SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Inclosure.	County.	Date of Provisional Order.
Titchfield	Southampton	6th January 1859.
Leatherhead Common	Surrey	11th October 1850.
Dorchester	Oxford	24th March 1859.
Holyhead	Anglesey	21st April 1859.
Margaret Marsh	Dorset	26th January 1859.
Hawkshead	Lancaster	3d March 1859.
Marnhull	Dorset	26th January 1859.
Carnforth	Lancaster	24th February 1859.
Portslade	Sussex	5th May 1859.
Chich, St. Osyth	Essex	3d March 1859.
Crofton Manor	Southampton	14th April 1859.
Newland Manor	"	14th April 1859.
Wadley	Berks	29th April 1859.
Swanwick Common	Southampton	9th June 1859.
Leatherhead Common Fields and Down	Surrey	18th May 1859.
Whitlaw	Northumberland	9th June 1859.

CAP. XLVIII.

An Act to continue the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854.

[13th *August* 1859.]

17 & 18 Vict. c. 102. 21 & 22 Vict. c. 87.

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and two, "to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Bribery, Treating, and undue Influence at Elections of Members of Parliament;" and by an Act of the Session holden in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty-seven, the said first-mentioned Act was amended and was continued until the Tenth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and thenceforth to the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said first-mentioned Act as so amended should be further continued:' 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:

Duration of Act.

The said first-mentioned Act, as amended by the said Act of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Years of Her Majesty, shall continue in force until the Tenth Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and sixty.

CAP. XLIX.

An Act to provide for the Payment of Debts incurred by Boards of Guardians in Unions and Parishes and Boards of Management in School Districts.

[13th *August* 1859.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to define and limit the Period during which any Debt hereafter incurred by Guardians of Unions or Parishes or by District Boards of Management in the Administration of the Laws for the Relief of the Poor may be paid, and to make Provision, in respect of Debts heretofore lawfully incurred by them, for Payment of the same:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by

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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:

When Debts in future are to be paid.

I. With respect to any Debt, Claim, or Demand, which may, after the passing of this Act, be lawfully incurred by or become due from the Guardians of any Union or Parish, or the Board of Management of any School or Asylum District, such Debt, Claim, or Demand shall be paid within the Half Year in which the same shall have been incurred or become due, or within Three Months after the Expiration of such Half Year, but not afterwards, the Commencement of such Half Year to be reckoned from the Time when the last Half Year's Account shall or ought to have been closed according to the Order of the Poor Law Commissioners or Poor Law Board: Provided that the Poor Law Board, by their Order, may, if they see fit, extend the Time within which such Payment shall be made for a Period not exceeding Twelve Months after the Date of such Debt, Claim, or Demand.

Power to the Poor Law Board to extend the Time.

As to Payment of Debts incurred before the passing of this Act.

II. With respect to any Debt, Claim, or Demand which may have been lawfully incurred by any such Guardians or Board of Management or on their Account before the passing of this Act, they may, if they think proper, pay within Twelve Months after the passing of this Act, out of the Funds in their Possession, any such Debt, Claim, or Demand which may have been so incurred or have become due within Two Years before the Date of this Act, and may, within the said Period of Twelve Months, make Provision for the Payment of any Debt, Claim, or Demand lawfully incurred as aforesaid which shall have become due from them at some Time beyond Two Years but not beyond Six Years from such Date in full at once, or by equal annual Instalments, not exceeding Five, if the Poor Law Board, after open and public Investigation, during which Counsel or Solicitors may appear and Witnesses may be examined on both Sides, when the same shall be required by any Ratepayer of the Union, Parish, or District, shall be satisfied that no Fraud, Collusion, or Neglect of the General Rules of the Poor Law Board respecting the Contraction or Discharge of such Debt, Claim, or Demand have been committed by the Party to whom such Claim or Demand is alleged to be due, and that such Party has not been accessory to any Fraud on such Guardians or Board of Management, and shall give their Consent in manner aforesaid to such Payment; and such Guardians or Board respectively shall charge every such Payment to the Account to which the same should have been charged if the Payment had been made in due Time; and the President or Secretary of the Poor Law Board shall, within One Calendar Month after the Expiration of such Period of Twelve Months as aforesaid, if Parliament be then sitting, or if not, then within One Calendar Month after the next Meeting thereof, lay or cause to be laid before both Houses of Parliament a Return of all such Payments as shall have been made or authorized under the Power lastly herein-before contained.

Provision for Charges on the Rates.

