CHAPTER 38.

An Act to amend the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1873. [11th August 1879.]

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 and construction. 36 & 37 Vict. c. 59.

1. This Act may be cited as the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1879.

This Act shall be construed as one with the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1873, and that Act and this Act may be cited together as the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Acts, 1873 and 1879.

Amendment of 36 & 37 Vict. c. 59. s. 2. as to definition of East African Courts.

2. Whereas by section two of the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1873, the term "East African courts" is defined to mean the Vice-Admiralty Court at Aden, and any of Her Majesty's consuls within the dominions of the sovereigns of Zanzibar, Muscat, and Madagascar, when exercising jurisdiction in pursuance of the Orders in Council recited in the said Act, and it is expedient to amend the said definition: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

36 & 37 Vict. c. 59.

In the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1873, the term "East African courts" shall mean the Vice-Admiralty Court at Aden, and any of Her Majesty's consular officers within the dominions of the sovereigns of Zanzibar, Muscat, and Madagascar on whom jurisdiction in relation to vessels captured on suspicion of being engaged in the slave trade, or otherwise in relation to the slave trade, has been conferred by an Order in Council, made whether before or after the passing of this Act.

36 & 37 Vict. c. 59.

So much of section two of the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1873, as defines the term "East African courts" is hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything already done or suffered in pursuance thereof.

Amendment of 36 & 37 Vict. c. 59. s. 7. as to treaties to which the Act applies.

3. Whereas by section seven of the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1873, Her Majesty is authorised by Order in Council to direct that a treaty in relation to the slave trade made by or on behalf of Her Majesty with any of the foreign states therein mentioned in Arabia or Africa shall be deemed to be an existing East African Slave Trade treaty within the meaning of the above-mentioned Act:

And whereas doubts have arisen as to whether the said section applies to a treaty with the Government of Egypt, and it is expedient to remove such doubts: Be it therefore enacted as follows:

A treaty in relation to the slave trade made either before or after the passing of this Act by or on behalf of Her Majesty with the Government of Egypt shall be deemed to be a treaty in relation to the slave trade to which section seven of the Slave Trade (East African Courts) Act, 1873, applies, and Orders in Council in relation to such treaty may be made accordingly in pursuance of the said section.

36 & 37 Vict. c. 59.

Amendment of 36 & 37 Vict. c. 59. s. 3. as to

4. Each of the East African courts shall have the same jurisdiction in regard to a British vessel seized on suspicion of being

jurisdiction over British vessels.

engaged in or fitted out for the slave trade, and to the persons, slaves, goods, and effects on board thereof, when the vessel, in pursuance of any existing East African Slave Trade treaty, is seized and brought for trial by the commander or officer of any ship belonging to the foreign state with whom such treaty is made, as such court would have if the vessel had been seized by the commander or officer of any of Her Majesty's ships.

CHAPTER 39.

An Act to amend the law with respect to Returns of Receipts and Expenditure as regards Highways, and to dispense with the verification before Justices of the accounts of Surveyors of Highways.

[11th August 1879.]

WHEREAS by divers Acts provisions differing from each other are made respecting the transmission to the Local Government Board and the laying before Parliament of annual returns of the receipts and expenditure on account of highways in parishes, certain urban sanitary districts, and highway districts:

And whereas it is expedient that one return only in each case should be required, and that such return should be made and laid before Parliament in like manner as other returns under the Local Taxation Returns Acts, 1860 and 1877, subject to being dispensed with in like manner as such other returns:

23 & 24 Vict. c. 51.
40 & 41 Vict. c. 66.

And whereas by the Highways Act, 1835, the surveyor of highways of every parish is required, among other matters, to verify his accounts before justices at special sessions, and the said verification of accounts has been rendered unnecessary by the Highways and Locomotives Amendment Act, 1878, which requires the accounts of the surveyors of highways to be audited by the district auditor, and it is expedient to dispense with such verification:

5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 50. s. 45.

41 & 42 Vict. c. 77. s. 9.

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 as the Highway Accounts Returns Act, 1879.

Return of receipts and expenditure as regards highways.

2. The Local Taxation Returns Acts, 1860 and 1877, shall apply to returns of rates, receipts, and expenditure as regards highways in like manner as if they were specifically mentioned in the said Acts, and highway boards and surveyors of highways were mentioned as local authorities in those Acts, and the surveyor of highways were an officer keeping the accounts of the rates, receipts, and expenditure within the meaning of those Acts.

23 & 24 Vict. c. 51.
40 & 41 Vict. c. 66.

Provided that a return under the said Acts may be dispensed with upon the delivery to the auditor of a financial statement of the said receipts and expenditure in like manner as in any other case.

Repeal and temporary provision.

3. The Acts specified in the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent in the third column of that Schedule mentioned.