of London Docks.

four and One hundred and thirty-five of the Act of the Ninth Year of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and sixteen (Local and Personal).

Saving for Provisions of Police Acts.

XXXV. This Act shall not extend or be construed to repeal or affect the Provisions with respect to Gunpowder Magazines, Gunpowder, or Fireworks contained in any General or Local Police Act which may be in force in any Place in the United Kingdom.

2 & 3 Vict. c. 47. and 9 & 10 Vict. c. 25. to be construed as referring to this Act.

XXXVI. 'And whereas by an Act of the Session holden in the Second and Third 'Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Forty-seven, "for further improving the Police in and 'near the Metropolis," every Superintendent or Inspector belonging to the Metropolitan 'Police Force is empowered as therein mentioned to enter any Ship, Boat, or Vessel (except 'Her Majesty's Ships) in the River *Thames*, and the Docks and Creeks adjacent thereto, 'and to search the same for unlawful Quantities of Gunpowder, and to exercise the same 'Powers of seizing, removing to proper Places, and detaining all such unlawful Quantities 'of Gunpowder found on board any such Ship, Boat, or Vessel, and the Barrels or other 'Packages containing such Gunpowder, as are given to Persons searching for unlawful 'Quantities of Gunpowder under the Warrant of a Justice by virtue of the said Act of 'the Twelfth Year of King *George* the Third; and by an Act of the Session holden in the 'Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Chapter Twenty-five, "for pre-'"venting malicious Injuries to Persons and Property by Fire or by explosive or destructive '"Substances," any Justice of the Peace is empowered as therein mentioned to issue a 'Warrant for searching in the Day-time any Place or Vessel in which Gunpowder or other 'explosive, dangerous, or noxious Substance is suspected to be made or kept for the Pur-'pose of being used in committing an Offence under that Act; and it is enacted, that 'every Person acting in the Execution of any such Warrant shall have, for seizing, removing 'to proper Places, and detaining all Gunpowder, explosive, dangerous, or noxious Substances 'found upon such Search which he shall have good Cause to suspect to be intended to be 'used in committing an Offence under that Act, and the Barrels, Packages, and Cases in 'which the same shall be, the same Powers which are given to Persons searching for unlawful 'Quantities of Gunpowder under a Warrant of a Justice by the said Act of the Twelfth 'Year of King *George* the Third:'

All Powers given by the said Acts of the Second and Third Years and Ninth and Tenth Years of Her Majesty, or by any Act passed or to be passed in this present Session of Parliament, by reference to the said Act of the Twelfth Year of King *George* the Third, shall be construed as if this Act had been referred to in the said Acts of Her Majesty, instead of the said Act of King *George* the Third.

Meaning of the Word "Borough."

XXXVII. In the Construction of this Act the Term "Borough" shall mean and include any Place for the Time being subject to the Provisions of the Act of the Session holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six; and in *Scotland* any Royal Burgh and any of the Burghs or Towns returning or contributing to return Members to Parliament; and in *Ireland* any Place for the Time being subject to the Provisions of the Act of the Session holden in the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and eight.

CAP. CXL.

An Act for facilitating the Acquisition by Rifle Volunteer Corps of Grounds for Rifle Practice. [28th *August* 1860.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that Facilities should be given for the Acquisition by 'Rifle Volunteer Corps of fit Ground for Rifle Practice:' Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual

Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Preliminary.

I. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Rifle Volunteer Grounds Act, 1860." Short Title.

II. This Act shall not apply to *Ireland.* Not to apply to Ireland.

III. The Expression "Rifle Volunteer Corps" as herein used shall mean any Rifle Volunteer Corps of which Her Majesty has accepted the Offer of Service, in pursuance of the several Acts of Parliament in that Behalf provided. Definition of Rifle Corps.

Power to purchase Land.

IV. Any Rifle Volunteer Corps may purchase or acquire by such Grants as are hereinafter mentioned any Land for Rifle Practice, and for the Erection of Butts and other Accommodations for the Use of the Corps when practising with Rifles, subject to the following Restriction: Power for Rifle Corps to purchase Land.

That the Assent of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department for the Time being, herein-after called the said Principal Secretary, shall be obtained to the Purchase of any Land under the Powers of this Act, or to the Grant of any Land by any Person or Body of Persons, in pursuance of the Powers herein-after given.

