hundred and eighty the sum of six million six hundred and ninety-four thousand eight hundred and sixteen pounds.

Power to the Treasury to borrow.

2. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time on the credit of the said sum, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of six million six hundred and ninety-four thousand eight hundred and sixteen pounds, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed with interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said moneys were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act, 1879.

CHAPTER 15.

An Act to amend the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867.

[27th May 1879.]

30 & 31 Vict. c. 101.

WHEREAS by the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, provision is made by section seventy-six for the formation of special drainage districts, and also by section eighty-nine for the formation of special water supply districts in certain burghs and parishes therein specified:

And whereas it has been found that a change of circumstances sometimes renders it expedient that the boundaries of such special drainage districts and special water supply districts should be altered, either by extending or limiting the said boundaries or by combining two or more such districts or portions thereof, but the recited Act contains no provision whereby such alteration can be effected:

And whereas it is expedient that such provision should now be made, and that the provisions of the said recited Act should be made applicable to the districts so altered:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867, Amendment Act, 1879, and the recited Act and this Act shall be read and construed together.

Special drainage and special water supply districts may be altered or combined.

2. From and after the passing of this Act, where there shall exist within the district of any local authority to which the provisions of the seventy-sixth and eighty-ninth sections of the recited Act respectively apply a special drainage district or a special water supply district, as the case may be, it shall be competent to such local authority, upon requisition as herein-after provided, to meet and consider the propriety of altering the boundaries of any such special drainage district or special water supply district, and to resolve upon such alteration of boundaries being effected either by

enlarging or limiting the said boundaries, or by combining two or more such special water supply districts or special drainage districts or portions thereof.

Local authority to act on requisition of inhabitants.

3. The local authority shall not be entitled to meet for the purpose of considering the propriety of any such proposed alteration of boundaries or combination of two or more special water supply or special drainage districts, except after receiving a requisition to that effect, made in writing and signed by at least ten of the inhabitants of the district of the local authority in terms of section seventy-six or section eighty-nine of the recited Act, as the case may be; but upon receiving such a requisition it shall be bound to meet for said purpose, and twenty-one clear days notice of the meeting shall be given to the members of the local authority.

Decision of local authority subject to review.

4. In the event of the local authority resolving upon any such alteration of boundaries or combination as aforesaid as is hereby authorised its resolution shall be advertised, and shall be subject to appeal and review in like manner as is provided by sections seventy-six and eighty-nine of the recited Act in regard to advertising and appealing against resolutions as to the formation of special drainage districts and special water supply districts under that Act.

Application of Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867.

5. The whole provisions of the recited Act applicable to special drainage districts and special water supply districts shall be applicable mutatis mutandis to such districts when altered or combined under this Act.

Application of this Act.

6. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all special drainage districts and special water supply districts, whether formed before or after the passing of this Act, or altered or combined under the powers conferred by this Act.

CHAPTER 16.

An Act to provide for the winding up of the West Indian Relief Commission, and for the remission of certain Sums remaining unpaid in respect of Loans by the said Commission. [3d July 1879.]

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 125.

WHEREAS by the West India Loan Act, 1832, in consideration of the heavy losses which had been sustained in the island of Jamaica in consequence of insurrection and in the islands of Barbadoes, St. Vincent, and St. Lucia in consequence of hurricanes, certain sums were authorised to be raised and issued to the Commissioners under that Act (in this Act referred to as the West India Relief Commissioners) to be by them advanced for the assistance and accommodation of the said islands and of persons having properties therein, on due security being given for the repayment of the advances:

And whereas in consideration of the losses sustained in the island of Dominica in consequence of hurricanes, the provisions of the

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 51.

West India Loan Act, 1832, were extended to the island of Dominica by the Dominica Loan Act, 1835:

And whereas in pursuance of the above Acts the sums mentioned in the second column of the first schedule to this Act were advanced