The allowance and expenses paid to the Bank of England in pursuance of this Act shall be deemed to be part of the annual sums payable for the management of the National Debt within the meaning of the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, and shall be paid accordingly out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

Bank of England may lend on credit of Treasury bills.

13. The Bank of England may lend to Her Majesty, upon the credit of Treasury bills, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the principal sums named in such bills.

CHAPTER 3.

An Act to amend the Publicans' Certificates (Scotland) Act, 1876. [23d March 1877.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Publicans' Certificates (Scotland) Act, 1876:

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 Publicans' Certificates (Scotland) Act (1876), Amendment Act, 1877."

Subsection one of section seven of recited Act repealed.

2. Subsection one of section seven of the recited Act is hereby repealed, and in plac thereof it is enacted that the following words shall be deemed and be taken to be the firs. subsection of the seventh section of the recited Act, and the recited Act shall be read and construed as if the first subsection of the seventh section thereof had been originally expressed in the following words, viz.:

> The justices of the peace in quarter sessions assembled for each county, except the county of the city of Edinburgh, shall at the meeting of quarter sessions directed by law to be held in August of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, or at any adjournment thereof, and annually in every subsequent year, except the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, during which year no such appointment shall be made, at the meeting of quarter sessions to be held in March, or any adjournment thereof, appoint from among themselves, for the purposes of this Act, a county licensing committee, or they may appoint more than one such committee, and assign to any such committee such area of jurisdiction as they may think expedient.

As to county licensing committees already appointed.

3. Every county licensing committee already appointed under the provisions of the said Act shall continue in office until another such committee is appointed, in manner in the said Act provided, at the meeting of quarter sessions to be held in March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, or any adjournment thereof.

CHAPTER 4.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the granting of Licences for the sale of Beer, Ale, and Porter in Ireland. [23d March 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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Beer Licences Regulation (Ireland) Act, 1877." This Act and "The Beerhouses (Ireland) Act, 1864," and "The Beerhouses "(Ireland) Act, 1864, Amendment Act, 1871," shall, so far as is consistent with the respective tenors of such Acts, be construed together as one Act, and may be cited together as "The Beerhouses (Ireland) Acts, 1864–1877."