V. All Lands acquired by any Rifle Volunteer Corps under the Powers and Provisions of this Act shall vest in the Commanding Officer of the Corps for the Time being, and his Successors in Office, with Power for such Officer and his Successors to sue and be sued, to make Contracts, and to do other Things relating to such Land, under the official Name of the Commanding Officer for the Time being of the Corps to which he belongs. Vesting of Lands acquired by Rifle Corps.

Assent of Secretary for War.

VI. In order to obtain the Assent of the said Principal Secretary to the Purchase of Land under this Act, the Corps shall make an Application to him in such Manner as he may direct, describing the Land intended to be purchased, and adding such Particulars as to the Circumstances of the Corps, and as to the Amount of Purchase Money, and as to other Matters as he may require. Mode of obtaining Assent of Secretary for War.

VII. Previously to giving his Assent, the said Principal Secretary shall send an Inspector to the Land for the Purpose of ascertaining the Capabilities of such Land to be converted into a Rifle Practice Ground with due Regard to the Safety and Convenience of the Public. Secretary for War to make Inquiries.

VIII. Upon the Receipt of the Report of the Inspector, the said Principal Secretary may give or withhold his Assent, either with or without Modification, and may annex to such Assent, if given, any Conditions or Regulations he thinks fit, and the Decision of the said Principal Secretary shall in all Cases be conclusive. Power of Secretary for War to give or withhold Assent.

Incorporation of Acts.

IX. For the Purpose of facilitating the Purchase of Lands in pursuance of the Powers given by this Act, "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Lands Clauses Consolidation (*Scotland*) Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with this Act, with the Exception of the Provisions that relate to the Purchase of Lands otherwise than by Agreement. 8 & 9 Vict. cc. 18. and 19., incorporated.

X. In the Construction of this Act and the said incorporated Acts, this Act shall be deemed to be the Special Act; and the Rifle Volunteer Corps desirous of purchasing Land shall be deemed to be the Promoters of the Undertaking; and under the Term "Land," Construction of Acts hereby incorporated.

"Land," a permanent Right of Shooting and Drilling or any other Easement in Land shall be held to be included, and may be alone conveyed while the Fee Simple or other Interest in such Lands may be reserved.

Grants to Rifle Corps.

Landlords empowered to convey Lands to be used as Rifle Ground.

XI. Any Person seised in Fee Simple, Fee Tail, or for Life of any Manor or Lands of Freehold, Copyhold, or Customary Tenure, and having the beneficial Interest therein, or in *Scotland* being the Proprietor in Fee Simple or under Entail, and in possession for the Time being, may grant, convey, or enfranchise by way of Gift in Fee Simple or for a Term of Years any Quantity not exceeding Four Acres of such Land, or any limited Right as aforesaid over Land to any Extent exceeding Twenty Acres, to any Rifle Volunteer Corps: Provided always, that no such Grant, Conveyance, or Enfranchisement made by any Person seised only for Life of any such Manor or Lands shall be valid unless the Person next entitled in Remainder, in Fee Simple, or Fee Tail (if legally competent) is a Party to and join in such Grant: Provided also, that upon its being proved in manner herein-after mentioned that any Land granted, conveyed, or enfranchised as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, has ceased to be used for the Purposes of this Act, the same shall thereupon immediately revert to and become a Portion of the Estate of which it formed a Part before the Grant was made.

Power to grant Right of shooting in Royal Parks, &c.

XII. The Chief Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings for the Time being may grant to any Rifle Volunteer Corps the Right to use for the Purposes of this Act any Portion of such Royal Parks, Gardens, and Possessions as are under his Management, upon such Terms, for such Time, not exceeding Twenty-one Years, and subject to such other Conditions as he thinks fit; provided always, that any such Grant shall be at all Times revocable by the Crown.

Power for Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, &c. to grant Lands.

XIII. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or either of them, on behalf of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, may, with the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, grant any Licence for the Use, during any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, of any Part of the Possessions or Land Revenues of the Crown under their Management, not exceeding Four Acres, to any Rifle Volunteer Corps, for the Purposes of this Act, upon such Terms and Conditions as to the said Commissioners or Commissioner may seem meet, and subject to this Proviso, that in the event of its being proved as herein-after mentioned that the Land in respect of which any such Licence has been so granted as aforesaid, or any Part thereof, has ceased to be used for the Purposes of this Act, such Licence shall thereupon cease and determine; and any Licence to be so granted may be renewed from Time to Time.

