and restrictions as attach to the acquisition and holding of property by a body corporate in severalty.

(2.) Where a body corporate is joint tenant of any property, then on its dissolution the property shall devolve on the other joint tenant.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Bodies Corporate (Joint Tenancy) Act, 1899.

CHAPTER 21.

An Act to provide for Seats being supplied for the use of Shop Assistants. [9th August 1899.]

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:

Seats to be provided in shops, &c.

1. In all rooms of a shop, or other premises where goods are actually retailed to the public, and where female assistants are employed for the retailing of goods to the public, the employer carrying on business in such premises shall provide seats behind the counter, or in such other position as may be suitable for the purpose, and such seats shall be in the proportion of not less than one seat to every three female assistants employed in each room.

Penalty.

2. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of this Act shall be liable, on summary conviction, for a first offence to a fine not exceeding three pounds, and for a second or subsequent offence to a fine not less than one pound and not exceeding five pounds.

Commencement of Act.

3. This Act shall come into force on the first day of January one thousand nine hundred.

Construction and short title.

4. This Act shall be read and construed as one with the Shop Hours Acts, 1892 to 1895, and may be cited separately as the Seats for Shop Assistants Act, 1899.

CHAPTER 22.

An Act to amend the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879. [9th August 1899.]

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 schedule to 42 & 43 Vict. c. 49.

1. The First Schedule to the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879, shall include the offences mentioned or referred to in the schedule

to this Act in the same manner as if the schedule to this Act formed part of the First Schedule to the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879.

Amendment of 42 & 43 Vict. c. 49. s. 11.

2. Section eleven of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879 (which gives power to deal summarily with young persons by consent), shall extend to all indictable offences other than homicide, and accordingly in that section the words "specified in the first column of the First Schedule to this Act" are hereby repealed, and the words "other than homicide" shall be substituted therefor.

Explanation to be given of "false pretences."

3. Where a court of summary jurisdiction proposes to deal summarily in pursuance of this Act with a charge of obtaining by false pretences from any person any chattel, money, or valuable security with intent to defraud, the court shall, after the charge has been reduced to writing and read to the person charged, state in effect that a false pretence means a false representation by words, writing, or conduct that some fact exists or existed, and that a promise as to future conduct not intended to be kept is not by itself a false pretence, and may add any such further explanation as the court may deem suitable to the circumstances.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1899.

SCHEDULE.

First Column.	Second Column.
Young Persons consenting and Adults pleading Guilty.	Adults consenting.
1A. Obtaining or attempting to obtain by any false pretence from any person any chattel, money, or valuable security with intent to defraud against the provisions of the Larceny Act, 1861, section eighty-eight.	1A. Obtaining or attempting to obtain by any false pretence from any person any chattel, money, or valuable security with intent to defraud, where the amount of the money or the value of the whole of the chattels, valuable securities, or property alleged to have been obtained by such false pretence does not, in the opinion of the court before whom the charge is brought, exceed forty shillings. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 96.
The offence of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to any part of any wood, coppice, or plantation of trees, or to any heath, gorse, furze, or fern, under section sixteen of the Malicious Damage Act, 1861.	The offence of unlawfully and maliciously setting fire to any part of any wood, coppice, or plantation of trees, or to any heath, gorse, furze, or fern, under section sixteen of the Malicious Damage Act, 1861, where the damage done to the property which is the subject of the alleged offence does not in the opinion of the court before whom the charge is brought exceed in amount forty shillings. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 97.