CAP. LXXIX.

An Act for the Amendment of the Law relating to the Religious Instruction of Prisoners in County and Borough Prisons in *England* and *Scotland*.

[28th *July* 1863.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law relating to Prisons in *England* and *Scotland* with respect to the Religious Instruction of the Prisoners confined therein:' 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:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Prison Ministers Act, 1863."

Act to apply to all Gaols, &c.

2. This Act shall apply in *England* to all Gaols, Prisons, and Houses of Correction (herein-after included under the Term "Prisons") that are maintained at the Expense of any County, Riding, Division, or Liberty of a County, or of any County of a City, County of a Town or Borough, and in *Scotland* to all Local Prisons as defined by "The Prisons (*Scotland*) Administration Act, 1860."

Power to appoint additional Ministers to Prisons.

3. Where the Number of Prisoners confined in any Prison to which this Act applies, and belonging to some Church or Religious Persuasion differing, if in *England*, from the Church of *England*, and if in *Scotland*, from the Church of *Scotland*, is so great as, in the Opinion of the Justices, County Board, or other Persons having the Appointment of Chaplain in the said Prison, to require the Ministrations of a Minister of their own Church or Persuasion, the said Justices, County Board, or other Persons may appoint a Minister of such last-mentioned Church or Persuasion to attend at the said Prison on the Prisoners of his own Church or Persuasion, and they may, if they think fit, award to him a reasonable Sum as a Recompence for his Services, such Sum to be deemed a Part of the Expenses of the Prison to which he is appointed, and to be paid out of the Funds legally applicable to the Payment of such Expenses.

Regulation as to Admission of Ministers.

The Visiting Justices of any Prison may, if they think fit, without a special Request being made by, but not against the Will of, any Prisoner of a Church or Religious Persuasion differing from that of the Established Church, permit a Minister of the Church or Persuasion to which such Prisoner belongs (if no Appointment of such a Minister has been made under this Act) to visit such Prisoner at proper and reasonable Times, under such Restrictions imposed by them as may guard against the Introduction of improper Persons, and may prevent improper Communications; provided that any Prisoner shall, on Request, be allowed, subject to the Rules of the Gaol, to attend the Chapel or to be visited by the Chaplain of the Gaol. Every Minister appointed or permitted to visit Prisoners under this Act shall hold his Appointment or Permission to visit during the Pleasure of the Authority by whom he was appointed or permitted to visit, and shall conform in all respects to the Regulations of the Prison at which he attends. No Minister shall be appointed under this Act for any Prison in which there is not a Chaplain of the Established Church.

Keepers of Prisons to register Religion of Prisoners.

4. The Keeper or other Person performing the Duties of Keeper of a Prison on receiving into his Custody any Prisoner shall enter his Name in a Book to be provided for the Purpose, with the Addition of the Church or Religious Persuasion to which the Prisoner shall declare himself to belong, and the said Keeper or other Person shall from Time to Time give to any Minister appointed or permitted to visit Prisoners in the Prison a List of the Prisoners so declared to belong to the Church or Persuasion of such Minister, and no such Minister shall be permitted to attend or visit any Prisoner belonging to any Religious Persuasion differing from that to which such Minister belongs.

So much of Sect. 30. of 4 G. 4 c. 64. as provides for Visits of Chaplains not to apply to

5. So much of the Thirtieth Section of the said Act passed in the Fourth Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Sixty-four, as provides "that the Chaplain "shall frequently visit every Room and Cell in the Prison occupied by Prisoners, and shall "direct such Books to be distributed and read, and such Lessons to be taught, in such "Prison, as he may deem proper for the Religious and Moral Instruction of the Prisoners "therein,

Prisoners visited by other Ministers.

" therein, and that he shall visit those who are in Solitary Confinement," shall not apply to any Prisoner who is attended or visited by a Minister of a Church or Persuasion differing from the Church of *England*, except when the Visits of any such Minister shall have been discontinued for the Period of Fourteen Days; and no Prisoner belonging to any Church or Religious Persuasion shall be compelled to attend any Religious Service held or performed by any Chaplain, Minister, or Religious Instructor of a Church or Religious Persuasion to which the said Prisoner does not belong.

CAP. LXXX.

An Act for providing a further Sum towards defraying the Expenses of constructing Fortifications for the Protection of the Royal Arsenals and Dockyards and the Ports of *Dover* and *Portland*, and of creating a Central Arsenal.

[28th *July* 1863.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in Parliament assembled, having further considered the State, Condition, and Sufficiency of the Fortifications existing for the Defence of the United Kingdom, and being desirous to provide forthwith for the Construction of certain Works for the Defence of Your Royal Arsenals and Dockyards and the Ports of *Dover* and *Portland*, and for the Creation of a Central Arsenal, have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty the further Sum of Six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, to be paid out of the Consolidated Fund, towards defraying the Expenses incurred or to be incurred for those Purposes, and we have resolved that a Sum not exceeding the said Sum of Six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds be raised by such Terminable Annuities as herein-after mentioned, and we do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

The Sum of 650,000*l.* to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund towards Expenses after mentioned.

1. Towards defraying the Expenses herein-after mentioned any Sum or Sums, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Six hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, shall be issued and applied out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the growing Produce thereof, and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from Time to Time to issue and apply the same accordingly.

Appropriation of the Money so issued to the Expenses of constructing Fortifications, and providing a Central Arsenal.

2. Such Sum or Sums as may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or the growing Produce thereof as aforesaid, shall be applied as mentioned in the Schedule to this Act towards defraying the Expenses incurred or to be incurred in constructing the aforesaid Fortifications and Works for the Defence of the Royal Arsenals and Dockyards of the United Kingdom (including the Naval Establishment at *Haulbowline*), and the Fortifications at *Dover* and *Portland*, and in providing a Central Arsenal, and in purchasing the Land and Rights in Land that may be required for the Purposes of such Fortifications, Works, and Arsenal; and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall from Time to Time apply such Sum or Sums accordingly: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful to apply any of such Sums to any Work not specifically named in the Schedule, nor to apply to any Work any greater Sum than that which is set down in the Schedule as the total estimated Cost of the Work.

Treasury to raise 650,000*l.* by creating Annuities for a Term not exceeding Thirty Years.

3. To provide for the Issues to be made out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing Produce thereof, and to repay to the Consolidated Fund the Amount which may have been previously so issued under this Act, or for either of those Purposes, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury at any Time or from Time to Time, after the passing of this Act, to raise any Sum or Sums not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Six hundred