the Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction over such Portion or District or over the greater Part thereof shall appoint Overseers of the Poor therein.

The Poor Law Board may, with Consent, &c., divide the Extra-parochial Lands into Townships, and Justices having Jurisdiction may appoint Overseers.

3. The Poor Law Board may, if they think fit, with such Consent as aforesaid, by Order under their Seal direct that such Part of the said Lands as shall not be included in any such Townships shall be annexed for the Purposes aforesaid to any existing Parish or Place for which a separate Poor Rate shall or can be made, within or adjoining to the said Forest, in Portions of such Extent and bounded in such Manner and upon such Conditions and subject to such Provisions as the Poor Law Board shall think fit, and shall submit the same to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County in which the Piece of Land to which the Order applies shall be situated, and such Court shall hear any Objections on behalf of the Owners or Occupiers of the Lands or of the Vestry of the Parish interested in the same, and either confirm the Order or alter it, as they shall see fit, and thenceforth the said Portions shall be dealt with according to the Order of the Quarter Sessions.

The Poor Law Board may, with the Consent of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Woods and Forests, annex Extra-parochial Lands not included in Townships to adjoining Parishes.

4. If in any such Township so to be formed as aforesaid it shall appear to the Justices that Two Overseers cannot conveniently be appointed from the Inhabitant Householders thereof, or are not required for such Township, such Justices may appoint One only; and if it shall appear to them that there is no such Householder liable or fit to be appointed, they shall appoint some Inhabitant of an adjoining Parish or Place willing to serve to be such Overseer, either with or without an annual Salary, such Salary, if any, to be approved by the Poor Law Board, and to be paid out of the Poor Rate of such Township; and such last-mentioned Appointment shall endure until the usual Time of the Appointment of Overseers, and may be renewed from Year to Year as long as the Justices shall find necessary.

One Overseer only may be appointed by the Justices.

5. If any such Township shall be added to any Union, the Overseer or Overseers thereof shall act as the Guardian or Guardians of such Township as the Board of Guardians of such Union until there shall be Ratepayers thereof qualified to elect a Guardian: Provided that if the Poor Law Board shall direct One Guardian only to be appointed for any such Township, and there shall be Two Overseers appointed for the same, the Overseer first appointed or whose Name shall stand first in the Warrant of Appointment shall act as such Guardian, and in the Case of his Decease or Incapacity during the Year of Office the other Overseer shall thenceforth act as such Guardian: Provided also, that no such paid Overseer as aforesaid shall be authorized to act as a Guardian.

Overseers may act as Guardians until there be Ratepayers qualified to elect.

6. The Overseers or Overseer appointed under the Authority of this Act shall have all the Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Exemptions, and Protections which Overseers now or hereafter shall possess, and shall be subject to all the Obligations, Responsibilities, Penalties, and Consequences which Overseers are now or may hereafter be liable to.

All Powers, &c. of Overseers extended to Overseers appointed under this Act.

7. The Powers, Provisions, and Authorities contained in the Eleventh and Twenty-first Sections respectively of the One hundred and ninth Chapter of the Statute passed in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty relating to the summoning and examining of Witnesses and the requiring and enforcing the Production of Returns and other

Powers relating to Examination of Witnesses, &c. extended to this Act.

other Documents therein mentioned shall extend and be applicable to the Proceedings under this Act.

Terms used in this Act to be construed as in 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 76, &c.

8. The Words used in this Act shall be construed in the like Manner as in the Seventy-sixth Chapter of the Statute passed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of King *William* the Fourth, and the Provisions contained therein and in the subsequent Acts explaining and extending the same, and not repealed, shall so far as they shall be consistent herewith, be extended to this Act.

Saving Rights of the Crown.

9. Saving always to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, all such Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Prerogative, and Benefit, as She or They had or enjoyed or could or might have had or enjoyed in, to, or out of or in respect of the said Extra-parochial Lands, Parishes, Townships, and Places in case this Act had not passed.

Short Title.

10. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *New Forest* Poor Act."

CAP. LXVII.

An Act for the Union of the Colony of *Vancouver Island* with the Colony of *British Columbia*. [6th *August* 1866.]

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 *British Columbia* Act, 1866.

"Governor."

2. In this Act the Term "Governor" means any Officer for the Time being lawfully administering the Government.

On Proclamation of this Act in British Columbia, Vancouver Island united therewith.

3. From and immediately after the Proclamation of this Act by the Governor of *British Columbia*, the Colony of *Vancouver Island* shall be and the same is hereby united with the Colony of *British Columbia*, and thenceforth those Two Colonies shall form and be One Colony, with the Name of *British Columbia* (which Union is in this Act referred to as the Union).

As to Government of the United Colony.

4. On the Union taking effect, the Form of Government existing in *Vancouver Island* as a separate Colony shall cease, and the Power and Authority of the Executive Government and of the Legislature existing in *British Columbia* shall extend to and over *Vancouver Island;* but in order that Provision may be made for the Representation of *Vancouver Island* in the Legislature of *British Columbia* after the Union, the maximum Number of Councillors in the Legislative Council of *British Columbia* after the Union shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, be Twenty-three instead of Fifteen.

Laws of the separate Colonies to continue except as to Revenue of Customs.

5. After and notwithstanding the Union the Laws in force in the separate Colonies of *British Columbia* and *Vancouver Island* respectively at the Time of the Union taking effect shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, remain in force as if this Act had not been passed or proclaimed; save only that the Laws relative to the Revenue of Customs in force in *British Columbia* at the Time of the Union taking effect shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, extend and apply to *Vancouver Island;* and, until it is otherwise provided by lawful Authority, the Governor of *British Columbia* shall have, in relation to the Territory for the Time being under his Government, all the Powers and Authorities for the Time being vested, in relation to the United Kingdom, in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or in the Commissioners of Customs, with respect to the Appointment of Warehousing Ports, and the Approval and Appointment of Warehouses or Places of Security in such Ports, and everything consequent thereon or relative thereto.

6. Nothing