CHAPTER 19.

An Act to grant Money for the purpose of Loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and authorise those Commissioners to compound a loan and interest, and amend the Public Works Loans Act, 1875. [12th July 1877.]

WHEREAS by the Public Works Loans Act, 1875, and other Acts, the Public Works Loan Commissioners are authorised to make loans for the purposes therein mentioned, and it is expedient to grant the money herein-after mentioned for the purpose of such loans:

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 as the Public Works Loans Act, 1877.

Grant of 4,000,000*l.* for loans during the period ending the 30th of June 1878.

2. For the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole four million pounds may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, in manner provided by the Public Works Loans Act, 1875, during the period ending on the thirtieth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, or on any earlier day at which a further Act authorising the issue of money for the purpose of the said loans comes into operation.

The Treasury may, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided by the Public Works Loans Act, 1875, borrow the said sum or any part thereof.

Composition of debt due from the parish of Whitchurch.

3. Whereas in the month of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, under the enactments then in force in that behalf, the Public Works Loan Commissioners, in pursuance of an application from the churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Whitchurch in the county of Southampton, made with the consent of the inhabitants in vestry assembled, advanced a loan of two thousand pounds for the purpose of enlarging and repairing the parish church of the said parish, and the churchwardens and overseers of the said parish assigned the rates of the said parish as a security for the repayment of the loan, which was to be repaid in twenty years by yearly instalments of one hundred pounds each, with interest at four per centum per annum:

And whereas sums amounting in the whole to six hundred and fifty-one pounds or thereabouts have been repaid by the parish to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of the principal and interest of the said loan, but there remains unpaid sixteen hundred and seventy-five pounds, or thereabouts, with interest thereon at four per centum per annum from the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one:

And whereas in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight difficulties arose in enforcing the rate made for the purpose of raising the sums due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and legal proceedings were taken to enforce the payment of such rate, which were ultimately unsuccessful, and of which the churchwardens were ordered to pay the costs:

And whereas in consequence of the said difficulties and proceedings persons declined to serve in the office of churchwarden of the said parish, and no instalments of principal and no interest have been paid, and no rate for the purpose of raising such instalments or interest has been made since the month of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one:

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the power of the Commissioners to enforce payment of the instalments of principal and interest due between the eighteenth of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one and the eighteenth of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and difficulties exist in enforcing a rate for the payment of any instalments of principal and interest on the said loan:

And whereas the churchwardens of the parish, on behalf of the inhabitants thereof, have offered to pay to the Public Works Loan Commissioners a sum of one thousand

pounds by way of composition for the principal and interest of the said loan, and it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners to accept the same: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

The Public Works Loan Commissioners may compound the debt due to them from the parish of Whitchurch, in the county of Southampton, in respect of the said loan for the sum of one thousand pounds, and on the payment of that sum to the Commissioners the said debt shall be extinguished.

Commencement of Act.

4. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

CHAPTER 20.

An Act to fix the Salaries of the Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, and to amend the eleventh section of the Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870. [12th July 1877.]

37 & 38 Vict. c. 80.

WHEREAS by section two of the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1874, provision was made for the grant of revised salaries to the members of the Constabulary Force in Ireland; and the continuance of the payment of the said revised salaries is now by law limited to the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and it is expedient that such limitation should be repealed, and provision should be made for continuing the payment of such revised salaries; and also for amending the eleventh section of the Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870:

33 & 34 Vict. c. 83.

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:

Continuation of revised salaries.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, so much of the Act passed in the session of Parliament, held in the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter forty-four, as limits to the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, the time during which the revised salaries therein mentioned shall continue to be paid shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and the said salaries shall continue to be paid from and after the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven from time to time as and when they shall become due respectively.

Amendment of 33 & 34 Vict. c. 83.

2. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council in Ireland, to alter or vary from time to time the numbers of sub-inspectors and head constables fixed by the eleventh section of the Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1870, to such numbers as the Lord Lieutenant, by and with such advice as aforesaid, may from time to time consider to be required, not exceeding the numbers fixed by the said section for each of the said ranks respectively.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Constabulary (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1877."

CHAPTER 21.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Prisons in England. [12th July 1877.]

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: