certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the illness or incapacity or unavoidable absence of the coroner in whose stead he attends, or of there being a vacancy in the office of coroner for the district in which such inquest is holden.

Salaries.

6. Each of the said coroners shall, until the next quinquennial revision of his salary, receive such salary as may be assigned to him by the said scheme.

The next quinquennial revision of the salaries of all the coroners for the wapentake shall take place at the expiration of five years from the last revision of the salary of the existing coroner for the wapentake.

Definition of "existing."

7. In this Act the term "existing" means existing at the time of the passing of this Act.

CHAPTER 82.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Small Penalties in Ireland.

[5th August 1873.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to small penalties in Ireland:

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 for all purposes as "The Small Penalties (Ireland) Act, 1873."

Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Definition of "penalty."

3. The word "penalty" in this Act shall include any sum of money recoverable in a summary manner.

Recovery of small penalties.

4. Where upon summary conviction any offender is adjudged to pay a penalty not exceeding five pounds, such offender, in case of nonpayment thereof, may, without any warrant of distress, be committed to prison for any term not exceeding the period specified in the following scale, unless the penalty shall be sooner paid:

For any penalty—	The imprisonment not to exceed—
Not exceeding ten shillings	Seven days.
Exceeding ten shillings and not exceeding one pound	Fourteen days.
Exceeding one pound but not exceeding two pounds	One month.
Exceeding two pounds but not exceeding five pounds	Two months.

Saving as to hard labour.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect the power of imposing hard labour in addition to imprisonment in cases where hard labour might, on nonpayment of the penalty, have been so imposed if this Act had not passed.

Application of Act.

6. This Act shall apply to penalties, including costs, recoverable in a summary manner in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, whether passed before or after the commencement of this Act; and all provisions of any Act of Parliament authorising, in the case of nonpayment of a penalty not exceeding five pounds, a longer term of imprisonment than is provided by this Act, shall be repealed.

Not to apply to proceedings by Inland Revenue.

7. This Act shall not apply to any penalties recoverable by or on behalf of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

Extent of Act.

8. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.
