CHAPTER 18.

An Act to make better provision for the guarantee of Postal Facilities by Local Authorities. [25th July 1898.]

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:

Extension of powers of rural authorities to undertake to pay loss occasioned by extra postal facilities.
54 & 55 Vict. c. 36.
58 & 59 Vict. c. 18.
60 & 61 Vict. c. 41.

1. The powers conferred upon a rural district council, parish council, and parish meeting respectively, by section eight of the Post Office Act, 1891, and by the Post Office Amendment Act, 1895, as amended by section two of the Post Office and Telegraph Act, 1897, may be exercised with reference to any post or telegraph office, or any additional postal or other facilities provided by the Postmaster-General, although such office is established or facilities provided outside the boundary of any contributory place or the rural district or parish for which such council or meeting acts; provided that the district council, parish council, or parish meeting, as the case may be, is of opinion that the establishment of such office or the provision of such additional facilities is for the benefit of the contributory place or parish proposed to be charged, and that when a district council propose to exercise such powers, the parish council or, if there is no parish council, the parish meeting, of any parish wholly or partly situate in any such contributory place shall have consented thereto.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Post Office (Guarantee) Act, 1898, and may be cited with the Post Office Acts, 1837 to 1897.

Extent of Act.

3. This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland.

CHAPTER 19.

An Act to provide for the establishment of a Poor Law Unions Association in England and Wales, and to enable Boards of Guardians to contribute to the expenses of the Association. [25th July 1898.]

WHEREAS it is proposed that an Association of Poor Law Unions in England and Wales should be formed for the purposes of consultation as to their common interests and the discussion of matters relating to the poor law and other matters relating to their powers and duties:

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:

Contribution by guardians to Association.

1. The guardians of any poor law union may, when empowered by and subject to any regulations made by the Local Government