Majesty, Chapter One hundred and five, as limits the Distance within which Children may be sent from one Workhouse to another, are hereby repealed. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 105. withdrawn.

17. In Clause Three of the Statute Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Fifty-five, One Year shall be substituted for Three Years. Sect. 3. of 24 & 25 Vict. c. 55. amended.

18. In all Statutes, except there shall be something in the Context inconsistent therewith, the Word "Parish" shall among other Meanings applicable to it signify a Place for which a separate Poor Rate is or can be made, or for which a separate Overseer is or can be appointed, and all the other Words used herein shall be construed in the like Manner as in the said Statute passed in the Fourth and Fifth Years of King *William* the Fourth; and the Provisions contained therein and in the subsequent Statutes explaining and extending the same, and not repealed, shall, so far as they shall be consistent herewith, be extended to this Statute. Interpretation of Terms, and Consolidation of the Acts.

19. This Act may be cited and described for all Purposes as "The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1866." Short Title.

CAP. CXIV.

An Act to amend the Public Libraries Act. [10th *August* 1866.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Public Libraries Act, 1855, and to 'assimilate the Laws relating to Public Libraries in *England* and *Scotland*:' 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: 18 & 19 Vict. c. 95.

1. So much of the Section Fifteen of the said Public Libraries Act, 1855, as incorporates with that Act certain Clauses of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, shall, so far as the same relates to or concerns Municipal Boroughs, be repealed. Towns Improvement Clauses Act not to apply to Boroughs.

2. Section Five of the said Act, except so much thereof as relates to keeping distinct Accounts, shall be repealed; and the Expenses incurred in calling and holding the Meeting, whether the said Act shall be adopted or not, and the Expenses of carrying the said Act into execution in any Municipal Borough, may be paid out of the Borough Rate of such Borough, or by and out of a Rate to be made and recovered in such Borough, in like Manner as a Borough Rate may be made and recovered therein; but the Amount so paid in such Borough in any One Year shall not exceed the Sum of One Penny in the Pound upon the annual Value of the Property in such Borough rateable to a Borough Rate: Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall interfere with the Operation of the Act Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth *Victoria*, Chapter One hundred and eight, so far as it relates to the Collection of a Rate for a Public Library in the City of *Oxford*. Part of Sec. 5. of recited Act repealed. Expenses of executing Act in Boroughs to be paid out of Borough Fund.

3. The Public Meeting mentioned in Section 4 of the said Public Libraries Act, 1855, shall be called either on the Request of the Town Council, or on the Request in Writing of Ten Ratepayers residing in the Borough. Calling of Meeting in Boroughs.

4. Any Parish, of whatever Population, adjoining any Borough, District, or Parish which shall have adopted or shall contemplate the Adoption of the said Public Libraries Act, 1855, may, with the Consent of more than One Half of the Ratepayers thereof present at a Meeting to be convened in manner directed by the said Act with reference to Meetings of Ratepayers, and with the Consent also of the Town Council of such Borough, or the Board of such District, or the Commissioners of such Parish, as the Case may be, determine that such adjoining Parish shall for the Purposes of the said Act form Part of such Borough, District, or Parish, and thereupon the Vestry of such adjoining Parish shall forthwith Parishes adjoining a Borough, &c. may unite in adopting Act.

forthwith appoint Three Ratepayers Commissioners for such Parish, One Third of whom shall go out of Office and the Vacancies be filled up as provided by the said Act with respect to the Commissioners of a Parish, and such Commissioners for the Time being shall for the Purposes of the said Act be considered as Part of such Town Council, Board, or Commissioners, as the Case may be; and the Expenses of calling the Meeting, and the Proportion of the Expenses of such adjoining Parish of carrying the said Act into execution, shall be paid out of the Poor Rates thereof to such Person as the Commissioners of the said adjoining Parish shall appoint to receive the same.

Majority for Adoption of Act.

5. The Majority necessary to be obtained for the Adoption of the said Act or the Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*), 1854, shall be more than One Half of the Persons present at the Meeting, instead of Two Thirds of such Persons, as now required.

Act applicable whatever Population may be.

6. The Public Libraries Act (1855) and the Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*) (1854) shall be applicable to any Borough, District, or Parish or Burgh, of whatever Population.

17 & 18 Vict. c. 64. ss. 6, 7, 8. repealed.

7. So much of Section 6 of the Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*), 1854, as authorizes the demanding of a Poll, and Sections Seven and Eight of the said Act, are hereby repealed.

If Burgh declines Act no further Meeting for a Year.

8. If any Meeting called as provided by the said last-mentioned Act shall determine against the Adoption of the Act in any Burgh, no Meeting for a similar Purpose shall be held for the Space of One Year at least from the Time of holding the previous Meeting.

Parts of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 17. as to Borrowing Powers extended to 17 & 18 Vict. c. 64.

9. The Clauses and Provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation (*Scotland*) Act (1845) with respect to the borrowing of Money upon Mortgage or Bond, and the Accountability of Officers, and the Recovery of Damages and Penalties, so far as such Provisions may respectively be applicable to the Purposes of the said Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*) (1854), shall be respectively incorporated with that Act.

A Library, &c. may be established in connexion with any Museum, &c.

10. Wherever a Public Museum or Library has been established under any Act relating to Public Libraries or Museums, or shall hereafter be established under either of the said before-mentioned Acts, a Public Library or Museum, as the Case may be, may at any Time be established in connexion therewith without any further Proceedings being taken under the said Acts.

Short Title.

11. This Act may be cited as The Public Libraries Amendment Act (*England* and *Scotland*), 1866, and shall be taken to be Part of the said Public Libraries Act, 1855, and shall be construed accordingly.

CAP. CXV.

An Act to provide for the Government of the "Straits Settlements."

[10th *August* 1866.]

'WHEREAS the Islands and Territories known as the "Straits Settlements," namely, 'Prince of Wales' Island, the Island of *Singapore*, and the Town and Fort of 'Malacca, and their Dependencies, were heretofore Part of the Territories in the Possession 'and under the Government of the *East India* Company, and became vested in Her Majesty 'as a Part of *India* by virtue and subject to the Provisions of the Act of the Twenty-first 'and Twenty-second Year of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and six, intituled *An 'Act for the better Government of* India: And whereas it is expedient that the said Settle-'ments and their Dependencies should cease to form Part of *India*, and should be placed 'under the Government of Her Majesty as Part of the Colonial Possessions of the Crown:

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