CHAPTER 62.

An Act to amend section twenty-four of the Public Schools Act, 1868, with respect to the property of Eton College. [5th August 1873.]

WHEREAS by section twenty-four of the Public Schools Act, 1868, it is provided that the new governing body of Eton may "submit to the special commissioners, "and if approved of by them lay a scheme or schemes before Her Majesty in Council for "dealing with the estates of Eton College in such manner as to bring the whole of them, "so soon as it may be thought expedient, into a system of being let at rackrent instead "of being let on leases renewable on payment of fines; and the said governing body may "in such scheme or schemes provide for raising by mortgage of the college estates or "any of them" sums for the purposes therein mentioned; and it may be provided in such scheme that the amount of moneys to be raised by mortgage and the working of the scheme shall be subject to the control of such department of the Government, or persons appointed by a department of the Government, as may seem good to the special commissioners: 31 & 32 Vict. c. 118.

And whereas a scheme has been made under the said section, but by reason of the amount of the growing annual charge under such scheme on the income of the college the governing body will have no money at their disposal for the improvement of Eton School for some years to come:

And whereas with a view to the improvement of Eton School and the building of new buildings for the benefit of the school, and to the improvement and better management of the Eton College estates and the bringing them into a system of being let at rackrent instead of being let on leases renewable on payment of fines, it is expedient to extend in manner herein-after mentioned the provisions which can be made by a scheme under the said section:

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:

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Schools (Eton College Property) Act, 1873. Short title.

2. Any scheme or schemes under section twenty-four of the Public Schools Act, 1868, with reference to Eton College, may provide for the raising of money for all or any of the following purposes, namely: Extension of sect. 24 of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 118. as to scheme for dealing with Eton College property.

(*a.*) To pay off any mortgage or debt charged on the college estates, or any part thereof, and

(*b.*) To effect in the college estates any improvement of land within the meaning of the Improvement of Land Act, 1864, and 27 & 28 Vict. c. 114.

(*c.*) To effect improvements for the benefit of Eton College or School, and for that purpose to repair, improve, enlarge, and add to the buildings belonging to Eton College or School, build new buildings, and purchase land, and

(*d.*) To purchase the interest of any lessee under any lease for years, or for a life or lives in any part of the college estates.

Moreover, any scheme or schemes under the said section may provide for raising money for the purposes of the scheme (whether such purposes are mentioned in the said section or in this section), either wholly or partly, by sale (instead of by mortgage) from time to time of part of the college estates, or of any estate or interest therein belonging to the college, and may revoke or vary all or any part of any scheme previously made under the said section, whether before or after the passing of this Act, without prejudice to anything done or suffered under such scheme.

Provided that every such sale shall be subject to such control as is mentioned in section twenty-four of the Public Schools Act, 1868, or if the scheme make no provision for such control, to the consent of the Copyhold Commissioners.

All moneys arising from any sale or mortgage in pursuance of any such scheme may, until applied for the purposes of the scheme, be invested in Government securities in the name of the Provost and Fellows of Eton College, or in manner directed by the scheme.

Protection of purchaser.

3. Where the consent of the department of the Government, persons, or commissioners, to whose control or consent a sale in pursuance of any scheme under section twenty-four of the Public Schools Act, 1868, is subject, is given to any sale by the governing body of Eton College, the purchaser shall not be bound to inquire whether the sale is or is not within the powers or in accordance with the provisions of the scheme or this Act, and shall not be bound to inquire into the application of the purchase money, or be responsible for the misapplication or nonapplication thereof.

CHAPTER 63.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Law Agents practising in Scotland.

[5th August 1873.]

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:

Interpretation of terms.

1. The following words and expressions when used in this Act shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them; that is to say,

"The Court" shall mean the Court of Session:

"Law Agent" shall include Writers to the Signet, Solicitors in the Supreme Courts, Procurators in any Sheriff Court, and every person entitled to practise as an agent in a court of law in Scotland:

"Enrolled Law Agent" shall mean any Law Agent enrolled pursuant to the provisions of this Act:

"The Registrar" shall mean the Registrar of Law Agents under this Act.

Admission, enrolment, and powers of Law Agents.

2. From and after the passing of this Act no person shall be admitted as a Law Agent in Scotland except in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Every enrolled Law Agent shall be deemed to be admitted, and, subject to the provisions of this Act with respect to stamp duty and subscribing the roll of Law Agents appointed to be kept for the Court of Session and the several Sheriff Courts respectively, shall be entitled to practise in any court of law in Scotland.

Lists to be certified of members of certain Societies.

3. On or before the first day of February eighteen hundred and seventy-four the Deputy Keeper of the Signet, or other person to be appointed for the purpose by the Society of Writers to the Signet, the President of the Incorporated Society of Solicitors in the Supreme Courts, or other person to be appointed for the purpose by that Society, and the President or Dean of each Society of Law Agents which before the passing of "The Procurators (Scotland) Act, 1865," was incorporated by Act of Parliament or Royal Charter, or other person to be appointed for the purpose by each such Society, shall respectively prepare and deliver to the Registrar certified lists containing the names and designations of all persons who then are members of such Societies respectively, and the

Registrar to enrol them.

Registrar shall enrol as a Law Agent every such person on his applying to be enrolled and grant to him a certificate of his enrolment.

Lists of Procurators to be certified.

4. The Sheriff Clerk of each county shall, on or before the first day of February eighteen hundred and seventy-four, prepare and deliver to the Registrar certified lists containing the names and designations of all persons admitted as Procurators in the Sheriff Court of the county previous to that date and not included in any of the lists

Registrar to enrol them.

delivered under the preceding section, and the Registrar shall enrol as a Law Agent every such person on his applying to be enrolled and grant to him a certificate of his enrolment.