Chancellor and Council of the Duchy of Lancaster empowered to grant Lands to Rifle Corps.

XIV. The Chancellor and Council of Her Majesty's Duchy of *Lancaster* for the Time being may, by any Deed under the Hand and Seal of the Chancellor of the said Duchy for the Time being, attested by the Clerk of the Council of the said Duchy for the Time being, for and in the Name of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, grant any Licence for the Use during any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years to any Rifle Volunteer Corps to be used by them for the Purposes of this Act, of any Lands forming Part of the Possessions of the said Duchy, not exceeding in the whole Four Acres, upon such Terms and Conditions as to the said Chancellor and Council seem meet, subject to this Proviso, that, in the event of its being proved in manner herein-after mentioned that the Land in respect of which any Licence has been so granted, or any Part thereof, has ceased to be used for the Purposes of this Act, such Licence shall thereupon cease and determine; and any Licence so granted as aforesaid may be renewed from Time to Time.

Officers of the Duchy of Cornwall empowered upon sufficient Authority to grant Lands to Rifle Corps.

XV. Any Two or more of the principal Officers of the Duchy of *Cornwall* may, with the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the Authority of a Warrant issued for that Purpose under the Hands of any Three or more of the Special Commissioners for the Time being for managing the Affairs of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or under the Hands of any Three or more of the Persons who may hereafter for the Time being have the immediate Management of the said Duchy, if the said Duchy is then vested in

in the Crown, or if the said Duchy is vested in a Duke of *Cornwall*, then under the Privy Seal of such Duke of *Cornwall*, or under the Hands of any Three or more of the Persons for the Time being having the immediate Management of the said Duchy, by Deed under the Privy Seal of such Duke, grant any Licence for the Use during any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years to any Rifle Volunteer Corps, to be used by them for the Purposes of this Act, of any Lands forming Part of the Possessions of the said Duchy of *Cornwall*, not exceeding on the whole Four Acres, upon such Terms and Conditions as to the said Special Commissioners, or to the said Duke, or such other Persons as aforesaid seem meet, subject to this Proviso, that in the event of its being proved in manner herein-after mentioned that the Land in respect of which any Licence has been so granted, or any Part thereof, has ceased to be used for the Purposes of this Act, such Licence shall thereupon cease and determine; and any Licence to be so granted as aforesaid may be renewed from Time to Time.

Corporations, Justices, Trustees, &c. empowered to convey Lands for the Purposes of this Act.

XVI. Any Corporation, Ecclesiastical or Lay, Sole or Aggregate, any Officer, Justices of the Peace, Trustees, or Commissioners holding Land for public, ecclesiastical, or parochial Purposes, may grant any such Licence for the Use, during any Term not exceeding Twenty-one Years, to any Rifle Volunteer Corps, to be used by them for the Purposes of this Act, of any Quantity of Land not exceeding Four Acres, that may be vested in such Corporation, Officers, Justices, Trustees, or Commissioners, subject to the following Provisions:

(1.) That no Ecclesiastical Corporation Sole below the Dignity of a Bishop shall make such Grant without the Consent, in Writing, of the Bishop of the Diocese to whose Jurisdiction he is subject, and of the Patron of the Preferment to which the Land belongs or the Guardians or Trustees of such Patron:

(2.) That no Parochial Property shall be granted for such Purposes without the Consent of the Majority of the Ratepayers and Owners of Property in the Parish to which the same belongs, assembled at a Meeting to be convened according to the Mode pointed out by the Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to facilitate the Conveyance of Workhouses and other Property of Parishes, and of Incorporations or Unions of Parishes, in* England *and* Wales, nor without the Consent of the Poor Law Commissioners, to be testified by their Seal being affixed to the Deed of Conveyance, and of the Guardians of the Poor of the Union within which the said Parish may be comprised, or of the Guardians of the Poor of the said Parish where the Administration of the Relief of the Poor therein shall be subject to a Board of Guardians, testified by such Guardians being the Parties to convey the same:

