SCHEDULE.

ACTS REPEALED.

Session and Chapter.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
23 & 24 Vict. c. 105.	The Prisons (Scotland) Administration Act, 1860	The whole Act, except sections seventy-two to seventy-five, both inclusive.
26 & 27 Vict. c. 109.	An Act for remedying certain defects in the law relating to the removal of prisoners in Scotland.	Section two.
27 & 28 Vict. c. 53.	The Summary Procedure Act, 1864	Sections thirty-six and thirty-seven.
28 & 29 Vict. c. 84.	An Act to amend the Prisons (Scotland) Administration Act, 1860, and to explain the fifty-second and seventy-seventh sections of the said Act.	The whole Act.
32 & 33 Vict. c. 35.	The Prisons (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1869	The whole Act.

CHAPTER 54.

An Act to amend the Public Libraries Acts. [14th August 1877.]

WHEREAS by the Public Libraries Acts, 18 & 19 Victoria, c. 40., for Ireland; 29 & 30 Victoria, c. 114., for England; and 30 & 31 Victoria, c. 37., for Scotland, the mode by which the Act is to be adopted is prescribed to be by public meeting, and it has been found that in many cases a public meeting is a most incorrect and unsatisfactory mode, and fails to indicate the general opinion of the ratepayers, and it is desirable to ascertain these opinions more correctly:

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:

Ratepayers opinions may be ascertained by voting papers.

1. It shall be competent for the prescribed local authority in any place or community which has the power to adopt one of the above recited Acts, to ascertain the opinions of the majority of the ratepayers either by the prescribed public meeting or by the issue of a voting paper to each ratepayer, and the subsequent collection and scrutiny thereof, and any expense in connexion with such voting papers shall be borne in the same way as the expense of a public meeting would be borne, and the decision of the majority so ascertained shall be equally binding.

Ratepayers may stipulate for modified assessment.

2. In addition to the simple vote "Yes" or "No" to the adoption of the Act, such voting paper may stipulate that its adoption shall be subject to a limitation to some lower rate of assessment than the maximum allowed by Act of Parliament in force at the time, and such lower limit, if once adopted, shall not be subsequently altered except by public vote similarly taken.

Definition.

3. "Ratepayer" shall mean every inhabitant who would have to pay the Free Library assessment in event of the Act being adopted.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Public Libraries Amendment Act, 1877.