Chapter and Session.	Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
48 & 49 Vict. cap. 73.	The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885.	Section three, from "The Land Commission shall pay" down to "per annum," so far as respects an advance made by means of stock. Section seventeen, from "shall continue" to "appointments and"; the words "during the said period of three years"; and from "The person so appointed" down to "would have done." In section twenty-four, from "out of the Consolidated Fund," where those words first occur, to the end of the section.
51 & 52 Vict. cap. 49.	Purchase of Land (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1888.	Section five.

CHAPTER 49.

An Act to regulate the Charges of Returning Officers at Parliamentary Elections in Scotland.

[5th August 1891.]

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 shall be construed as one with the Ballot Act, 1872, the Parliamentary Elections Returning Officers Expenses (Scotland) Act, 1878, the Parliamentary Elections (Returning Officers) Act, 1885, the Returning Officers (Scotland) Act, 1886, and the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1883, and may be cited as the Returning Officers (Scotland) Act, 1891.

Application of Act.

2. This Act shall extend to Scotland only, and only to parliamentary elections, but shall not apply to an election for any university or combination of universities.

Payments to returning officers.

3. The returning officer at an election shall be entitled to his reasonable charges not exceeding the sums mentioned in the schedule to this Act, in respect of services and expenses of the several kinds mentioned in the said schedule, which have been properly rendered or incurred by him for the purposes of the election; and save as herein-after mentioned he shall not be entitled to payment for any services or expenses, other than the before-mentioned charges, or at any greater rates than as in the said schedule mentioned, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

4. Nothing in the above-mentioned provisions shall prevent the employment by the returning officer of special steamers or boats for the purposes of an election in any constituency having a polling place or polling places so situated as not to be accessible except by sea; but the expenses thereby incurred shall be included in the returning officer's account, and shall be subject to taxation. Provision for special steamers.

5. It shall be the duty of the returning officer for any parliamentary election, so far as practicable, to make use of ballot boxes, fittings, and compartments provided for county council, municipal, or school board elections, and of sheriff court and municipal buildings, and the authorities in possession thereof shall be bound to allow such use, without any charge beyond what is necessary to make good damage done, and the auditor, upon taxation of returning officers accounts, shall have regard to the provisions of this section. Use of ballot boxes, &c. provided for other elections.

6. No appointment of a deputy or of any other officer appointed by a returning officer shall fail by reason of the death or disability of the returning officer subsequent to the issue of the notice of the election. Death or disability of returning officer.

SCHEDULE.

CHARGES OF RETURNING OFFICERS.

The following are the maximum charges to be made by the returning officer, but the charges are in no case to exceed the sums actually paid or payable.

PART I.—COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS OR GROUPS OF BURGHS.

For publishing the notice of election and supplying the nomination papers.	The actual outlay not exceeding 2*l.* 2*s.*
For travelling to and from the place of nomination, or to and from the place where the poll is declared at a contested election, per mile.	£ *s.* *d.* 0 1 0 No travelling expenses to be allowed beyond the limits of the sheriffdom.
For hire or necessary fitting up of rooms or buildings for polling, or expense of or damage caused by use of such rooms or buildings,	The actual outlay not exceeding 3*l.* 3*s.* for each polling station where the number of voters does not exceed 600, and 2*l.* 2*s.* for each additional compartment required for each additional 600 voters or fraction of that number.
or	
For constructing each new polling station, with its fittings and compartments, &c.	The actual outlay not exceeding 7*l.* 7*s.* for each polling station.
For each ballot box required to be purchased.	The actual outlay not exceeding 15*s.*
For the use of each ballot box, not being the property of a public authority, when hired.	The actual outlay not exceeding 2*s.* 6*d.*
For stationery in each compartment of each polling station.	The actual outlay not exceeding 2*s.* 6*d.*
For printing and providing ballot papers, per thousand.	The actual outlay not exceeding 1*l.*

For each new stamping instrument -	The actual outlay not exceeding 15*s.*
For altering dies that have been used within seven years, or repairing stamping instruments.	The actual outlay not exceeding 3*s.* for each instrument.
For testing and repairing ballot boxes and stamping instruments borrowed from a public authority.	The actual outlay not exceeding 1*l.*
For each presiding officer - - - - At each polling station there shall be one presiding officer for the first 600 voters, and an additional presiding officer for each additional 600 voters or fraction of that number beyond the first 600.	£ *s.* *d.* 3 3 0 If the presiding officer is obliged to leave home in order to perform his duties in connexion with the election, a further fee of 1*l.* 1*s.* shall be allowed him for each night he is absent.
For one clerk to each presiding officer -	£ *s.* *d.* 1 1 0 If the clerk is obliged to leave home, in order to perform his duties in connexion with the election, a further fee of 10*s.* shall be allowed him for each night he is absent.
For every person employed in counting votes, not exceeding eight such persons where the number of registered electors does not exceed 4,000, and one for every additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof.	£ *s.* *d.* 1 1 0
For printing or advertising notices (other than those herein provided for).	Not exceeding for the whole of such notices 10*l.*, and 1*l.* for every additional 1,000 electors above 5,000.
For conveyance of ballot boxes to and from the polling stations, where these cannot be sent along with the presiding officers or clerks, per mile.	£ *s.* *d.* 0 1 0
For professional and other assistance in and about the conduct of the election.	In a contested election, not exceeding 20*l.*, and an additional 1*l.* for every 1,000 registered electors or fraction thereof above 6,000. In an uncontested election, one half of the above sums.
For travelling expenses of presiding officers and clerks, per mile.	£ *s.* *d.* 0 1 0 No travelling expenses to be allowed beyond the limits of the sheriffdom.
For the distribution and posting up of notices.	The actual outlay not exceeding 15*l.*
For publishing notices of election agents and sub-agents and abstracts of candidates' accounts of election expenses.	The sums actually disbursed for a single insertion in one newspaper.
For all other expenses - - -	In a contested election, not exceeding 10*l.* In an uncontested election, nil.

