Section 7 of the Railway Act (Ireland), 1864 (27 & 28 Vict. c. 71.).
Section 36 of the Civil Bill Courts Procedure Amendment Act (Ireland), 1864 (27 & 28 Vict. c. 99.).

CHAPTER 18.

An Act to permit Juries to separate in cases of Felony. [15th July 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:

1. Upon the trial of any person for a felony other than murder, treason, or treason felony, the court may, if it see fit, at any time before the jury consider their verdict, permit the jury to separate in the same way as the jury upon the trial of any person for misdemeanor are now permitted to separate. Separation of juries in cases of felony.

2. This Act may be cited as the Juries Detention Act, 1897 Short title.

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

CHAPTER 19.

An Act to amend the Law regarding Preferential Payments in the case of Companies. [15th July 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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Amendment Act, 1897. Short title.

2. In the winding up of any company under the Companies Act, 1862, and the Acts amending the same, the debts mentioned in section one of the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act, 1888, shall, so far as the assets of the company available for payment of general creditors may be insufficient to meet them, have priority over the claims of holders of debentures or debenture stock under any floating charge created by such company, and shall be paid accordingly out of any property comprised in or subject to such charge. Priority of certain debts. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 89. 51 & 52 Vict. c. 62.

3. In case a receiver is appointed on behalf of the holders of any debentures or debenture stock of a company secured by a floating charge, or in case possession is taken by or on behalf of such Payment of debts out of assets in certain cases.

debenture holders of any property comprised in or subject to such charge, then and in either of such cases, if the company is not at the time in course of being wound up, the debts mentioned in section one of the said Preferential Payments Act shall be paid forthwith out of any assets coming to the hands of the receiver, or other person taking possession as aforesaid, in priority to any claim for principal or interest in respect of such debentures or debenture stock. And the periods of time mentioned in the said Act shall be reckoned from the date of the appointment of the receiver or possession being taken as aforesaid, as the case may be. But any payments made under this section shall be recouped as far as may be out of the assets of the company available for payment of general creditors.

Application to Ireland. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 60. 51 & 52 Vict. c. 62.

4. In the application to Ireland of this Act the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy (Ireland) Act, 1889, shall be substituted for the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act, 1888, and in particular section four of the said Act of 1889 shall be substituted for section one of the said Act of 1888.

Extent of Act.

5. This Act shall not extend to Scotland.

CHAPTER 20.

An Act to provide for the relief of Jurors from unnecessary attendance at Courts of Quarter Sessions in Ireland. [15th July 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:

Specification of divisions for purposes of Act.

1.—(1.) The Lord Lieutenant may, when it appears to him desirable for the relief of jurors from unnecessary attendance at quarter sessions, by Order in Council, declare the provisions of this Act to be in force in any specified quarter sessions division as from the date of the order, and the provisions of this Act shall, after the said date, be in force in such division, and that division shall be a specified division within the meaning of this Act.

(2.) Any order made under this section may be revoked by a subsequent order made in the same manner.

Provision for lodging notice of bills of indictment and criminal trials.

2. Where it is intended to present a bill of indictment at a court of quarter sessions in a specified division, or to proceed at such court with the trial of any person on a bill of indictment previously found, the prescribed notice of such intention shall be lodged by or on behalf of the person having the conduct of the prosecution in the office of the clerk of the peace not later than three clear days (exclusive of a Sunday) previous to the day appointed for the trial of criminal causes before that court.