such an order shall not be deemed to authorise the detention of the lunatic in the workhouse for more than fourteen days.

(4.)' An order under this section may be made by any justice or justices of the peace having jurisdiction in the place where the lunatic is.

Construction of Act.

4. This Act shall be construed as one with the Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853, and the Acts amending that Act, and expressions used in this Act shall according to the subject-matter in each case have the same meaning as in those Acts, save as in this Act otherwise provided.

In this Act "union" includes a parish for which there is a separate board of guardians.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1875, with respect to the Members and Officers of Local Authorities.

[6th August 1885.]

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. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Health (Members and Officers) Act, 1885, and shall be construed as one with the Public Health Act, 1875, in this Act called the principal Act.

Amendment of section 193 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

2. Notwithstanding anything in the hundred and ninety-third section of the principal Act, or any similar restrictions in any local Act, to the contrary, it shall not be unlawful for any officer or servant appointed or employed under the principal Act or local Act by the local authority to be concerned or interested in any contract with the local authority made with such consent or approval as is herein-after mentioned for the sale, purchase, leasing, or hiring of any lands, rooms, or offices, or to be concerned or interested in any contract with the local authority as a shareholder in any joint stock company, and no officer or servant of a local authority shall be incapable of holding any office or of being employed under the principal Act or local Act, or be liable to any penalty by reason only of his having been concerned or interested either before or after the passing of this Act in any such contract as aforesaid. No such contract as aforesaid shall be made after the passing of this Act, or approved if made before the passing of this Act, for the sale, purchase, leasing, or hiring of any lands, rooms, or offices except with the consent of two thirds of the number of the members of the local authority present at a meeting held after seven clear days notice shall have been published in some newspaper circulating in the neighbourhood, and after notice shall have been sent in writing to every member stating the nature of the contract, and the time and place of the meeting at which the question is to be considered.

Restriction on recovery of penalties.

3. Proceedings for the recovery of any penalty under Rule 70 of Schedule II. to the principal Act shall not be taken except with the consent in writing of the Attorney General.

Removal of disqualification.

4. No member of any local authority shall vacate his office by reason only of his having any share or interest in any newspaper in which any advertisement is inserted relating to the affairs of such local authority, or of the district subject to the jurisdiction of such local authority, anything in any general or local Act of Parliament to the contrary notwithstanding.

For the purposes of this section the expression "local authority" means any "local board" or "improvement commissioners" as defined by the principal Act.

CHAPTER 54.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Pluralities.

[6th August 1885.]

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; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Pluralities Acts Amendment Act, 1885.

Construction and interpretation.

2. This Act shall be construed as one with the Act passed in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and six (herein-after referred to as "the first-mentioned Act") and the Act passed in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ninety-eight, as respectively amended by this Act.

The term "ecclesiastical duties" in the first-mentioned Act and this Act shall include not only the regular and due performance of divine service on Sundays and holidays, but also all such duties as any clergyman holding a benefice is bound by law to perform, or the performance of which is solemnly promised by every clergyman of the Church of England at the time of his ordination, and the performance of which shall have been required of him in writing by the bishop; and in the case of benefices within the dioceses of St. Asaph, Bangor, Llandaff, and St. Davids, and the county of Monmouth, shall also include such ministrations in the Welsh language as the bishop of the diocese shall direct to be performed by the clergymen holding such benefices respectively, but so that such bishop shall not in any such case require more than one service in the Welsh language on every Sunday in such church or chapel of ease situated in any such benefice: Provided always, that due provision be made for the English-speaking portion of the population.

Repeal of so much of s. 77. of 1 & 2 Vict. c. 106. as relates to the persons to act as commissioners on inquiries as to inadequate performance of ecclesiastical duties.

3. So much of section seventy-seven of the first-mentioned Act as requires that any commission issued by the bishop to inquire into the inadequate performance of the ecclesiastical duties of any benefice shall be to four beneficed clergymen of his diocese, or if the benefice be within his peculiar jurisdiction, but locally situate in another diocese, then to four beneficed clergymen of such last-mentioned diocese, one whereof shall be the rural dean, if any, of the rural deanery or district wherein such benefice is situated, is hereby repealed, and instead thereof such commission shall be issued to four