bird recently killed or taken is liable to certain penalties therein mentioned, subject to the following exception, "unless such person "shall prove that the said wild bird was either killed or taken or "bought or received during the period in which such wild bird "could be legally killed or taken, or from some person residing out "of the United Kingdom":

And whereas doubts have arisen with respect to the construction of the above-recited enactment, and it is expedient to remove such doubts:

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:

Amendment of s. 3 of 43 & 44 Vict. c. 35.

1. The above-recited exception in section three of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall be repealed, and in lieu thereof the following enactment shall have effect:

A person shall not be liable to be convicted under section three of the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, of exposing or offering for sale, or having the control or possession of, any wild bird recently killed, if he satisfies the court before whom he is charged either—

(1.) That the killing of such wild bird, if in a place to which the said Act extends, was lawful at the time when and by the person by whom it was killed; or

(2.) That the wild bird was killed in some place to which the said Act does not extend, and the fact that the wild bird was imported from some place to which the said Act does not extend shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence that the bird was killed in some place to which the said Act does not extend.

Amendment of Schedule to 43 & 44 Vict. c. 35.

2. The Schedule to the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, shall be read and construed as if the word "Lark" had been inserted therein.

Short title and construction of Act.

3. This Act may be cited as the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1881.

This Act shall be construed as one with the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1880, and that Act and this Act may be cited together as the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 and 1881.

CHAPTER 52.

An Act for providing Funds to defray certain of the Expenses of the Royal University of Ireland.

[22nd August 1881.]

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:

Annual payment by the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 42.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland shall, out of the property accruing to them under the Irish Church Act, 1869, pay to the Royal University of Ireland the sums following; that is to say, they shall pay the sum of five thousand pounds within one month after the passing of this Act, and the sum of five thousand pounds on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and thereafter the annual sum of twenty thousand pounds, payable

by two equal half-yearly instalments on the first day of July and first day of January in each year, the payment of the first of such half-yearly instalments to be made on the first day of July after the passing of this Act.

The sums so provided shall be applied by the Senate of the Royal University of Ireland for the purposes of the University, in accordance with such statutes, rules, and ordinances as pursuant to any powers conferred by the University Education (Ireland) Act, 1879, and the Queen's Charter granted in pursuance thereof, and subject to any conditions by the same respectively imposed, may from time to time be made by the Senate and approved of by Her Majesty under Her Sign Manual.

Audit of accounts of university.

2. The Senate shall from time to time prepare in such form and at such times as the Treasury from time to time direct accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Royal University of Ireland, and within three months after the expiration of the year to which the accounts relate shall transmit the same to the Controller and Auditor General to be audited, certified, and reported upon in conformity with the powers and regulations prescribed in the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866, for rendering and auditing appropriation accounts, and the accounts, with the reports of the Controller and Auditor General thereon, shall be laid before the House of Commons not later than three months after the date on which they were transmitted for audit if Parliament be then sitting, and, if not sitting, within fourteen days after Parliament next assembles.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Royal University of Ireland Act, 1881.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act for making further provision with respect to the Redemption of the Annuity created under the East Indian Railway Company Purchase Act, 1879; and for other purposes. [22nd August 1881.]

42 & 43 Vict. c. cevi.

WHEREAS by the East Indian Railway Company Purchase Act, 1879, (herein-after called the Purchase Act,) provision was made for transferring to and vesting in the Secretary of State in Council of India, herein-after called the Secretary of State, the undertaking of the East Indian Railway Company, herein-after called the Company, and all other the property of the Company, save and except as therein mentioned, and for the creation of an annuity of one million four hundred and seventy-three thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, terminating on the fourteenth of February one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, to be charged on the revenues of India, and to be paid to the Company as therein mentioned for the purpose of being distributed among the proprietors of stock of the Company:

And whereas by section forty-six of the Purchase Act it was enacted that the Secretary of State might purchase by agreement from any proprietor of stock of the Company the amount of annuity