(3.) That where any Officers, Trustees, or Commissioners other than Parochial Trustees make any such Grant it shall be sufficient if a Majority or Quorum authorized to act of such Officers, Trustees, or Commissioners assembled at a Meeting duly convened, assent to such Grant and execute the Deed of Conveyance, although they do not constitute a Majority of the actual Body of such Officers, Trustees, or Commissioners:

(4.) That the Justices of the Peace may give their Consent to the making any Grant of Land or Premises belonging to any County, Riding, or Division by Vote at their General Quarter Sessions, and may direct the same to be made in the Manner directed to be pursued on the Sale of the Sites of Gaols by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to authorize the Disposal of unnecessary Prisons in* England:

(5.) That, in the event of its being proved in manner herein-after mentioned that any Land granted under this Section, or any Part thereof, has ceased to be used for the Purposes of this Act, it shall thereupon revert and belong to the Person or Body of Persons to whom it belonged previously to the Grant being made.

Miscellaneous.

Power to stop Footpaths.

XVII. Where any Footpath crosses any Lands purchased or acquired for the Purposes of this Act, such Footpath may, with the Consent of the Vestry of the Parish in which the same is situate, and upon the Certificate of Two Justices that the Footpath to be substituted

is convenient for the Public, be stopped up or diverted: All Proceedings to obtain such Certificate, and to stop up or divert such Footpath, shall be taken in the same Manner in which Proceedings are directed to be taken by the Act passed in the Session holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Fifty, in Cases where a Party other than the Inhabitants in Vestry is desirous of stopping up, diverting, or turning a Highway, or as near thereto as Circumstances admit; with this Exception, that the Certificate of the Justices shall be conclusive in Cases where it states the Fact of their having viewed the Footpath to be stopped up or diverted, and that the proposed new Footpath is convenient for the Public.

Power of Secretary for War to make Byelaws.

XVIII. The said Principal Secretary, with a view to the Service, Safety, and Convenience of the Public, may make Byelaws for the Regulation of Rifle Shooting on Grounds acquired or used by any Rifle Volunteer Corps under the Provisions of this Act.

Proof of Cesser of Land to be used for Purposes of Act.

XIX. Any Land acquired or for the Use of which any Licence has been granted under this Act shall be deemed to have ceased to be used for the Purposes thereof where no such Use by the Corps to which the same was granted has taken place for a Period of One Year, and a Certificate shall have been given by the said Principal Secretary of the Fact of such Non-user; and such Certificate shall be conclusive Evidence of such Fact as against all Persons and in all Courts of Justice.

CAP. CXLI.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Thirteenth Year of Her Majesty, to restrain Party Processions in *Ireland*. [28th *August* 1860.]

13 & 14 Vict. c. 2.

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Thirteenth Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Two, 'to restrain Party Processions in *Ireland*, and it is expedient that the said Act 'should be amended:' 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:

Exhibition of Banners, &c. calculated to provoke Animosity to be a Misdemeanor.

I. Any Person who shall in *Ireland* wilfully and knowingly do any of the Acts hereinafter mentioned in such a Manner as may be calculated or tend to provoke Animosity between different Classes of Her Majesty's Subjects, and lead to a Breach of the public Peace, shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor; that is to say, the publicly exhibiting or displaying upon any Building or Place, or the wilfully permitting or suffering to be publicly exhibited or displayed upon any Building or Place, any Banner, Flag, or Party Emblem or Symbol, or the publicly meeting and parading with other Persons, or the playing of any Music, or discharging any Cannon or Fire-arm in any public Street, Road, or Place.

Any Justice may authorize Removal of Banners, &c.

II. It shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace, on Information duly sworn before him that such Exhibition is likely to lead to a Breach of the Peace, by Warrant under his Hand, to authorize and empower any County or Sub-Inspector of Constabulary, Head or other Constable, to enter any Building or Place upon which any such Banner, Flag, or Party Emblem, or Symbol shall be exhibited, in manner hereby prohibited, and to remove and detain such Banner, Flag, or Party Emblem, or Symbol.

Act to continue in force for Five Years.

III. Provided always, That this Act shall continue and be in force for the Period of Five Years from the passing thereof.
