thousand seven hundred and seven pounds, and shall repay the money so borrowed, with interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said moneys were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such Fund is available.

3. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Act, 1883. Short title.

CHAPTER 24.

An Act to make temporary provision for the Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland. [2nd 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:

1. The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland may from time to time on the recommendation of the Local Government Board for Ireland (in this Act referred to as the Local Government Board) and with the sanction of the Commissioners of the Treasury, grant to the board of guardians of any union, out of any moneys in their hands, such sums as the Local Government Board may find necessary, having regard to the financial condition of such union and the pressure of distress within its limits, to aid in providing for the administration of relief for the destitute poor in the union. Power to make grants to distressed unions.

Grants shall not be made under this Act after the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

The total amount granted under this Act shall not exceed fifty thousand pounds.

Whenever any such grant is made, the Commissioners of the Treasury shall notify to the Irish Land Commission the sum so granted, and thereupon the Irish Land Commission shall out of the funds which they may raise on the security of their annual income under the Irish Church Act Amendment Act, 1881, pay over to the Commissioners of Public Works, the amount stated by the Commissioners of the Treasury on each such occasion to have been granted under the provisions of this Act. 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71.

2. The several provisions of the Irish Church Act, 1869, as amended by the Irish Church Act Amendment Act, 1881, with respect to the raising of money by the Irish Land Commission, and the giving of security for the repayment thereof, and of interest thereon, and with respect to the power of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to make advances to the said Irish Land Commission, and with respect to the powers of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in relation to the money so to be raised, shall be extended and shall apply to the purposes of this Act as fully as such provisions apply to the purposes of the Irish Church Act, 1869, as so amended as aforesaid. Extension of borrowing powers. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42. 44 & 45 Vict. c. 71. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42.

Any advance made by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt to the Irish Land Commission for the purposes of this Act, shall be charged upon the property accruing to and shall be payable by the Irish Land Commission, as if it were part of the debt already owing by the Irish Land Commission to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt.

Power to borrow.

3. In addition to any power of borrowing vested in boards of guardians under the Acts in force at the time of the passing of this Act, the board of guardians of any union in Ireland may, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, for the purpose of defraying any costs, charges, or expenses incurred or to be incurred by them in the execution of the Acts relating to the relief of the poor, borrow and take up at interest for the use of any electoral division or divisions in the union, such sums of money as the Local Government Board may sanction.

In the case of every such loan the following provisions shall take effect:

(1.) For securing the repayment of any sums so borrowed, with interest thereon, the Board of Guardians may mortgage to the persons by or on behalf of whom such sums are advanced, the rates leviable on the electoral division or divisions for the use of which such money was borrowed.

(2.) The money shall be borrowed for such time not exceeding ten years as the guardians with the consent of the Local Government Board determine in each case.

(3.) It shall not be lawful for the Local Government Board to sanction any such loan after the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

(4.) All sums so borrowed shall be repaid by such instalments as may be agreed on with the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Confirmation of borrowing by Boards of Guardians and indemnity.

4. Whereas before the passing of this Act the Boards of Guardians of certain unions in which the funds at the disposal of such Boards respectively were inadequate for providing for the relief of the destitute poor in such unions, borrowed, with the approval of the Local Government Board, certain moneys repayable with interest, and are now indebted on account of such loans, and it is expedient to confirm such loans; therefore, all such loans and borrowing, and all proceedings of the several Boards of Guardians relating thereto, shall be and are hereby ratified and confirmed; and all persons who have acted in incurring such loans shall be released and indemnified from and against any penalties in relation thereto.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the Relief of Distressed Unions (Ireland) Act, 1883.

CHAPTER 25.

An Act to explain and amend the thirty-second section of the General Prisons (Ireland) Act, 1877.

[2nd 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: