And whereas the practice has been to pay out of the moneys deposited with the Postmaster General the sums withdrawn by depositors, and to pay over the balance to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt for investment by them:

And whereas doubts have arisen whether the said practice is authorised by the said Act, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

And whereas it is expedient to extend the time for laying before Parliament the accounts under the said Act:

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:

Construction and short title of Act.

1. This Act shall be construed as one with the Act of the session of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fourteen, intituled "An Act to grant additional facilities for depositing small savings at interest, with the "security of the Government for due repayment thereof" (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), and together with that Act may be cited as the Post Office Savings Banks Acts, 1861 and 1874, and each Act may be cited as the Post Office Savings Banks Act of the year in which it was passed.

Explanation of s. 5. of 24 & 25 Vict. c. 14. as to payment of money to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

2. Section five of the principal Act shall be deemed to authorise and always to have authorised the payment out of moneys deposited with the Postmaster General in pursuance of the principal Act, of the sums withdrawn by depositors under that Act, and the payment over of the balance only to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt; and the said Commissioners may keep uninvested such portion of the said balance as is required to repay to the Postmaster General the expenses mentioned in section fifteen of the principal Act.

The regulations made in pursuance of the principal Act by the Postmaster General with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may provide for the time and mode at and in which such balance is to be ascertained, and such expenses are to be paid or repaid.

Accounts to be laid before Parliament.

3. An annual account of all deposits received and paid under the authority of the principal Act, and of the expenses incurred during each year ended the thirty-first of December, together with a statement of the total amount due at the close of the year to all depositors, shall be laid by the Postmaster General before both Houses of Parliament not later than the last day of April in every year, and the balance sheet mentioned in section nine of the principal Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament at the same time.

Repeal of 24 & 25 Vict. c. 14. s. 12.

Section twelve of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 74.

An Act to amend the Law respecting certain Receipts and Expenses connected with Private Lunatic Asylums in Ireland. [7th August 1874.]

5 & 6 Vict. c. 123. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 107. s. 23.

WHEREAS under the Private Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Act, 1842, and the Act amending the same, the moneys received for licenses to keep a private lunatic asylum in Ireland are required to be paid by the clerks of the peace to the inspectors of lunatics, and to be accounted for by such inspectors, and certain expenses are directed to be paid out of such moneys, and in case of a deficiency out of the Consolidated Fund, and it is expedient to make other provision with respect to the said moneys and expenses:

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:

Construction and short title of Act.

1. This Act shall be construed as one with the Act of the session of the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty-three, (which

Act may be cited as the Private Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Act, 1842,) and this Act together with that Act may be cited as "The Private Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Acts, 1842 and 1874;" and this Act may be cited separately as the Private Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Act, 1874.

Accounting for money for licenses and payment of expenses charged thereon.

2. All moneys paid for a license to keep a house for the reception of lunatics granted in pursuance of the Private Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Act, 1842, shall be accounted for and paid into the receipt of the Exchequer, and carried to the Consolidated Fund by such persons and in such manner as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may from time to time direct.

All fees, travelling expenses, and allowances directed by the Private Lunatic Asylums (Ireland) Act, 1842, to be paid by the inspectors, and all travelling and other expenses incurred by the inspectors in the execution of that Act, shall, where the amount or scale thereof has been sanctioned by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament.

Repeal.

3. The Act mentioned in the schedule to this Act is hereby repealed to the extent in the third column of that schedule mentioned: Provided that this repeal shall not affect anything done or suffered before the passing of this Act under the enactments hereby repealed; and that anything done before the passing of this Act with the sanction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or of Her Majesty's Paymaster-General, which would have been lawful if this Act had then passed, shall be deemed to have been lawful and duly done.

SCHEDULE.

ACT REPEALED.

Session and Chapter.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
5 & 6 Vict. c. 123. - -	An Act for amending until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and until the end of the then next session of Parliament, the law relating to private lunatic asylums in Ireland.	Sections one, nine, ten, and forty-one.

CHAPTER 75.

An Act to explain the Vaccination Act, 1871. [7th August 1874.]

34 & 35 Vict. c. 98. s. 5.

WHEREAS by section five of the Vaccination Act, 1871, it is enacted, amongst other things, that, subject to the provisions of that Act, the Local Government Board shall have the same powers with respect to guardians and vaccination officers in matters relating to vaccination as they have with respect to guardians and officers of guardians in matters relating to the relief of the poor, and may make rules, orders, and regulations accordingly:

And whereas doubts are entertained whether the Local Government Board are empowered under the said Act to make rules, orders, and regulations with respect to the proceedings to be taken by the guardians or their officers for the enforcement of the provisions of the Vaccination Acts, 1867 and 1871: