(4.) Every order under this Act shall be published in the Dublin Gazette, and the production of a printed copy of the Dublin Gazette purporting to be printed and published by the Queen's authority, containing the publication of any order under this Act, shall be conclusive evidence of the contents of such order, and of the date thereof, and of the same having been duly made.

(5.) The expression "Lord Lieutenant" means the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being.

3. This Act shall continue in force until the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and no longer. Continuance of Act.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the carrying and Possession of Arms, and for the Preservation of the public Peace in Ireland. [21st March 1881.]

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:

1. In a proclaimed district a person shall not carry or have any arms or ammunition save as authorised by the conditions set forth in the proclamation herein-after mentioned. Prohibition on having or carrying arms in proclaimed district, and search.

Any person carrying or having, or reasonably suspected of carrying or having, any arms or ammunition in contravention of this Act may be arrested without warrant by any constable or peace officer, and, as soon as reasonably can be, conveyed before some justice of the peace in order to his being dealt with according to law.

The Lord Lieutenant may by warrant direct any person named in such warrant to search in houses, buildings, and places situate in a proclaimed district and specified in the warrant, for any arms or ammunition suspected to be therein in contravention of this Act.

The person named in such warrant, with such constables and other persons as he calls to his assistance, may, within ten days next after the date of the warrant, at any time between sunrise and sunset, enter into any house, building, or place specified in such warrant and there execute the warrant; and in case admittance shall be refused to the persons aforesaid, or shall not be obtained by them within a reasonable time after it shall have been first demanded, they may enter by force in order to execute such warrant. The person named in such warrant shall, before executing the same, if so desired, produce the said warrant. Any arms or ammunition carried, had, or found under circumstances which contravene this Act shall be forfeited to Her Majesty.

Any arms or ammunition in the possession of persons not entitled to have the same which shall, within a period to be fixed by the proclamation herein-after mentioned, be given up voluntarily or taken under such circumstances as shall prove to the satisfaction of the Lord Lieutenant that they have not been wilfully kept back,

shall be deemed to be in the possession of Her Majesty, and provision shall be made in such proclamation for the deposit, registration, valuation, and care of the same; and such arms and ammunition shall be returned to the owners thereof whenever the proclamation relating thereto shall cease to be in force: Provided that at any time the Lord Lieutenant may, instead of keeping and returning the arms and ammunition aforesaid, if he think fit, pay to the owners of the same the value thereof as ascertained in the manner provided by the proclamation, or the owners thereof may demand payment of such value, and such payments may be made out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.

Power as to proclamation in respect to arms and ammunition.

2. The Lord Lieutenant, by and with the advice of the Privy Council in Ireland, may from time to time by proclamation declare this Act to be in force within any specified part of Ireland, and this Act shall thereupon after the date specified in the proclamation be in force within such specified part, and any such specified part of Ireland is in this Act referred to as a "proclaimed district;" and any such proclamation may set forth the conditions and regulations under which the carrying or having of arms or ammunition is authorised, and make provision for the appointment of persons to give effect to the same and the manner of the promulgation thereof.

Power as to prohibiting or regulating sale or importation of arms and ammunition.

3. The Lord Lieutenant, by and with the advice of the Privy Council in Ireland, may from time to time make orders for prohibiting or regulating in Ireland the sale or importation of arms and ammunition, and for the appointment of persons for the purpose of giving effect to such orders and providing for the manner of the promulgation thereof.

If any person sell or import, or attempt to sell or import, any arms or ammunition in contravention of any such order, such arms and ammunition shall be liable to be forfeited to Her Majesty, and the person so acting wilfully shall be guilty of an offence against this Act.

Supplemental provisions.

4. (1.) The Lord Lieutenant, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, may, by a further proclamation or order, from time to time alter or revoke any proclamation or order made by him under this Act. A copy of every proclamation and order under this Act shall be laid before each House of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof, if Parliament is then sitting, and if not, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament.

(2.) The Lord Lieutenant may from time to time by order prescribe forms for the purposes of this Act, and any form so prescribed shall be valid in law.

(3.) Any warrant or order of the Lord Lieutenant under this Act may be signified under his hand or under the hand of the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant.

(4.) Any person who may be appointed under any proclamation issued pursuant to this Act to grant licences to have or carry arms, in any district, shall be bound to grant to any occupier of one or more agricultural holdings a licence to have arms, or to have and carry arms upon any specified lands, or a licence to have and carry arms generally, who shall produce to him a certificate signed by two justices of the peace for the county, residing within the same petty sessions district as the person producing such certificate, that he is,

to their own personal knowledge, a fit and proper person to have such licence respectively.

(5.) Every proclamation and order under this Act, and a notice of the promulgation thereof in the manner provided, shall be published in the Dublin Gazette, and the production of a printed copy of the Dublin Gazette purporting to be printed and published by the Queen's authority, and containing the publication of any proclamation, order, or notice under this Act, shall be conclusive evidence of the contents of such proclamation, order, or notice, and of the date thereof, and that the district specified in such proclamation is a proclaimed district within the meaning of this Act, and that the said proclamation or order has been duly promulgated.

Penalties.

5. Any person acting in contravention of this Act shall be liable if convicted before a court of summary jurisdiction to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months, or, at the discretion of the court, to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds; but, if, upon the hearing of the charge, the court shall be of opinion that there are circumstances in the case which render it inexpedient to inflict any punishment, it shall have power to dismiss the person charged without proceeding to a conviction. For the purposes of this Act, the court of summary jurisdiction shall, in the police district of Dublin metropolis, be constituted of a divisional justice acting for the said district, and elsewhere in Ireland shall be constituted of two or more justices of the peace sitting in petty sessions, of whom one shall be a resident magistrate, or of one resident magistrate sitting alone in petty sessions.

Definitions.

6. In this Act the expression "Lord Lieutenant" means the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being.

The expression "arms," includes any cannon, gun, revolver, pistol, and any description of firearms, also any sword, cutlass, pike, and bayonet, also any part of any arms as so defined.

The expression "ammunition" includes bullets, gunpowder, nitroglycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, and every other explosive substance whether fitted for use with any arms or otherwise.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited as the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1881.

Continuance of Act.

8. This Act shall continue in force until the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

CHAPTER 6.

An Act to provide for an Annual Return of Rates, Taxes, Tolls, and Dues levied for local purposes in Scotland.

[29th March 1881.]

WHEREAS rates, taxes, tolls, and dues to a large amount are levied for purposes of local government and improvements in Scotland, and it is proper that Parliament should be informed annually of all sums so levied, and the expenditure thereof:

23 & 24 Vict. c. 51.

And whereas by the authority of Parliament returns of such receipts and expenditure are prepared annually for England and