III. Repayment of Premiums.

17. If a teacher is dismissed or quits the service otherwise than by death or retirement on a pension, or retirement on receipt of a gratuity in lieu of pension, he shall forfeit all claim to pension or gratuity, but the amount deducted from salary from time to time for premiums shall be returned to him, either at the time of withdrawal from the service, or at any time thereafter, on proof of identity.

18. In the event of a teacher, who is dismissed or quits the service, re-entering for further service, he or she shall again pay any sum which may have been repaid, and also any premiums for the quarter years during which he or she may have been out of the service. These sums while unpaid shall bear compound interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum. They may be paid at once on re-entering the service, or the payments may be spread by deductions from salary over one or two years, as the Commissioners shall determine.

19. A teacher degraded from a higher class shall receive back any premiums paid as a consequence of service in such higher class, and shall only have a claim to the pension of the class for which he shall afterwards pay the premiums.

CHAPTER 75.

An Act to amend and continue the Acts relating to Election Petitions, and to the prevention of Corrupt Practices at Parliamentary Elections.

[15th August 1879.]

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 Parliamentary Elections and Corrupt Practices Act, 1879.

Trial of election petition to be conducted before two judges.

2. The trial of every election petition and the hearing of an application for the withdrawal of an election petition shall be conducted before two judges instead of one, and the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, shall be construed as if for the purpose of hearing and determining the petition at the trial and of hearing and determining any application for the withdrawal of an election petition two judges were mentioned, and additional judges shall, if necessary, be placed on the rota accordingly.

Every certificate and every report sent to the Speaker in pursuance of the said Act shall be under the hands of both judges, and if the judges differ as to whether the member whose return or election is complained of was duly returned or elected they shall certify that difference, and the member shall be deemed to be duly elected or returned; and if the judges determine that such member was not duly elected or returned, but differ as to the rest of the determination, they shall certify that difference, and the election shall be deemed to be void; and if the judges differ as to the subject of a report to the Speaker, they shall certify that difference and make no report on the subject on which they so differ.

Save as aforesaid, any order, act, application, or thing for the purposes of the said Act may continue to be made or done by, to, or before one judge. The expenses incident to the sitting of two judges shall be defrayed as the expenses of one judge are payable under the provisions of the said Act.

Continuance of Acts.

3. This Act and the Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act, so far as they are unrepealed, shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and any enactments amending or affecting the enactments continued by this Act shall, in so far as they are temporary in their duration, be continued in like manner.

SCHEDULE.

ACTS REFERRED TO.

Session and Chapter.	Title.
	PART I.
17 & 18 Vict. c. 102 -	The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854.
21 & 22 Vict. c. 87 -	An Act to continue and amend the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854.
26 & 27 Vict. c. 29 -	An Act to amend and continue the Law relating to Corrupt Practices at Elections of Members of Parliament.
	PART II.
31 & 32 Vict. c. 125 -	The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868.
32 & 33 Vict. c. 21 -	The Corrupt Practices Commission Expenses Act, 1869.
34 & 35 Vict. c. 61 -	The Election Commissioners Expenses Act, 1871.

CHAPTER 76.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Liability of Members of Banking and other Joint Stock Companies; and for other purposes. [15th August 1879.]

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 Companies Act, 1879.

Act not to apply to Bank of England.

2. This Act shall not apply to the Bank of England.

Act to be construed with 25 & 26 Vict. c. 89., 30 & 31 Vict. c. 131., and 40 & 41 Vict. c. 26.

3. This Act shall, so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof, be construed as one with the Companies Acts, 1862, 1867, and 1877, and those Acts together with this Act may be referred to as the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1879.

Registration anew of company. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 89. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 131. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 26. 42 & 43 Vict. c. 76.

4. Subject as in this Act mentioned, any company registered before or after the passing of this Act as an unlimited company may register under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1879, as a limited company, or any company already registered as a limited company may re-register under the provisions of this Act.

The registration of an unlimited company as a limited company in pursuance of this Act shall not affect or prejudice any debts, liabilities, obligations, or contracts incurred or entered into by, to, with, or on behalf of such company prior to registration, and such debts, liabilities, contracts, and obligations may be enforced in