twenty-eight, in all respects as if the same had been acquired under the provisions of that Act.

As to completion of existing contracts.

4. All contracts entered into by or on behalf of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue in respect of any lands or hereditaments in the United Kingdom for the service of the Inland Revenue, and not at the passing of this Act fully performed and completed, may be enforced, and shall be performed and completed for the public service, in like manner as if the Commissioners of Works had been parties thereto instead of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Commissioners of Works empowered to purchase lands, &c.

Incorporation of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18., and 8 & 9 Vict. c. 19., &c.

5. The Commissioners of Works shall, under and subject to the provisions of the said Act of the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-eight, from time to time purchase, hire, or otherwise acquire such buildings, lands, or other hereditaments as may be necessary for the service of the Inland Revenue within the United Kingdom; and for the purposes of any such purchase the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and the Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, and the Acts extending and amending the same respectively, except so much thereof as relates to the purchase of land otherwise than by agreement, are hereby incorporated with this Act, the special Act being construed to mean this Act, and the promoters of the undertaking being construed to mean the Commissioners of Works.

Purchases, &c. subject to provisions of 15 & 16 Vict. c. 28.

6. Every purchase, sale, exchange, or lease by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works under this Act shall be deemed to be a purchase, sale, exchange, or lease under the said Act of the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter twenty-eight.

Provided that it shall not be necessary for any vendor, purchaser, lessor, or lessee to ascertain that the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease by the Commissioners of Works has been given.

CHAPTER 11.

An Act to further amend the law relating to Sea Fisheries by providing for the protection of Clam and other Bait Beds. [3rd June 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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Sea Fisheries (Clam and Bait Beds) Act, 1881.

Power of Board of Trade by Provisional Order to protect bait beds from injury by beam trawls. 41 & 42 Vict. c. 73.

2. Where the Board of Trade, on such application and after such local inquiry as in this Act mentioned, are satisfied that the unrestricted use of beam trawls in any area being part of the sea adjoining the United Kingdom, and within the territorial waters of Her Majesty's dominions, within the meaning of the Territorial Waters Jurisdiction Act, 1878, is injurious to any clam or other bait bed in that area, the Board of Trade may make an order for restricting or prohibiting or for empowering the authority named

therein to restrict or prohibit, either entirely or subject to such regulations as may be provided by the order, the use of any beam trawl for taking sea fish within the area named in the order during such term of years, or during such period either in every year or in a term of years, as is limited by the order.

The Board of Trade may, by any such order, provide for enforcing the order, and any restriction, prohibition, or regulation contained therein by fines not exceeding twenty pounds for each offence; and the authority empowered by the order may be any person or body of persons corporate or unincorporate, and may, if it seem expedient, be constituted by the order.

An order under this section shall be subject to such confirmation by Parliament or otherwise as in this Act mentioned.

Persons who may apply for order.

3. An application to the Board of Trade for an order under this Act in relation to any locality may be made by memorial in that behalf presented to the Board of Trade by any persons appearing to the Board of Trade to represent the fishermen of the locality, or by any of the following authorities, if they appear to the Board of Trade to be interested in the fisheries of the locality; namely,

The justices of a county in general or quarter sessions assembled, or in Scotland the commissioners of supply of any county;

A town council or other urban sanitary authority;

A rural sanitary authority; and

Any body corporate, persons or person being or claiming to be proprietors or proprietor of or intrusted with the duty of improving, managing, maintaining, or regulating any harbour.

Application of provisions of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 45. relating to orders of the Board of Trade.

4. For the purposes of an order under this Act, and the local inquiry, confirmation, and other matters in reference thereto, sections thirty to thirty-nine (both inclusive), sections forty-two and forty-three, section forty-six, and sections forty-eight to fifty (both inclusive), of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, shall apply as if those sections were re-enacted in this Act with the necessary modifications; and with the substitution of the applicants for an order under this Act for "the promoters."

Provided, that where an order made under this Act either is limited to an area not exceeding five acres, or amends a previous order without extending the area to which that order applies, and a petition against the order by any local authority or persons affected thereby is not within one month after the first publication of the order received by the Board of Trade, or if received is withdrawn, the Board of Trade may, if they think fit, submit the order for confirmation to Her Majesty in Council; and every such order, if confirmed by Her Majesty in Council, shall have full operation as if it had been confirmed by Parliament.

Power to determine order.

5. An order made under this Act, and confirmed by Order in Council, may, notwithstanding anything in the order, be determined either wholly or partially at any time by Her Majesty in Council on the representation of the Board of Trade (which the Board may make after such inquiry as they may think necessary); and the authority empowered by the order shall not be entitled to any compensation in respect of such determination or in respect of any expenses incurred by them in acting or with a view to act under the order.

Power in order under 31 & 32 Vict. c. 45. to deal with order under this Act.

6. An order made by the Board of Trade under Part III. of the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, may, if the Board see fit, contain provisions repealing or amending all or any of the provisions contained in an order made under this Act.

Extent of Act.

7. This Act shall not extend to Ireland, but may be extended to the Isle of Man, if an Act shall be passed by the Legislature of the said Isle adopting the same.

Recovery of fines.

8. All fines and proceedings under this Act, or under any order made and confirmed in pursuance of this Act, may be recovered and taken in the same manner as fines and proceedings are recovered and taken under the Sea Fisheries Act, 1868, and any Act amending the same.

Interpretation.

9. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the expression "beam trawl" means a net commonly known as a beam trawl net, and any other engine or instrument (not being a dredge for oysters) which is used or capable of being used for dragging along the bottom of the sea for the purpose of taking fish.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to grant certain Duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other Duties, and to amend the Laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue.

[3rd June 1881.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,—

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary supplies to defray Your Majesty's public expenses, and making an addition to the public revenue, have freely and voluntarily resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the several duties herein-after mentioned, and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1881.

PART I.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

As to Customs.

Import duties on tea.

2. The duties of customs now chargeable upon tea shall continue to be levied and charged on and after the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, on the importation thereof into Great Britain or Ireland; (that is to say,)

Tea, the pound - - - - Sixpence.

Alteration of customs duties on beer. 39 & 40 Vict. c. 35.

3. In lieu of the duties of customs now payable under the Customs Tariff Act, 1876, on beer and ale, there shall be charged and paid the duties following; (that is to say,)