CAP. LXXIX.

An Act to amend the Law regarding the Burial of poor Persons by Guardians and Overseers of the Poor. [30th *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS by the Act of the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and one, Provisions were made for the Burial of poor Persons by Guardians and Overseers of the Poor: And whereas, in consequence of the closing of the Burial Grounds in many Parishes, and the Want of adequate Space in others, great Difficulty is frequently found in carrying into execution the above Provisions, and it is expedient that other Provisions should be made:' 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: 7 & 8 Vict. c. 101. s. 31.

Where Burial Ground of Parish closed or overcrowded, Guardians or Overseers may bury in neighbouring Parish.

I. That where the Guardians of any Union or Parish, or any of their Officers duly authorized in that Behalf, or the Overseers of any Parish not under a Board of Guardians, shall undertake the Burial of any poor Person, or shall contribute Money or other Aid towards the same, and the Burial cannot take place in the Parish where, according to the Provisions of the said Act, the same would have been required to take place, by reason of the public Burial Ground of such Parish having been closed, and no other having been provided, or where, in consequence of the crowded State of such Burial Ground, the Guardians or Overseers respectively are of opinion that the Burial of such dead Body therein would be improper, it shall be lawful to bury such Body in a public Burial Ground (some Part of which has been consecrated) of or in some other Parish as near as conveniently may be to the Parish wherein the Burial would have been required to take place according to the Provisions of the said Act: Provided that in all Cases of Burial under the Direction of the Guardians or their Officers, or of the Overseers, as aforesaid, the Fee or Fees payable by the Custom of the Place where the Burial may be, or under the Provisions of any Act of Parliament, shall be paid by the said Guardians or Overseers for the Burial of each such Body to the Person or Persons who by such Custom or under such Act of Parliament shall be entitled to receive such Fee or Fees.

Power to enter into Agreements with Cemetery Companies or Burial Boards.

II. The Guardians of any Union or Parish, or the Overseers of any Parish not under a Board of Guardians, may from Time to Time enter into Agreements with the Proprietors of any Cemetery established under the Authority of Parliament, or with any Burial Board duly constituted under the Statutes in that Behalf, for the Burial of the dead Bodies of any poor Persons which such Guardians or Overseers may undertake to bury, or towards the Burial whereof they may render Assistance; and thereupon the Burial of any such Body under the Directions of the said Guardians or their Officer, or of such Overseers, or with their Aid respectively, in such Cemetery, or in the Burial Ground of such Burial Board, (unless the deceased Person, or the Husband or Wife or next of Kin of such deceased Person, have otherwise expressly desired,) shall be lawful: Provided however, that no such Agreement shall be valid unless made in such Form and with such Stipulations as the Poor Law Board shall approve.

Construction of Act.

III. The Words contained in this Act shall be construed in like Manner as in the Act of the Fifth Year of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six, and in the several Acts incorporated therewith.

CAP. LXXX.

An Act to ratify conditional Agreements entered into by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings; and to vest in the said Commissioners certain Property situate near the College of *Edinburgh* in the City of *Edinburgh*, together with the General Register House in the said City, and all Lands held therewith; and to enable the said Commissioners to acquire certain Property near the Palace of *Holyrood*. [30th *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS in the Estimates for the Public Service passed in the last Session of Parliament certain Sums were set apart for the Formation of a National Museum of Industry for *Scotland*, and in particular for the Purchase of Ground sufficient for the Site