3. This Act shall apply— Application of Act.

(*a*) to any library under the Public Libraries Act, 1892; and

(*b*) to any library or reading-room maintained by a Society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893, or under the Friendly Societies Act, 1896, or by any registered Trade Union. 56 & 57 Vict. c. 39. 59 & 60 Vict. c. 25.

4. This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland. Extent of Act.

CHAPTER 54.

An Act to grant Money for the purpose of certain Local Loans, and for other purposes relating to Loans out of the Local Loans Fund. [12th August 1898.]

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:

1.—(1.) For the purpose of local loans there may be issued by the National Debt Commissioners the following sums, namely— Grants for public works.

(*a.*) For the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of five million pounds.

(*b.*) For the purpose of loans by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole eight hundred thousand pounds.

(2.) The sums so issued shall be issued during a period ending on the day on which a further Act granting money for the purposes of those loans comes into operation, and in accordance with the provisions of the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

2. Whereas it is expedient that the principal of the several local loans specified in the schedule to this Act should, to the extent specified in the last column of that schedule, not be reckoned as assets of the local loans fund established under the National Debt and Local Loans Act, 1887; therefore the principal of the said loans shall, to that extent, be written off from the assets of the local loans fund, and the provisions of section fifteen of the said Act shall, so far as applicable, apply thereto. Certain debts not to be reckoned as assets of local loans fund. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16.

3. The works for the purpose of which the Public Works Loan Commissioners may lend in Great Britain under the Public Works Loans Act, 1875, shall include any work for which the managers of asylum districts, or of school districts, are respectively authorised to borrow under the Acts relating to the relief of the poor. Addition to purposes for which Public Works Loan Commissioners may lend. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 89.

4. The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland may if they think fit lend under the Public Works (Ireland) Acts, 1831 to 1886, for the purpose of any work for which the council of a county borough or district in Ireland are authorised to borrow; and, notwithstanding anything in the said Acts, the loan may be made Power of Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to lend to local authorities.

for such term as the Commissioners think fit, not exceeding the term for which the borrowing council are authorised to borrow.

Amendment of 38 & 39 Vict. c. 89. s. 11, as to term for repayment of loans.

5. In section eleven of the Public Works Loans Act, 1875 (which fixes the time for repayment of loans), "thirty" shall be substituted for "twenty."

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the Public Works Loans Act, 1898.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

LOANS BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND.

Name of Borrower.	Act authorising Advance.	Amount advanced.	Amount repaid.	Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mathias Donovan -	The Landed Property Improvement (Ireland) Act, 1847 (10 Vict. c. 32).	645 0 0	116 4 5	238 15 0
Mathias Donovan -	Do. - -	100 0 0	7 1 11	41 9 2
John Cowhey -	Do. - -	100 0 0	6 5 3	93 14 9
R. T. Forrest - -	Do. - -	600 0 0	182 12 4	417 7 8
Michael Bohanna -	Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881 (44 & 45 Vict. c. 49. s. 19).	50 0 0	25 4 9	1 11 9
Margaret Byrne -	Do. (s. 31) -	40 0 0	3 17 5	36 2 7
Margaret Connell -	Do. - -	210 0 0	33 17 11	176 2 1
Michael Richardson	Do. - -	100 0 0	4 1 9	95 18 3
Michael Hennessy -	Do. - - -	95 0 0	0 7 8	94 12 4
Thomas Lloyd -	Do. - -	40 0 0	8 2 11	31 17 1
Jonathan Walpole -	Do. - - -	140 0 0	2 3 3	137 16 9
Bernard Reynolds -	Do. - -	40 0 0	0 15 7	39 4 5
William Coulson -	The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863 (26 & 27 Vict. c. 88).	149 13 9	Nil	8 12 10
			Total -	1,413 4 8

PART II.

LOANS BY THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

Name of Borrower.	Act authorising Advance.	Amount advanced.	Amount repaid or to be repaid.	Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Patrick Cullinan -	Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885 (48 & 49 Vict. c. 73).	815 0 0	799 18 7	15 1 5
Eliza Coffey - -	Do. - -	2,500 0 0	2,348 19 8	151 0 4
			Total -	166 1 9

PART III.

LOANS BY THE FISHERY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND.

Loans to Fishermen under the Crofters Holdings (Scotland) Act, 1886 (49 & 50 Vict. c. 29.).

District.		Amount advanced.	Amount repaid and realised by Sale of Boats.	Amount to be written off the Assets of the Local Loans Fund.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wick - -	Alexander Sinclair -	270 0 0	183 6 11	86 13 1
	John Sinclair - -			
	Angus Sinclair - -			
Stornoway -	Malcolm McDonald -	44 15 0	28 17 4	15 17 8
	Finlay McInnes - -			
	Donald McCaskill -			
	Kenneth McCaskill -			
Loch Broom -	Duncan Rose - -	63 0 0	53 8 9	9 11 3
	Simon Munro - -			
	John McKenzie - -			
	Roderick McRae -			
			Total -	112 2 0

CHAPTER 55.

An Act to amend the Universities and College Estates Acts, 1858 to 1880. [12th August 1898.]

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:

1. For the purposes of sale, enfranchisement, exchange, partition, and leasing, a university or college may exercise any of Extension of powers of