CAP. LXXVI.

An Act to provide for the Collection of Fees in Public Departments and Offices by means of Stamps. [6th *August* 1866.]

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.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Public Offices Fees Act, 1866."

From and after Time appointed by the Treasury Fees payable in any Public Office to be collected by means of Stamps.

2. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Notice published in the *London Gazette*, to declare and direct that from and after the Time specified in such Notice all or any of the Fees for the Time being payable in Money in any Public Department or Office connected with the Public Service, or to the Officers thereof, shall be collected by means of Stamps; and every such Notice shall be in accordance with the Form given in the Schedule to this Act, with such Variations as Circumstances may require; and from and after the Time specified in any such Notice the Fees therein mentioned shall be received by Stamps denoting the Amount of Fees payable, and not in Money: Provided always, that no such Notice shall be published with respect to any Fees payable in the Offices of Her Majesty's Duchy or County Palatine of *Lancaster*, or to any Officer of the said Duchy or County Palatine, without the Consent of the Chancellor of the said Duchy or County Palatine: Provided also, that this Act shall not extend to any Fees payable in either House of Parliament.

Stamps to be impressed or adhesive.

3. All or any Stamps to be used under this Act shall be impressed or adhesive as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from Time to Time direct.

Stamps to be affixed to or impressed on Documents.

4. When any Fee comprised in any such Notice is payable in respect of a Document, the Stamp denoting the Amount of Fee shall be affixed to or impressed on such Document; and when any such Fee is payable otherwise than in respect of a Document the Stamp denoting the Amount of Fee shall be affixed to or impressed on such Document, as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may require to be used.

Regulations to be made by Treasury.

5. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may from Time to Time make such Regulations as seem fit regarding—

The Use of Stamps under this Act:

The Application of such Stamps to Documents in use or required to be used as aforesaid:

The Cancellation of adhesive Stamps.

Nothing to interfere with Powers regarding Alteration of Amount of Fees.

6. Nothing in this Act shall interfere with the Exercise by any Authority of any Power of altering or otherwise regulating the Amount of any Fees for the Time being payable in any Department or Office, or to the Officers thereof, or of any Salaries or other Charges for the Time being payable thereout or charged thereon.

Separate Account to be kept of Money received for Stamps.

7. The Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall keep a separate Account of the Money received for Stamps under this Act in respect of every Department or Office, and the Money so received, subject to the Deduction thereout of any Expenses incurred by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue in the Execution of this Act, and to the Payment or Discharge thereout in such Manner as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from Time to Time direct of Salaries or other Charges for the Time being by Law charged or made payable out of any Fees so received by Stamps, shall, under the Direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, be carried to and shall form Part of the Consolidated Fund.

Accounts to be laid before Parliament.

8. Each Account so kept by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for every Year ending the Thirty-first Day of *March*, together with an Account for every such Year, prepared under the Direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, showing the Salaries and other Charges for the Time being charged on or payable out of the Fees

Fees received by the Stamps to which such Account relates, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within One Month after the Termination of such Year of Account, if Parliament be then sitting, or if not then within One Month next after the next Meeting of Parliament.

THE SCHEDULE.

COMPANIES REGISTRATION OFFICE
(or as the Case may be).

NOTICE under the "Public Offices Fees Act, 1866."

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Act, hereby declare and direct, That from and after the Day of the Fees for the Time being payable in the Companies Registration Office (*or as the Case may be*) or to the Officers thereof, shall be collected by means of Stamps.

CAP. LXXVII.

An Act to amend the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of *Victoria*, Chapter Forty-four, relating to the Erection of new Parishes *quoad sacra* in *Scotland*. [6th *August* 1866.]

7 & 8 Vict. c. 44.

'WHEREAS by the Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Forty-four, intituled *An Act to facilitate the disjoining or dividing of extensive or populous Parishes, and the erecting of new Parishes, in that Part of the United Kingdom called* Scotland, Provision is made (by Section Eight) in the Case of a Church built or acquired, or undertaken to be built or acquired, and endowed or undertaken to be endowed by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their Expense, for the Erection of such Church, and a District to be attached thereto *quoad sacra*, into a Church and Parish in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*:

'And whereas there are in *Scotland* United Parishes in which there are already Two or more Parish Churches maintained:

'And whereas in such United Parishes an Increase of Population or other Change of Circumstances may take place, rendering it expedient under the Provisions of the said Act to apply for Disjunction from such United Parishes, and Erection into a Parish *quoad sacra*, of a District thereof:

'And whereas by the said Act no Power is conferred upon the Heritors of such United Parishes to convey or make over any One of the Parish Churches of such United Parish to the Party or Parties who shall have endowed or undertaken to endow such Parish *quoad sacra*:

'And whereas it is reasonable and proper that such Power should be conferred:'

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, *viz.*:

Power to convey to Quoad sacra Parish Trustees within a United Parish One of the Parish Churches.

1. On an Application being made in Terms of the said Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Forty-four, to the Lords of Council and Session as Commissioners for Plantation of Kirks and Valuation of Teinds, it shall be lawful for the Heritors of any United Parish in *Scotland*, being Proprietors within such United Parish to the Extent of at least One hundred Pounds Sterling of Real Rent yearly from Land appearing on the Valuation Roll of the County, by a Majority in value of those present at a Meeting