III. Where any Sum shall have been or shall be borrowed by any Guardians or Managers, and the Debt shall have been or shall be charged by the said Guardians upon the Poor Rates, under the Authority of any Statute, and the same shall be made payable on a Day certain, the Time of Limitation prescribed by this Act for Payment of Debts shall commence on that Day; where it shall not have been made payable on any Day certain, then on the Expiration of Twelve Months from the Day when the Money was advanced; and in the Case of any Debt repayable by Instalments each Instalment shall be payable within One Year next after the Day when the same shall fall due, unless the said Board shall in any of the Cases provided for in this Section allow an Extension of the Time for the Payment not exceeding Six Months; and the Interest payable in every Case hereby provided for shall be payable within the like Times only as the Principal.

Provision for Actions against Guardians or Managers.

IV. If any Person claiming any Debt or Demand shall have commenced or shall hereafter commence Proceedings in any Court of Law or Equity, or before any Justice or other competent Authority, within the Time herein-before limited, or within the Time to which the Poor Law Board may grant Extension, and shall with due Diligence prosecute such Proceedings to Judgment or other final Settlement of the Question, such Judgment shall be satisfied by the Guardians or Managers against whom or against whose Officer the same may be brought, notwithstanding that such Judgment may be recovered or such final Settlement arrived at after the Expiration of the Period herein-before provided, and all Proceedings

Proceedings taken by Mandamus or otherwise for the enforcing of such Judgment without Delay shall be deemed to be within the Operation of this Section.

Payment of Attorneys Bills, Delay of.

V. Where the Guardians or Managers shall be engaged in a Suit, Action, or Proceedings in any Court, they shall not be required by any Rule of Law or Provision herein contained to pay the Bill of Costs of any Solicitor or Attorney retained by them for the Purpose thereof until the final Determination of such Suit or Proceeding, or until he shall cease to be so retained by or for them therein; but the Bill of Costs of such Solicitor or Attorney shall be duly taxed and paid within the Term of One Year next after such final Determination of the said Suit, Proceeding, or Retainer, and not afterwards, unless the Poor Law Board shall authorize an Extension of Time not exceeding Six Months; provided that if the said Solicitor or Attorney take Proceedings for the Recovery of his Bill within such Time or the Extension thereof, he shall in such Case have the same Right to be paid as in Section Four; provided also, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Guardians or Managers from paying Money at any Time on account of the Suit or Proceeding.

No Call or Order to be invalidated.

VI. No Call or Order for Contribution made by any Guardians, nor any Poor Rate made to meet such Call or Order, shall be deemed to be illegal on the Ground that the same is made to provide for any Debt, Claim, or Demand, the Payment whereof is authorized by this Act, or on the Ground that the said Call or Order for Contribution includes a Balance due from any Parish or Parishes at the Time when the half-yearly Accounts are made up and balanced as aforesaid: Provided always, that when the Fund out of which any such Debt, Claim, or Demand should have been discharged shall have been already paid by any Parish to the Board of Guardians of any Union, and shall not have been applied for that Purpose, any Funds which may be required to be again contributed to discharge such Debt, Claim, or Demand shall be levied on each Parish in the Union in proportion to the rateable Value of each such Parish.

Interpretation of Terms.

VII. The Words used in this Act shall be construed in like Manner as the same Words are directed to be construed by the Act of the Fourth and Fifth Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six, or any subsequent Act amending or explaining the same.

CAP. L.

An Act further to continue the Exemption of certain Charities from the Operation of the Charitable Trusts Acts. [13th *August* 1859.]

Preamble. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 137.

'WHEREAS by "The Charitable Trusts Act, 1853," it was provided, that that Act 'should not, for the Period of Two Years from the passing thereof, extend or be in 'any Manner applied to Charities or Institutions the Funds or Income of which were 'applicable exclusively for the Benefit of Persons of the Roman Catholic Persuasion, and 'which were under the Superintendence or Control of Persons of that Persuasion: And

18 & 19 Vict. c. 124.

'whereas by "The Charitable Trusts Amendment Act, 1855," such Charities or Insti-'tutions as aforesaid were exempted in like Manner from the Operation of the said 'Amendment Act, and the Exemption so extended was continued until the First Day 'of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and has since been extended to the 'First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine: And whereas it is

21 & 22 Vict. c. 51.

'expedient that such Exemption should be further continued as herein-after mentioned:' 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:

Exemption continued until 1st July 1860.

I. The said Acts shall not, until the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and sixty, extend or be in any Manner applied to the Charities or Institutions aforesaid.