Agreement or in relation to the Boy's service, and the said Superintendent's decision, if he thinks fit to decide the same, shall be final.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands on the day and in the year above written.

Signed in the presence of
and approved by

_____ Master.

_____ Boy.

_____

Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office at the port of

NOTE.—This agreement must be executed in triplicate; one copy will be retained and recorded by the Superintendent above referred to, one retained by the Master, and the other retained by the Boy.

[*To be printed on back of Agreement.*]

Endorsements referred to in the body of this Agreement and in the Act.

A.—Particulars of wages, remuneration, and payments. (Here are to be entered full particulars of all allowances, perquisites, wages, remunerations, emoluments, shares of catch, &c., with the times when the boy is to receive the same, and also the proportion of salvage the boy is to have.)

B.—(Here state pursuant to section 4 whether the nearest relations or the guardian or guardians assent, and such other particulars as the Act requires. If the superintendent acts as guardian he should state that the nearest relations or guardian or guardians cannot readily be found, or are not known, or that there are none, and that he has acted as guardian.

Here print the regulations with respect to boys for maintaining discipline sanctioned by the Board of Trade.

CHAPTER 42.

An Act to grant Money for the purpose of Loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland and the Irish Land Commission; and to amend the Acts relating to the said Commissioners, and for other purposes.

[25th August 1883.]

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 Works Loans Act, 1883.

Citation of Acts. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 89. 39 & 40 Vict. c. 31. 42 & 43 Vict. c. 77. 44 & 45 Vict. c. 38. 45 & 46 Vict. c. 62.

2. The Public Works Loans Act, 1875, the Public Works Loans (Money) Act, 1876, the Public Works Loans Act, 1879, the Public Works Loans Act, 1881, and the Public Works Loans Act, 1882, may be together cited as the Public Works Loans Acts, 1875 to 1882.

PART I.

Grant of Money for Public Works Loan Commissioners.

Grant of 3,000,000*l.* for Public Works Loans.

3. (1.) For the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners,—

(*a.*) Any sum or sums, not exceeding in the whole the sum of three 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, as amended by the Public Works Loans Act, 1879; and

(*b.*) The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt may advance any part or parts of the total sum above in this section mentioned in reduction of the amount which may be so issued out of the Consolidated Fund;

and such sums may be issued and advanced during the period ending on the day at which a further Act granting money for the purpose of the said loans comes into operation.

(2.) The Treasury may, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided by the Public Works Loans Act, 1875, borrow the sum authorised by this section to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or any part of that sum.

PART II.

Grant of Money for Public Works Commissioners, Ireland.

Grant of 1,200,000*l.* for loans by Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

4. (1.) For the purpose of loans by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland,—

(*a.*) Any sum or sums, not exceeding in the whole one million two hundred thousand pounds, may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, in manner provided by Part Two of the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, as amended by the Public Works Loans Act, 1879; and

40 & 41 Vict. c. 27. 42 & 43 Vict. c. 77.

(*b.*) The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt may advance any part or parts of the total sum above in this section mentioned in reduction of the amount which may be so issued out of the Consolidated Fund;

and such sums may be issued and advanced during the period ending on the day on which a further Act authorising the issue of money for those loans comes into operation.

(2.) The Treasury may, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided by Part Two of the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, borrow the sum authorised by this section to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or any part of that sum.

PART III.

Grant of Money for Irish Land Commission.

Grant of 400,000*l.* to Land Commission.

5. (1.) For the purpose of advances or of purchases of estates by the Irish Land Commission under the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, and under any Act that may be passed, called the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883, any sum or sums, not exceeding in the whole the sum of four hundred thousand pounds, may be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing produce thereof, in manner provided by the said Acts, and such sums may be issued during the period ending on the day on which a further Act providing money for the purpose of such advances or purchases comes into operation.

44 & 45 Vict. c. 49. 46 & 47 Vict. c. 43.

(2.) The Treasury may, in the manner and subject to the limitations provided by the said Acts, borrow the sum authorised by this

section to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund, or any part of that sum.

Power to borrow for the purposes of Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883.

45 & 46 Vict. c. 47.

6. Whereas by a Bill pending in Parliament, for an Act to be called the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883, it is (among other things) provided that the twentieth section of the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1882, enabling grants to be made in aid of emigration, shall be amended as therein mentioned, and that the sum of two hundred thousand pounds shall be substituted in that section for the sum of one hundred thousand pounds therein mentioned, and thereby the raising of an additional sum of one hundred thousand pounds by the Irish Land Commission for the purposes of the said section as so amended is rendered necessary:

45 & 46 Vict. c. 62.

And whereas by section six of the Public Works Loans Act, 1882, the Irish Land Commission, for the purpose of paying money for grants under the said section of the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1882, and for other purposes under that Act, were authorised to borrow on the security of the Irish Church Temporalities Fund, such sums not exceeding in the whole two million six hundred thousand pounds, at the rate and on the terms and in the manner and with the guarantee of the Consolidated Fund as therein mentioned:

And whereas it is expedient to extend the said section of the Public Works Loans Act, 1882, to the raising of the said additional sum of one hundred thousand pounds:

Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

In the event of the above recited provision of the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883, being passed into law, the Irish Land Commission may borrow the said additional sum of one hundred thousand pounds in manner provided by section six of the Public Works Loans Act, 1882, and that section shall apply in like manner as if two million seven hundred thousand pounds were therein substituted for two million six hundred thousand pounds.

PART IV.

Provision as to certain Loans.

Power to postpone debts due from trustees of Arbroath harbour.

7. Whereas the Public Works Loan Commissioners, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and subsequent years, advanced to the Aberbrothwich otherwise called Arbroath Harbour Trustees sums amounting in the whole to twenty thousand pounds, which sums were expended on works for the harbour of Arbroath, and, with interest at the rate of three and a half per cent. per annum, are repayable out of the revenues of the harbour by annuities terminating between the years one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five; and by the payment of such annuities the capital now due has been reduced to eighteen thousand six hundred and sixty-four pounds five shillings and tenpence:

And whereas the revenues of the harbour are applicable in the first place for the management and maintenance thereof:

And whereas an accident has occurred whereby serious injury has been caused to the works of the harbour, and the estimated cost of the works necessary for the repair of such injury amounts to ten thousand pounds:

And whereas, with a view to the repair of the said injury to the works of the harbour, it is expedient to authorise such suspension of the payment of the said annuities due to the Public Works Loan Commissioners as is herein-after mentioned: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

The Public Works Loan Commissioners, subject to such conditions as may seem expedient, may, with the consent of the Treasury, suspend the payments on account of the advances made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners to the Arbroath Harbour Trustees and the interest thereon during such period not exceeding five years from the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, as may be considered necessary for the purpose of enabling the Arbroath Harbour Trustees to repair the said injury to the works of the harbour, and the Public Works Loan Commissioners may, if they think fit, with the consent of the Treasury, enter into arrangements with the Arbroath Harbour Trustees for payment of the said capital debt of eighteen thousand six hundred and sixty-four pounds five shillings and tenpence, with all interest due and to become due thereon, by instalments commencing after the said period of suspension, and terminating in or before the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty, and any such arrangement may include the capitalization of such interest.

Provision as to Athlunkard Bridge, Limerick.

8. Whereas divers sums amounting in the whole to fifteen thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds were advanced in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six and subsequent years, out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, in aid of the building of a bridge at Limerick, called the Athlunkard Bridge, and the said sums were advanced to the bridge commissioners on the security of the tolls of the bridge, and were repayable by annual instalments with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum:

And whereas no instalment of principal has ever been paid, and there was due on the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two in respect of arrears of interest on the said advances the sum of eighteen thousand three hundred and thirty-seven pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence, and the total sum now due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for principal and interest amounts to thirty-four thousand one hundred and eighty-seven pounds nineteen shillings and elevenpence:

And whereas the bridge commissioners held the bridge on trust for the public, and derived no pecuniary benefit therefrom, and they or the larger part of them are dead, and there is no power to appoint any new commissioners:

And whereas in consequence of the deaths of some of the bridge commissioners, and the absence of any power to appoint new commissioners, the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland took possession in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight of the bridge and the tolls thereof, and have ever since been in possession of the tolls, and maintained the bridge, and applied the surplus of the tolls, after payment of the expenses of collection and the maintenance of the bridge, in payment of the interest on the said advances:

And whereas the average annual amount applicable to the payment of such interest during the six years ending on the thirty-first of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three amounted to four hundred and fifty-eight pounds six shillings and eightpence, and with the exception of such surplus tolls, no other moneys are applicable to the repayment of the said advances and the interest thereon:

And whereas it is expedient to provide for the composition of the said debt and the abolition of the tolls on the bridge and for the maintenance of the bridge in manner herein-after provided: Be it therefore enacted as follows:—

(1.) If the Treasury are satisfied that payment to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland of the sum of six thousand pounds by fifty equal half-yearly instalments together with interest at the rate of three and a quarter per cent. per annum is secured in manner provided by this section, and that the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the city of Limerick (in this section referred to as the corporation of Limerick) have undertaken as herein-after mentioned to maintain the Athlunkard Bridge and the approaches thereto, they may authorise the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to make, and such Commissioners may accordingly make an order under this section, and by such order may remit the said advance of fifteen thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds, and all arrears of interest due thereon, and the excess of the sum so remitted over and above the said sum of six thousand pounds shall be deemed to be a free grant by Parliament; and further, the said order may declare that Athlunkard Bridge shall, as from the date specified in the order, be free from toll, and be vested in the Corporation of Limerick for the use of the public, and thereupon, as from the date specified in the order, the said bridge shall be free from toll, and it shall be the duty of the Corporation of Limerick to maintain the bridge and the roadway thereof and the approaches thereto in good repair and condition.

(2.) The grand jury of the county of Clare, if a presentment has been duly made by presentment sessions, and the grand jury think fit, may present that the county of Clare shall be charged with the payment to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland of a portion of the said sum of six thousand pounds with interest thereon.

(3.) The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland shall ascertain what sum would be charged in respect of each hundred pounds of the said sum of six thousand pounds, and so in proportion for smaller parts thereof, if the same were to be discharged by fifty equal half-yearly instalments, beginning at the time mentioned in the certificate, with interest on the unpaid portion at the rate of three and a quarter per cent. per annum, and shall certify the sum so ascertained to the presentment sessions for the said county before the meeting thereof for the purposes of this section, and shall also certify the same to the grand jury before the assizes at which the presentment of the grand jury is proposed to be made.

(4.) The presentment of the grand jury, if made, shall provide for the payment of any sum which is presented by fifty equal half-yearly instalments, which shall be applotted and levied from time to time without any further presentment, and shall commence at the time mentioned in the certificate.

(5.) Any presentment under this section may be traversed and may be fiated by the judge of assize in like manner as any other presentments of a grand jury.

(6.) For the purposes of this section a special meeting of the county at large presentment sessions of Clare may be held on a day to be appointed by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland within twelve months after the passing of this Act.

(7.) The justices and associated cesspayers for the time being entitled to attend at the ordinary county at large presentment sessions of the said county shall be entitled to attend at a meeting of the presentment sessions under this section.

(8.) A vote shall be taken at such special meeting of presentment sessions, or at any ordinary meeting of county at large presentment sessions for the said county, to which a presentment for the purposes of this section is submitted, by which vote the meeting shall declare whether they agree that the county cess shall be charged with the payment of any and what proportion of the said sum of six thousand pounds to be paid in accordance with the certificate of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

(9.) Notice of a special meeting of presentment sessions for the purposes of this section shall be given by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland once in each of two consecutive weeks before the day fixed for the meeting in two or more newspapers circulating in the county, and the sessions shall be held in accordance with a notice so published. A like notice shall be given of the intention to submit a presentment for the purposes of this section at any ordinary meeting of county at large presentment sessions. The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland may make such arrangements as they think fit respecting the making of an application for any presentment under this section.

(10.) Some person nominated for that purpose by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland shall attend at any such meeting, and shall give information to the meeting as to the powers conferred upon the presentment sessions and grand jury by this section; and as to the amount for which the county may become liable if the meeting agrees that any charge should be imposed.

(11.) The Corporation of Limerick may, by a resolution of the council undertake to hold for the use of the public the Athlunkard Bridge and the approaches thereto, and to maintain the same in good and sufficient order, repair, and condition, and to light the bridge and approaches in a sufficient manner.

(12.) The Corporation of Limerick may, by a resolution of the council passed within six months after the making of any grand jury presentment under this section, undertake to pay to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland such portion

of the said sum of six thousand pounds (if any) as is not charged on the county of Clare in pursuance of this section, and thereupon the said portion shall be charged on and payable out of the borough fund and general purposes rate of the said corporation by fifty equal half-yearly instalments, beginning at the expiration of three months after the date of the resolution, or at any other date mentioned in the resolution, not later than four months after the date of the resolution, with interest on the unpaid portion at the rate of three and a quarter per cent. per annum, and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland shall have the same remedy for enforcing such payment as they would have if a mortgage of the said fund and rate had been made to the said commissioners for securing the same.

(13.) The expenses of the Corporation of Limerick incurred in pursuance of this section may be defrayed out of any moneys or rates applicable for the purpose of maintaining or lighting the roads in the city of Limerick, as the case may be, but nothing in this section relating to the maintenance and lighting of the said bridge, and the roadway thereof and approaches thereto, shall diminish any liability of the borough fund or general purposes rate to pay the sums due to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland.

Period for repayment of loan for rebuilding Green Street court house, Dublin.

9. In case the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland advance a loan for the purpose of building a new court house in lieu of the existing court house in Green Street, Dublin, the period for repayment of any such loan or any instalment thereof may, notwithstanding anything in the Acts relating to loans by the said Commissioners, be such period not exceeding forty years from the date of the loan or instalment as the said Commissioners, with the consent of the Treasury, determine.

Extinguishment of debt on certain lands and mills on the river Corrib, Galway.
43 & 44 Vict. c. 1.

10. Whereas in pursuance of the power conferred by section four of the Public Works Loans Act, 1880, the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, with the approval of the Treasury, have remitted certain instalments of principal and interest charged by virtue of the award mentioned in the said section on certain lands and mills situate on each side of the river Corrib, in the county of Galway, which said instalments were set forth in the schedule to the said Act, and amounted together to the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-six pounds fourteen shillings and tenpence, whereof the sum of eleven hundred and seventy-one pounds ten shillings was the amount remitted in respect of the mills and lands comprised in lots nine and ten referred to in the said schedule:

And whereas after the remission of the said last-mentioned sum there remained due to the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom in respect of principal and interest the further sum of eight hundred and twenty-three pounds three shillings and sevenpence charged by virtue of the said award upon the mills and lands comprised in the said lots nine and ten:

And whereas the last-mentioned mills and lands were vested in the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, and have since such remission as aforesaid been sold by the said Commissioners with the consent of the Treasury for the sum of five hundred pounds:

And whereas the residue of the said sum of eight hundred and twenty-three pounds three shillings and sevenpence, after payment into the Consolidated Fund of the said sum of five hundred pounds, amounts to the sum of three hundred and twenty-three pounds three shillings and sevenpence, which is irrecoverable, and it is therefore expedient that it should be extinguished:

Be it therefore enacted that the said sum of three hundred and twenty-three pounds three shillings and sevenpence, so due to the Consolidated Fund as aforesaid, shall be and the same is hereby extinguished, and shall be considered as a free grant from Parliament.

Amendment of Acts.

Amendment of 45 & 46 Vict. c. 47. s. 16. as to recovery of certain rentcharges.

11. Whereas certain advances have been made by the Irish Land Commission to landlords in respect of antecedent arrears due by the tenants of certain holdings respectively, pursuant to section sixteen of the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1882, and such holdings have been respectively declared to be charged with rentcharges in repayment of such advances, and advances may be made and holdings charged in like manner in future: And whereas it is provided by the said section that such rentcharges shall be from time to time collected by the collector authorised to collect poor rates in the electoral division in which the holding is situate, and that every such collector shall pay and account for the sum so collected by him to the guardians of the union in which such holding is situate, and that the guardians shall transmit the amounts from time to time received by them as aforesaid to the Irish Land Commission:

And whereas it is expedient to make a different provision respecting the collection of such rentcharges; be it therefore enacted as follows:

(1.) The mode of collecting and levying the said rentcharge herein before recited shall not be used after the passing of this Act:

(2.) Where any advance has been made or shall hereafter be made pursuant to section sixteen of the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1882, and where any holding has been or shall hereafter be charged with a rentcharge in repayment of any such advance, each such rentcharge shall be collected directly by the Irish Land Commission, and the payment thereof may be enforced in the same manner in all respects as if such rentcharge were an annuity in favour of the Irish Land Commission in repayment of an advance for the purpose of supplying money for the purchase of a holding pursuant to section twenty-eight of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, save only that section ten of the Public Works Loans Act, 1882, shall not apply to any rentcharge levied and collected pursuant to this present enactment:

(3.) Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the provisions of the said section sixteen of the Arrears of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1882, with respect to the power of the county court to order a sale of the tenancy on such default and such application as therein mentioned, nor the provisions as to the proceedings consequent on such sale, nor as to the contingent liability of the landlord, nor with respect to the

transfer of the tenants interest by sale, all which provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Amendment of 40 & 41 Vict. c. 27. s. 3. as to period for repayment of certain advances.

12. So much of section three of the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, as provides that any such advance as in the said section mentioned and the interest thereon shall be repaid within such period from the date of the advance as the Treasury shall by order from time to time fix, so that it do not in any case exceed twenty years or any less period fixed by the Acts referred to in the said section, is hereby repealed; and, in lieu of the said provision, be it enacted as follows:

Any such advance as in section three of the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, mentioned, and the interest thereon, shall be repaid within such period, commencing either from the date of such advance or from the date of the completion of the works for which such advance is made, as the Treasury by order from time to time fix, so that the said period do not in any case exceed twenty years, or any less term fixed by the Acts referred to in the said section.

Provision for recovery of money due to Commissioners from grand jury.

13. (1.) Where any sum is payable to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland by a county or any part thereof on account of any advance made or expenses incurred by or under the authority of the said Commissioners in pursuance of this Act or of any Act passed either before or after the passing of this Act, and such sum is payable by instalments, the said Commissioners shall not be required to issue a separate certificate for the recovery of each of such instalments, but they may, at any time or times after the making of such advance or the incurring of such expenses as aforesaid, send to the secretary to the grand jury of such county a certificate or certificates specifying the whole or any part or parts of the sum so payable; and any such certificate shall also specify the amount (including principal and interest) of each instalment payable by such county or any part thereof in respect of the sum specified in such certificate, and, as nearly as may be, the time at which each such instalment will be due.

(2.) Any such certificate shall, until the contrary is proved, be conclusive evidence of all matters necessary to authorise the making of it.

(3.) Upon any such certificate being sent to the secretary to the grand jury, the grand jury at the next and every succeeding assizes or presenting term, until the sum therein specified as aforesaid has been fully paid, shall, without any previous proceeding at any presentment sessions, present the amount required for the payment of any instalment of the said sum for the time being due or falling due before the then next assizes or presenting term, as specified in the said certificate; and if such grand jury make default in presenting such amount as aforesaid, the judge of assize or the High Court of Justice shall order such amount to be raised, and such order shall have the force of a presentment, and such amount shall be applotted and raised and levied accordingly as if the same had been inserted in a presentment duly made at such assizes or presenting term.

The secretary to the grand jury shall, within one month after the date of any such presentment or order as aforesaid, send notice thereof to the said Commissioners, and every sum raised in pursuance

of any such presentment or order shall be paid into the Bank of Ireland to the account of the said Commissioners, or in such other manner as the Treasury from time to time direct.

In this section—

The expression "county" includes a county of a city, a county of a town and city, and a city or town and county:

The expression "grand jury," as regards any borough of which the council is authorised by law to make presentments, includes such council, and the expression "secretary to the grand jury," as regards any such town council, includes the town clerk.

CHAPTER 43.

An Act for promoting the extension of Tramway communication in Ireland, and for assisting Emigration, and for extending certain provisions of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, to the case of Public Companies.

[25th August 1883.]

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:

PART I.

POWERS OF GRAND JURY TO GUARANTEE.

Grand jury may present in favour of baronial guarantee.

1. (1.) It shall be lawful for the promoters of any tramway, being a public company, in making application to the grand jury of any county under the Tramways (Ireland) Acts, to propose that a barony or baronies in the county shall guarantee the payment of dividends, not exceeding five per centum, upon so much of the share capital of the undertaking as is for the time being paid-up capital as defined by this Act: And also that, in case of default on the part of the promoters, the completion, working, and maintaining of the undertaking may be provided for, under the circumstances specified in this Act, at the cost of the same barony or baronies.

(2.) The grand jury shall inquire into such proposal, and shall hear all persons interested, and may make a presentment to be submitted to the Lord Lieutenant in Council that such baronies or parts of baronies as the grand jury may specify shall be chargeable with the payment of dividends at such rate, not exceeding five per centum per annum as the grand jury may determine on so much of the share capital of the company as is for the time being paid-up capital as defined by this Act: And also that the same baronies or parts of baronies shall become chargeable, under the circumstances specified in this Act, with the payment from time to time of such sums as may be required for completing, working, or maintaining the undertaking.

The guarantee may be limited by the presentment to expire at a fixed period.

(3.) The presentment shall provide that the barony or baronies or parts of baronies which it is proposed to charge with any part