Rentcharge to be paid to the Commissioners.

22. Any rentcharge payable under this Act shall be paid to the Commissioners, or to such persons and in such manner as the Treasury may from time to time appoint, and the receipt of the Commissioners or their accountant, or any other persons to whom any rentcharge directed to be paid, shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

Incorporation of certain sections of 10 Vict. c. 32.
For recovery of rentcharge.
And as to tenants paying for landlords.
Proprietors charging increased rent.

23. The thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-second, forty-third, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first, fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-sixth, and fifty-seventh sections of the Act tenth Victoria, chapter thirty-two, being an Act to facilitate the improvement of landed property in Ireland, and section one of the Act twelve and thirteen Victoria, chapter fifty-nine, and the second section of the Act thirty-five and thirty-six Victoria, chapter thirty-one, shall be deemed to be incorporated in this Act, save that every act in any of said sections directed to be done by or to the Paymaster of Civil Service shall be done by or to the Commissioners, and shall be as effectual to all intents and purposes as any such act would have been if done by or to the Paymaster under the provisions of the said last-mentioned Act.

Incorporation of certain provisions of 2 & 3 Vict. c. 61.

24. The Act of 1839 shall, except where its provisions are inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act, be incorporated therewith as one Act, and all the powers, authorities, and privileges of the Commissioners mentioned in that Act as to the execution of works, the care, conservancy, and maintenance of the River Shannon, and of the works connected therewith, imposing, demanding, receiving, and enforcing payment of tolls, making byelaws, or otherwise howsoever, shall vest in the Commissioners for the purposes of this Act.

CHAPTER 61.

An Act for granting Compensation to Officers of the Royal (late Indian) Ordnance Corps. [7th August 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to grant compensation, in manner herein-after mentioned, to officers of the Royal (late Indian) Ordnance Corps:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Royal (late Indian) Ordnance Corps Act, 1874."

Compensation to officers of the Royal (late Indian) Ordnance Corps.

2. Subject as herein-after mentioned, the Army Purchase Commissioners acting under the Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, in this Act referred to as the Commissioners, shall have power to consider the claims on retirement of any officers, who on the first day of November one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, were serving in any one of the corps following; that is to say,

The Royal (late Bengal) Artillery,
The Royal (late Bengal) Engineers,
The Royal (late Madras) Artillery,
The Royal (late Madras) Engineers,
The Royal (late Bombay) Artillery, or
The Royal (late Bombay) Engineers;

and to grant to any of the said officers who have retired since the said first day of November, or who may hereafter be permitted to retire, a compensation equal to the sums they would have received according to the custom, if any, of their corps, as or in the nature of a bonus for such retirement had they retired from their regiment on the said day, after deducting such sums (if any) as they may have received from the Indian revenues in respect or on account of such bonus.

Condition precedent to payment of compensation.

3. Compensation shall not be granted in pursuance of this Act to any officer of any of the said corps until arrangements have been made to the satisfaction of the Commissioners, and in such manner as they may direct, for payment or securing payment into the receipt of the Exchequer, for the use of the public, by or on account of the corps to which such officer belongs, of any available sums, securities, or obligations constituting or standing to the account of any sinking fund or other fund, by whatever name known, formed after the amalgamation of the Indian with the British army, for the purpose of securing to every existing officer of such corps a bonus on retirement.

Any trustees or other persons having in their possession or under their control any such sinking or other fund as is in this section mentioned, or any sums, securities, or obligations constituting the same, are hereby empowered (but are not required unless they think it expedient so to do) to pay the same into the Exchequer for the use of the public; and they shall not be restrained from so doing by any court of law or equity whatsoever.

Adjustment of accounts.

4. Any such trustees or other persons as aforesaid, before paying into the Exchequer such fund as aforesaid belonging to any corps, may, with the assent of the Commissioners, repay to officers in such corps any sums paid by them to retiring officers for the purpose of making good to such last-mentioned officers any deficiencies in the customary amounts receivable by them in respect of bonus on retirement; and the Commissioners, in estimating the amount of compensation payable to any officer of any corps under this Act may take into account, as against such officer, the amount of any bonus which such officer may have failed to pay to any retiring officer of his corps in respect of the customary amount receivable by such last-mentioned officer in respect of bonus on retirement.

Certificate of Commissioners to be indemnity to trustees and others.

5. The Commissioners shall grant a certificate to any trustees or other persons dealing in manner authorised by this Act with any fund belonging to any of the said corps, and such certificate shall indemnify any person dealing with such fund against all actions and legal proceedings whatsoever which might have been brought against him in respect of such dealings and against all claims whatsoever of persons interested in the fund so dealt with; and such fund shall be discharged from all claims of the persons so interested therein.

Powers of Commissioners applicable for purposes of this Act.

6. All powers vested in the Commissioners by the said Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871, for or in relation to their proceedings under that Act, shall apply to their proceedings under this Act, and may be exercised by them for ascertaining any matter or fact, or doing any Act required to be ascertained or done by them for the purposes of this Act, in the same manner in all respects as if their proceedings under this Act were proceedings under the said Regulation of the Forces Act, 1871.

Provision for expenses of compensating officers.

7. All expenses incurred by the Commissioners in carrying into effect this Act shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

CHAPTER 62.

An Act to amend the Law as to the Contracts of Infants.

[7th August 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law as to the contracts of infants, and as to the ratification made by persons of full age of contracts made by them during infancy, and as to necessaries:

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:

Contracts by infants, except

1. All contracts, whether by specialty or by simple contract, henceforth entered into by infants for the repayment of money lent or to be lent, or for goods supplied or to be