forthwith appoint Three Ratepayers Commissioners for such Parish, One Third of whom shall go out of Office and the Vacancies be filled up as provided by the said Act with respect to the Commissioners of a Parish, and such Commissioners for the Time being shall for the Purposes of the said Act be considered as Part of such Town Council, Board, or Commissioners, as the Case may be; and the Expenses of calling the Meeting, and the Proportion of the Expenses of such adjoining Parish of carrying the said Act into execution, shall be paid out of the Poor Rates thereof to such Person as the Commissioners of the said adjoining Parish shall appoint to receive the same.

Majority for Adoption of Act.

5. The Majority necessary to be obtained for the Adoption of the said Act or the Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*), 1854, shall be more than One Half of the Persons present at the Meeting, instead of Two Thirds of such Persons, as now required.

Act applicable whatever Population may be.

6. The Public Libraries Act (1855) and the Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*) (1854) shall be applicable to any Borough, District, or Parish or Burgh, of whatever Population.

17 & 18 Vict. c. 64. ss. 6, 7, 8. repealed.

7. So much of Section 6 of the Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*), 1854, as authorizes the demanding of a Poll, and Sections Seven and Eight of the said Act, are hereby repealed.

If Burgh declines Act no further Meeting for a Year.

8. If any Meeting called as provided by the said last-mentioned Act shall determine against the Adoption of the Act in any Burgh, no Meeting for a similar Purpose shall be held for the Space of One Year at least from the Time of holding the previous Meeting.

Parts of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 17. as to Borrowing Powers extended to 17 & 18 Vict. c. 64.

9. The Clauses and Provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation (*Scotland*) Act (1845) with respect to the borrowing of Money upon Mortgage or Bond, and the Accountability of Officers, and the Recovery of Damages and Penalties, so far as such Provisions may respectively be applicable to the Purposes of the said Public Libraries Act (*Scotland*) (1854), shall be respectively incorporated with that Act.

A Library, &c. may be established in connexion with any Museum, &c.

10. Wherever a Public Museum or Library has been established under any Act relating to Public Libraries or Museums, or shall hereafter be established under either of the said before-mentioned Acts, a Public Library or Museum, as the Case may be, may at any Time be established in connexion therewith without any further Proceedings being taken under the said Acts.

Short Title.

11. This Act may be cited as The Public Libraries Amendment Act (*England* and *Scotland*), 1866, and shall be taken to be Part of the said Public Libraries Act, 1855, and shall be construed accordingly.

CAP. CXV.

An Act to provide for the Government of the "Straits Settlements."

[10th *August* 1866.]

'WHEREAS the Islands and Territories known as the "Straits Settlements," namely, 'Prince of Wales' Island, the Island of *Singapore*, and the Town and Fort of 'Malacca, and their Dependencies, were heretofore Part of the Territories in the Possession 'and under the Government of the *East India* Company, and became vested in Her Majesty 'as a Part of *India* by virtue and subject to the Provisions of the Act of the Twenty-first 'and Twenty-second Year of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and six, intituled *An 'Act for the better Government of* India: And whereas it is expedient that the said Settle-'ments and their Dependencies should cease to form Part of *India*, and should be placed 'under the Government of Her Majesty as Part of the Colonial Possessions of the Crown:

'And

'And whereas it may be hereafter expedient to include the Colony of *Labuan* within the 'Government of the said Settlements:' 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:

Straits Settlements shall cease to be Part of India.

1. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order to be by Her made with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to declare that this Act shall come into operation at a Time to be specified in such Order in Council, and at such Time the said Settlements shall cease to be Part of *India* for the Purposes and within the Meaning of the aforesaid Act, and it shall be further lawful for Her Majesty by any such Order to make Provision respecting the Enforcement by or against the Government of the said Settlements of all or any of such Debts, Claims, and Obligations as might if this Act had not passed have been enforced by or against the Government of *India* in connexion with the Administration of the said Settlements.

Power to Her Majesty in Council to make Laws, constitute Courts, &c

2. From and after the coming into operation of this Act, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order or Orders to be by Her from Time to Time made, with the Advice of Her said Privy Council, to establish all such Laws, Institutions, and Ordinances, and to constitute such Courts and Officers, and to make such Provisions and Regulations for the Proceedings in such Courts, and for the Administration of Justice, and for the raising and Expenditure of the Public Revenue, as may be deemed advisable for the Peace, Order, and good Government of Her Majesty's Subjects and others within the said Settlements, or within any Territory which may at any Time be Part of or dependent upon the same, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Power to Her Majesty to delegate Her Powers and Authorities to resident Officers.

3. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, from Time to Time, by any Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, or by any Instructions under Her Majesty's Signet and Sign Manual, accompanying and referred to in any such Letters Patent, to delegate to any Three or more Persons within the said Settlements, or within any Part or Dependency thereof, the Powers and Authorities so vested in Her Majesty in Council as aforesaid, either in whole or in part, and upon, under, and subject to all such Conditions, Provisoes, and Limitations as by any such Letters Patent or Instructions as aforesaid Her Majesty shall see fit to prescribe; and, subject as aforesaid, to empower such Three or more Persons to exercise in respect to the Island of *Labuan* and its Dependencies all or any of the Powers and Authorities herein-before vested in Her Majesty in respect to the said Settlements: Provided always, that, notwithstanding any such Delegation or Grant of Authority as aforesaid, it shall still be competent to Her Majesty in Council, in manner aforesaid, to exercise all the Powers and Authorities, either by virtue of this Act or otherwise, vested in Her Majesty in Council.

Existing Laws and Officers preserved.

4. Until otherwise provided by Her Majesty in Council, or by such Three or more Persons as aforesaid, all Laws or Regulations (except the aforesaid Act of Parliament) which, when this Act shall come into operation, shall be in force in the said Settlements and their Dependencies, and all Proceedings of any Court of Justice had or to be had therein, shall be and continue to be of the same Force and Effect, and all Judicial and other Officers who, when this Act shall come into operation, shall be lawfully exercising their Offices in the said Settlements and their Dependencies, shall continue to have and exercise the same Functions and Authorities therein, as if this Act had not been passed.