Secretary for Scotland.

Lord Justice-Clerk for the time being, declaring that a sheriff in Scotland is by reason of inability or misbehaviour unfit for his office, it shall be lawful for the Secretary for Scotland to issue an order for his removal from office, provided always that such order shall lie before both Houses of Parliament for a period of four consecutive weeks while Parliament is sitting, and if either House of Parliament within that period resolve that such order ought not to take effect, the same shall be of no effect, but otherwise shall come into operation at the expiration of the said month.

Annuities.

2. If a sheriff is removed under the preceding section before he has completed ten years' service on the ground that he is by reason of inability unfit for his office, it shall be lawful for the Treasury to grant him an annuity of such amount and for such period as they shall consider just in all the circumstances, but in no case exceeding three-tenths of the salary payable to such sheriff, and any such annuity shall be charged upon and payable out of the same fund and in the same manner as annuities to sheriffs are paid and charged under the first section of the Public Revenue and Consolidated Fund Charges Act, 1854.

17 & 18 Vict. c. 94.

Application of Act.

3. This Act shall not apply to sheriffs substitute.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Sheriffs Tenure of Office (Scotland) Act, 1898.

CHAPTER 9.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Reserve Forces and Militia. [1st July 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:

Liability of members of the army reserve to be called out on permanent service.

45 & 46 Vict. c. 48.

1. Any man belonging to the first class of the army reserve, whose character on transfer to the army reserve is good, shall, if he so agrees in writing, be liable during the first twelve months of his service in that reserve to be called out on permanent service without such proclamation or communication to Parliament as is mentioned in section twelve of the Reserve Forces Act, 1882, and the calling out of men under this Act shall not involve the meeting of Parliament as required by section thirteen of that Act.

Provided as follows:—

(*a.*) The number of the men so liable shall not at any one time exceed five thousand;

(*b.*) The power of calling out men under this section shall not be exercised except when they are required for service outside the United Kingdom when warlike operations are in preparation or in progress;

(*c.*) A man called out under this section shall not be liable to serve for more than twelve months;

(*d.*) Any agreement under this section may be revoked by three months' notice in writing; and

(*e.*) Any exercise of the power of calling out men under this section shall be reported to Parliament as soon as may be.

Amendment of law as to voluntary service of militia outside United Kingdom. 45 & 46 Vict. c. 49.

2. Section twelve of the Militia Act, 1882, shall have effect as if the words "any place out of the United Kingdom" were substituted therein for the words "the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, "and Sark, the Isle of Man, Malta, and the garrison of Gibraltar, "or any of them," and shall be construed as authorising the employment of any member of the militia volunteering to serve for a period not exceeding one year whether an order embodying the militia is in force or not at the time.

Provision as to numbers authorised by Army Act.

3. The number of men for the time being employed under this Act shall not be reckoned in the number of the forces authorised by the Army Act for the time being in force.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Reserve Forces and Militia Act, 1898.

CHAPTER 10.

An Act to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other duties, and to amend the Law relating to Customs and Inland Revenue, and to make other provision for the financial arrangements of the year. [1st July 1898.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary supplies to defray Your Majesty's public expenses, and making an addition to the public revenue, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the several duties herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and 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.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

Duties and drawback on tobacco.

1.—(1.) In lieu of the duties of Customs now payable on tobacco, there shall, on and after the sixteenth day of May, one