CHAPTER 6.

An Act for amending the Law as to Special Juries.

[23rd May 1898.]

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:

Amendment of law as to number of special jurors to be summoned.

1.—(1.) The provision in section one hundred and eight of the Common Law Procedure Act, 1852, by the words "not exceeding forty-eight in all" shall be repealed.

(2.) The power to make rules of court for the High Court shall include power to make rules with respect to special juries, and thereby to repeal or alter any rules made under any previous Act with respect to special juries.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Special Juries Act, 1898.

CHAPTER 7.

An Act to Amend the Law with respect to Bail.

[23rd May 1898.]

WHEREAS accused persons are sometimes kept in prison for a long time on account of their inability to find sureties, although there is no risk of their absconding, or other reason why they should not be bailed, and it is therefore expedient to amend section twenty-three of the Indictable Offences Act, 1848:

11 & 12 Vict. c. 42.

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 accept bail without sureties.

1. Where a justice has power, under section twenty-three of the Indictable Offences Act, 1848, to admit to bail for appearance, he may dispense with sureties, if, in his opinion, the so dispensing will not tend to defeat the ends of justice.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Bail Act, 1898.

CHAPTER 8.

An Act to amend the Law in regard to the Tenure of Office of Sheriffs in Scotland. [1st July 1898.]

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:

Removal of sheriffs by order of

1. Upon a report prepared at the instance of the Secretary for Scotland by the Lord President of the Court of Session and the