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:

1. Section sixteen of the Bishops Resignation Act, 1869, is hereby repealed, and that Act shall be perpetual. Perpetuation of 32 & 33 Vict. c. 111.

CHAPTER 20.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Justices of the Police District of Dublin Metropolis. [14th June 1875.]

WHEREAS under the provisions of certain Acts, that is to say, the Act of the Session of Parliament held in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and eight, the Act of the Session of Parliament held in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and seven, the Act of the Session of Parliament held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, and the Act of the Session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-five (in this Act referred to as the "said Acts"), it is enacted that any person appointed to any of the offices in the said Acts respectively mentioned shall be a practising barrister-at-law, who shall not at the time of his appointment have retired from practice:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said provisions, and to authorise the appointment of justices of the police district of Dublin Metropolis to any of such offices:

And whereas there are now five justices of the police district of Dublin Metropolis, and it is expedient to provide in case the Lord Lieutenant, in pursuance of the provisions of the Dublin Police Act, 1859, shall reduce the number of the said justices to four, that the salaries of all or any of such four justices may be increased in manner by this Act prescribed:

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:

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Dublin Justices Act, 1875." Short title.

2. A barrister-at-law shall not be deemed to have retired from practice within the meaning of the provisions of the said Acts by reason of his having been appointed and having acted as a justice of the police district of Dublin Metropolis. Divisional justices qualified to hold certain offices.

3. Whenever the number of justices of the police district of Dublin Metropolis shall not exceed four, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, or other chief governor or governors of Ireland, with the approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to raise the salary of any of the said justices, or the salaries of any two or more of the said justices, to such sum or sums as he shall think fit; provided that the total amount of all the salaries of such justices shall not exceed the gross amount now authorised by law to be paid by way of salaries to all such justices respectively. Increase of salary to divisional justices when number reduced to four.

CHAPTER 21.

An Act for amending the Law relating to Houses of Public Dancing, Music, or other Public Entertainment of the like kind, in the Cities of London and Westminster. [14th June 1875.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the twenty-fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, chapter thirty-six, intituled "An Act for the better preventing 25 G. 2. c. 36.

" thefts and robberies, and for regulating places of public entertainment, and punishing " persons keeping disorderly houses," it is provided that any house, room, garden, or other place kept for public dancing, music, or other public entertainment of the like kind, in the cities of London and Westminster, or within twenty miles thereof, without a license had for that purpose from the last preceding Michaelmas quarter sessions of the peace to be holden for the county, city, riding, liberty, or division in which such house, room, garden, or other place is situate (who are hereby authorised and empowered to grant such licenses as they in their discretion shall think proper), signified under the hands and seals of four or more of the justices there assembled, shall be deemed a disorderly house or place; and it is further, amongst other things, provided by section three of the said Act that no such house, room, garden, or other place kept for any of the said purposes, although licensed as aforesaid, shall be open for any of the said purposes before the hour of five in the afternoon:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Act as herein-after mentioned:

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:

Amendment of section 3 of 25 Geo. 2. c. 36.

1. Section three of the recited Act shall be construed as if, instead of the proviso, " that " no such house, room, garden, or other place kept for any of the said purposes, although " licensed as aforesaid, shall be open for any of the said purposes before the hour of five " in the afternoon," there were substituted the proviso, " that no such house, room, garden, " or other place kept for any of the said purposes, although licensed as aforesaid, shall be " open for any of the said purposes before the hour of noon."

Provided, that if on any special occasion an occasional license of exemption shall have been granted under the twenty-ninth section of the Licensing Act, 1872, in respect of any house, room, garden, or other place licensed under the recited Act, no penalty or forfeiture shall be incurred for contravention of section three of the recited Act, as hereby amended, on account of such house, room, garden, or other place being kept open for any of the purposes aforesaid on such special occasion from midnight until the hour specified in such occasional license as the hour for closing.

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the twenty-ninth of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and all proceedings now pending for forfeitures or penalties on account of any breach of either of the conditions mentioned in section three of the recited Act shall be forthwith stayed, and no proceedings shall be instituted for any forfeiture or penalty on account of any such breach committed before the passing of this Act.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as The Public Entertainments Act, 1875.

CHAPTER 22.

An Act for the further regulation of the Duties on Postage, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office. [14th June 1875.]

WHEREAS under the Post Office Duties Acts, 1840 to 1871, divers powers are given to the Treasury of fixing by warrant the rates of British, foreign, and colonial postage:

And whereas, by a treaty made at Berne on the ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and detailed regulations made under it, various stipulations and regulations have been made with respect to the duties on postage and other matters connected with the exchange by post with foreign countries of letters, post cards, books, newspapers, and other printed papers, patterns of merchandise, and legal and commercial documents: