(*d*) the Commissioners shall make compensation to the company for all loss or damage, if any, which may be occasioned by the execution of any of the works authorised by this Act.

(2.) For the purposes of this section the expression "gas, water, or electricity company" includes any person or body of persons supplying gas, water, or electricity.

Application of Commissioners of Works Acts. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 28.

10. The provisions of the Commissioners of Works Act, 1852, and any Act amending that Act, shall apply in the case of land vested in or acquired by the Commissioners under this Act in like manner as in the case of land purchased under that Act: provided that the Commissioners shall not, without the consent of the Commissioners of Woods, sell or exchange any estate or interest which is vested in them by virtue of this Act and which was at the time of the passing of this Act vested in Her Majesty as part of the hereditary land revenues of the Crown.

Signature of notices, &c.

11. Any notice, summons, writ, or other document required to be given, issued, or signed, by or on behalf of the Commissioners, may be given, issued, or signed by the secretary or assistant secretary of the Commissioners, and need not be under their common seal.

Penalty for obstructing Commissioners.

12. If any person wilfully obstructs any person acting under the authority of the Commissioners in the lawful exercise of their powers under this Act, he shall for each offence be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Short title.

13. This Act may be cited as the Public Offices (Whitehall) Site Act, 1897.

CHAPTER 28.

An Act to amend the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act, 1896, as respects Female Nurses appointed after the commencement of the said Act. [6th August 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:

Saving as to female nurses. 59 & 60 Vict. c. 50.

1. Any female nurse appointed after the passing of this Act by any authority to whom the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act, 1896, applies, who shall within two months from the date of her appointment signify in writing to such authority her intention not to avail herself of the provisions of the said Act, shall not be required to make any contribution or to submit to any deduction from her salary or wages under the said Act, and shall not be entitled to receive any superannuation allowance, gratuity, or other benefit under the said Act.

Any female nurse appointed after the commencement of the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act, 1896, and before the passing of this Act, who shall, within one month from the passing thereof, signify her intention in writing not to avail herself of the provisions of the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act, 1896, shall not be required to make any contribution or to submit to any deduction from her salary or wages under the said Act, and shall not be entitled to receive any superannuation allowance, gratuity, or other benefit under the said Act, and shall be entitled to repayment of any contributions made by her to the fund of the authority by whom she has been employed under the provisions of the said Act.

In this section the term "nurse" includes any assistant nurse and attendant on the sick or insane.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Poor Law Officers Superannuation Act Amendment Act, 1897.

CHAPTER 29.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to the borrowing of Money by Guardians and Managers of District Schools and Asylums, and to explain the Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867. [6th August 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:

Provisions as to poor law loans. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 56.

1.—(1.) A loan raised after the passing of this Act under section two of the Poor Law Act, 1889, shall be repaid within such period, not exceeding sixty years, as the guardians or managers with the sanction of the Local Government Board may determine, either by equal yearly or half yearly instalments of principal or principal and interest, or by means of a sinking fund.

38 & 39 Vict. c. 83.

(2.) The sinking fund shall be set apart, invested, and applied in accordance with the Local Loans Act, 1875, and the Acts amending that Act, and for the purpose of such application the prescribed rate shall be a rate not exceeding three per cent. per annum. Provided that the guardians or managers shall not invest in their own securities.

(3.) Where any such loan has been contracted to be repaid by annual instalments, it may, with the consent of the lenders, be repaid by half-yearly instalments.

(4.) Guardians and managers may borrow money under the said section two, without the consent of the Local Government