CAP. V.

An Act for amending the Laws relating to the Investments on account of Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks. [13th *March* 1866.]

'WHEREAS in pursuance of divers Acts of Parliament the Investments made by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt of the Monies remitted to them on account of ordinary Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks consist in part of Capital Stocks of Annuities standing in their Names in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to Two separate Accounts, the one intituled "The Account of the Fund for the Banks of Savings," and the other "The Account of the Post Office Savings Banks Fund:"

'And whereas it is expedient to make further Provision in relation to the said Investments:'

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:

Power to Treasury to substitute Terminable Annuities for Capital Stock standing to Savings Bank Account.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, if they think it advantageous to the Public Service, by Warrant addressed to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, direct them to cancel any Amount the said Commissioners of the Treasury may think fit, not exceeding in the whole Two million five hundred thousand Pounds, of the Capital Stocks of Annuities standing on each of the said Savings Bank Accounts, and to substitute for the Stock so cancelled on each Account an Annuity terminable at the Expiration of a Period not exceeding Thirty Years, and equivalent in Value to the Amount of Stock cancelled, such Value to be certified to the said Commissioners of the Treasury under the Hands of the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller General and of the Actuary of the National Debt Office, and to be ascertained according to the Tables for the Time being in force in relation to the Grant of Annuities by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt under the Act Tenth *George* the Fourth, Chapter Twenty-four.

Effect of Substitution of Terminable Annuities for Capital Stock.

2. Upon the Cancellation of any Capital Stock, in pursuance of this Act, all Dividends payable thereon shall cease to be payable from and after the last Day on which they were due previously to such Cancellation, and the Terminable Annuity substituted for such Stock shall be chargeable upon and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing Produce thereof, in such Proportions and at such Times as may be fixed by the Warrant of the said Commissioners of the Treasury.

Power to Commissioners of Treasury as to Payment to Commissioners of National Debt.

3. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may from Time to Time vary the Periods at which Payments are to be made from the Consolidated Fund to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of any annual Charges created by any Act for the Time being in force for Savings Banks and Post Office Savings Banks.

Power to Treasury to cancel Capital Stocks of Annuities, and substitute Terminable Annuities.

4. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may in like Manner, from Time to Time, when they shall consider it advantageous for the Public Service, direct the cancelling of such further Amounts of Capital Stocks of Annuities held by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt for Post Office Savings Banks as they shall consider expedient, and may substitute equivalent Terminable Annuities under the Provisions of this Act in lieu of the Capital Stocks of Annuities so cancelled.

Warrants to be sufficient Authority for Cancellation, &c.

5. The Warrants to be issued to the said Governor and Company for the Cancellation of any Capital Stock and the Creation of any Terminable Annuity under this Act shall be a sufficient Authority for such Cancellation and Creation.

Short Title.

6. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Savings Bank Investment Act, 1866."