Be it therefore enacted by the King'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:

Definition.

1. The expression "the Secretary of State" means the Secretary of State in Council of India.

Mode of executing contracts.

2. Every contract for or relating to the manufacture, sale, purchase, or supply of goods, or for or relating to affreightment or the carriage of goods, or to insurance, may be entered into, made, and signed on behalf of the Secretary of State by any person upon the permanent establishment of the Secretary of State, duly empowered by the Secretary of State in this behalf, subject to such rules and restrictions as the Secretary of State may from time to time prescribe. And contracts so entered into, made, and signed shall be as valid and effectual as if entered into as prescribed by the fifth section of the Government of India Act, 1859. 22 & 23 Vict. c. 41.

Contracts to be laid before the Secretary of State.

3. Particulars of all contracts so entered into as aforesaid shall be laid before the Secretary of State in such manner and form and within such times as the Secretary of State may from time to time prescribe.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Contracts (India Office) Act, 1903.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to enable the Postmaster General to issue Postal Orders of the value of Twenty-one Shillings.

[21st July 1903.]

BE it enacted by the King'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:

Alteration of maximum amount of postal orders. 43 & 44 Vict. c. 33. 46 & 47 Vict. c. 58.

1. The maximum amount of an order issued in pursuance of the Post Office (Money Orders) Act, 1880, as amended by the Post Office (Money Orders) Act, 1883, shall be twenty-one shillings, and accordingly "twenty-one" shall be substituted for "twenty" in section two of the last-mentioned Act.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Post Office (Money Orders) Act, 1903, and may be cited with the Post Office Acts, 1837 to 1898, and may be cited with and shall be construed as one with the Post Office (Money Orders) Acts, 1848 to 1883.