PART II.—BURGHS.

This part of the Schedule applies to all burghs not included in Part I. of this Schedule.

For publishing the notice of election and supplying the nomination papers.	The actual outlay not exceeding 2*l.* 2*s.*
For travelling to and from the place of nomination, or to or from the place where the poll is declared, at a contested election, per mile.	£ *s.* *d.* 0 1 0 (No travelling expenses to be allowed beyond the limits of the sheriffdom.)
For hire or necessary fitting up of rooms or buildings for polling or expense of or damage caused by use of such rooms or buildings,	The actual outlay not exceeding 3*l.* 3*s.* for each polling station where the number of voters does not exceed 600, and 2*l.* 2*s.* for each additional compartment required for each additional 600 voters or fraction of that number.
or,	
For constructing each new polling station, with its fittings and compartments, &c.	The actual outlay not exceeding 7*l.* 7*s.* for each polling station containing two compartments where the number of voters does not exceed 1,400, and 1*l.* 1*s.* for each additional compartment when more than two are used.
For each ballot box required to be purchased.	The actual outlay not exceeding 15*s.*
For the use of each ballot box, not being the property of a public authority, when hired.	The actual outlay not exceeding 2*s.* 6*d.*
For testing and repairing ballot boxes and stamping instruments borrowed from a public authority.	The actual outlay not exceeding 1*l.*
For conveyance of ballot boxes to and from the polling stations, where these cannot be sent along with the presiding officers or clerks, per mile.	£ *s.* *d.* 0 1 0
For stationery in each compartment of each polling station.	The actual outlay not exceeding 2*s.* 6*d.*
For printing and providing ballot papers, per 1,000.	The actual outlay not exceeding 1*l.*
For each new stamping instrument -	The actual outlay not exceeding 15*s.*
For altering dies that have been used within seven years, or repairing stamping instruments.	The actual outlay not exceeding 3*s.* for each instrument.
For each presiding officer - - -	£ *s.* *d.* 3 3 0
At each polling station there shall be one presiding officer for the first 600 voters, and an additional presiding officer for each additional 600 voters or fraction of that number beyond the first 600.	

For one clerk to each presiding officer -	£ s. d. 1 1 0
For every person employed in counting votes, not exceeding eight such persons when the number of registered electors does not exceed 4,000, and one for every additional 1,000 electors or fraction thereof.	£ s. d. 1 1 0
For printing or advertising notices (other than those herein provided for).	Not exceeding for the whole of such notices 10*l.*, and 1*l.* for every additional 1,000 electors above 5,000.
For professional and other assistance in and about the conduct of the election.	In a contested election, not exceeding 20*l.*, and an additional 1*l.* for every 1,000 registered electors or fraction thereof above 6,000. In an uncontested election one half of the above sums.
For travelling expenses of presiding officers and clerks, per mile.	£ s. d. 0 1 0 No travelling expenses to be allowed beyond the limits of the sheriffdom.
For the distribution and posting up of notices.	The actual outlay not exceeding 2*l.*
For publishing notices of election agents and sub-agents and abstracts of candidates' accounts of election expenses.	The sums actually disbursed for a single insertion in one newspaper.
For all other expenses - - -	In a contested election, not exceeding 10*l.* In an uncontested election, nil.

PART III.—DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICERS.

The fees prescribed by 48 & 49 Vict. c. 62.

NOTE to SCHEDULE.—The above sums are the aggregate charges, the amount of which is to be apportioned among the several candidates or other persons liable for the same, but in the apportionment care shall be taken that each candidate shall pay for the advertising of the notice or notices of his own election agents and sub-agents, and of the abstract of his own account of election expenses.

The necessary printed copies of the register of voters required for polling shall be supplied by the county and burgh authorities respectively without charge.

CHAPTER 50.

An Act to amend the Commissioners for Oaths Act, 1889.

[5th August 1891.]

WHEREAS doubts have been entertained whether the powers to administer oaths and take affidavits conferred on a commissioner for oaths by the Commissioners for Oaths Act, 1889, extend to oaths and affidavits required by special provisions to be

52 & 53 Vict. c. 10.