mentary agent, solicitor, or other person in respect to the obtaining or promotion of or opposition to any provisional order or provisional certificate, or any Bill for confirming the same; and in respect to the promotion of any Bill by any public trustees or commissioners, or by any municipal or other public authority, and in respect to the opposition to any public and general Bill. to provisional orders and other cases.

2. In case the taxing officer of the House of Commons shall be requested by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State or by the Local Government Board to tax and settle, or to assist in taxing and settling, any costs, charges, or expenses incurred in respect of any Bill, or in respect of any provisional order or provisional certificate, such taxing officer shall thereupon proceed to tax and settle the same, and shall return the same with his opinion thereon to the Secretary of State or to the Local Government Board, as the case may be. Taxing officer of House of Commons to tax costs of orders and Bills on request from proper authority.

3. The said taxing officer shall have the same powers and may receive the like fees in respect of any taxation by him under this Act, as in the case of any taxation under the Act first above recited. Fees under this Act to be received as directed by 10 & 11 Vict. c. 69.

4. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the House of Commons Costs Taxation Act, 1879. Short title.

CHAPTER 18.

An Act for the Licensing of Metropolitan Suburban Racecourses. [3d July 1879.]

WHEREAS the frequency of horse-races in the immediate vicinity of the metropolis is productive of much mischief and inconvenience, and the holding of such races in thickly populated places near the metropolis is calculated to cause, and does in fact cause, annoyance and injury to persons resident near to the places where such races are held:

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; (that is to say,)

1. A horse-race within the meaning of this Act shall mean any race in which any horse, mare, or gelding shall run or be made to run in competition with any other horse, mare, or gelding, or against time, for any prize of what nature or kind soever, or for any bet or wager made or to be made in respect of any such horse, mare, or gelding, or the riders thereof, and at which more than twenty persons shall be present. Definitions.

2. From and after the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty it shall not be lawful that any horse-race be held or take place on any pretext whatsoever within a radius of ten miles from Charing Cross in the City of Westminster, unless in a place for which a license for horse-racing has been obtained pursuant to the provisions herein-after contained. Horse-races unlawful within ten miles of London unless licensed.

3. Any person desirous of obtaining a license for horse-racing for any open or enclosed land or place, being the owner, lessee, or occupier of such land or place, may apply to the justices assembled Power to justices to license at Michaelmas

quarter sessions.

at any Michaelmas quarter sessions of the peace to be holden for the county, city, riding, liberty, or division in which such land or place is situate, which justices are hereby empowered to grant or withhold a license at their discretion, such license to be of force and valid for twelve months dating from the twenty-fifth day of March next following the date of such application.

Mode of making application for license.

4. Every such application shall be made to the justices in the same manner as applications for licenses for places to be kept for public dancing, music, or other entertainment under the provisions of an Act passed in the twenty-fifth year of His late Majesty King George the Second.

Penalty on persons taking part in unlicensed horse-races

5. Any person who after the said twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty shall take part in any horse-race in any open or enclosed land or place for which a license is required under this Act, and for which a license has not been obtained, shall upon summary conviction be liable to a penalty of ten pounds, or an imprisonment not exceeding two months.

Penalty on owners and occupiers of ground where unlicensed horse-races take place.

6. Any person who shall be the owner or lessee or in possession or occupation of any open or enclosed land or place for which a license for horse-racing is required under this Act, and upon which any horse-race shall be held after the said twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty without such license having been obtained, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punishable for every such offence with fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the court, such fine not to be less than five pounds nor more than twenty-five pounds, and such imprisonment not to be less than one month nor more than three months.

Unlicensed horse-races to be deemed a nuisance, and liable accordingly.

7. Every horse-race held or taking place in contravention of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be a nuisance, and any person injured or inconvenienced thereby shall have all such rights and remedies against all persons taking part in the same, and against owners, lessees, and occupiers of the land or place, as he would have in case of a nuisance at common law.

Short title.

8. This Act may be cited as the Racecourses Licensing Act, 1879.

CHAPTER 19.

An Act to facilitate the control and cure of Habitual Drunkards. [3d July 1879.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to facilitate the control and cure of Habitual Drunkards:

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 authority of the same, as follows:

Preliminary.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879.

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall commence and come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and