CAP. XXXIX.

An Act to carry into effect a Convention respecting a Loan by Her Majesty to the King of *Sardinia*. [30th *June* 1856.]

'WHEREAS, by a Convention concluded on the Twenty-sixth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five between Her Majesty and His Majesty the King of *Sardinia*, and afterwards duly ratified, Her Majesty undertook to recommend to Her Parliament to enable Her to advance, by way of Loan to the King of *Sardinia*, the Sum of One million Pounds Sterling, by Two Instalments, and further to recommend to Her Parliament to enable Her, if the War should not have been brought to a Close at the Expiration of Twelve Months after Payment of the First Instalment of the said Loan, to advance to the King of *Sardinia*, in the same Proportions, a like Sum of One million Pounds Sterling: And whereas by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Seventeen, Her Majesty was enabled to carry into effect the said Convention: And whereas the Sum of One million Pounds Sterling was in consequence advanced to the King of *Sardinia* in Two Instalments of Five hundred thousand Pounds each, the First Payment of which was completed on the Third Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and the Second on the Third Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five: And whereas if the War had continued the conditional Engagement of Her Majesty to advance to the King of *Sardinia* a like Sum of One million Pounds Sterling would have come into operation on the Third Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, but the War was brought to a Close Six Days previously, namely, on the Twenty-seventh Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, by the Exchange on that Day of the Ratifications of a Treaty of Peace: And whereas His *Sardinian* Majesty had already incurred those Expenses for the Prosecution of the War during the current Year which the said like Sum of One million Pounds was intended to enable him to provide for: And whereas a Convention was on the Third Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six concluded between Her Majesty and the King of *Sardinia* (and has since been ratified), by which it has been agreed as follows:

18 & 19 Vict. c. 17.

'ARTICLE I.—Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* undertakes to recommend to Her Parliament to enable Her to advance, by way of Loan, to His Majesty the King of *Sardinia* the further Sum of One million Pounds Sterling, contemplated by the Convention of the Twenty-sixth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, in like Manner, Instalments, and Proportions, and subject in all respects to the same Conditions as if the War had not been brought to a Close at the Expiration of Twelve Months from the Payment of the First Instalment of the First Sum of One million Pounds Sterling;

'ARTICLE II.—His Majesty the King of *Sardinia* engages to accept the Advance mentioned in the preceding Article on the same Conditions in all respects, especially as to the Calculation and Payment of the Interest, as if such Advance had been made under and by virtue of the said Convention concluded and signed at *Turin* on the Twenty-sixth Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five:

'And whereas in pursuance of Her Majesty's gracious Recommendations in this Behalf it is expedient that Her Majesty should be enabled to carry into effect the last-mentioned Convention:' 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:

Power to the Treasury to direct the Sums required for the further Loan to Sardinia to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund.

I. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their Hands, to direct and cause to be issued to Her Majesty's Paymaster General from Time to Time out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or out of the growing Produce thereof, such Sums of Money as shall be required for the Advance to His Majesty the King of *Sardinia* of the further Sum of One million Pounds Sterling, in pursuance of the said Convention of the Third Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, by the Instalments and at the Times provided or referred to by the said Convention, conformably to Her Majesty's Engagements in this Behalf; and

and all the Provisions of the said Act of the last Session of Parliament shall be in force and be applicable in relation to the said further Loan of One million Pounds Sterling, and the Interest and Sinking Fund in respect of the same, and the Accounts thereof respectively, in the same Manner as if the War had not been brought to a Close at the Expiration of the Twelve Months before mentioned, and as if the Sums hereby authorized to be issued had been authorized to be issued under the said Act.

CAP. XL.

An Act to amend an Act of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her present Majesty relating to Industrial and Provident Societies.

[7th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Twenty-five, intituled *An Act to amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act*, 1852, Provision is made for the better Conduct of legal Proceedings in Matters concerning Societies constituted under the said Act: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether such Provisions apply to Societies so constituted after the passing of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Twenty-five, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and that the said Act should be otherwise explained:' 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: 17 & 18 Vict. c. 25.

I. The Act passed in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act*, 1852, shall apply to all Societies which at the Time of the passing of this Act are or thereafter may be constituted under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1852. Recited Act to apply to all Societies constituted under the same.

II. The Time fixed by the Second Section of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Twenty-five, for the Appointment of Officers to sue and be sued by any such Society shall be extended, in the Case of any Societies so constituted at the passing of this Act for which such Officers are not then appointed, to One Calendar Month after the passing of this Act, and, in the Case of any Society to be constituted after the Act is passed, to One Calendar Month after the Date of Certificate of Registration of such Society. Time fixed by recited Act for Appointment of Officers to sue and be sued extended.

III. Any Appointment already made by the Trustees of any Society constituted after the passing of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Twenty-five, of any Member thereof as an Officer to sue and be sued, of which a Return has been made as is required by the said Act, shall be taken to have been duly made under the Second Section thereof. Certain Appointments made by Trustees confirmed.

IV. The Right of Removal given by the Second Section of the said Act shall apply to any such Officer appointed thereunder by the Trustees of any Society constituted under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1852, as fully as if he had been appointed by such Society. As to Power of removing Officers.

CAP. XLI.

An Act to make further Provision for the Establishment of Savings Banks for Seamen.

[7th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS by the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, certain Powers were given to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt for the Purpose of establishing Savings Banks for Seamen: And whereas it has since been found to be expedient that the immediate Management and Control of such Savings Banks should be placed in the Hands