such certificate shall be for all purposes conclusive evidence that the party by whom or on whose behalf such notice is given, or each such party (as the case may be), is duly authorised to proceed to the accomplishment of such marriage according to the usages of the said Society, and the register of such marriage, or a copy thereof duly certified according to law, shall be conclusive evidence of the due production of such certificate as aforesaid; but no such certificate shall be required in cases where the party giving such notice shall declare, either verbally or in writing if thereunto required, that both the parties to the intended marriage are either members of the said Society or in profession with or of the persuasion thereof.

CHAPTER 11.

An Act to apply the sum of Six million pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three. [13th May 1872.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

Issue of 6,000,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, the sum of six million pounds.

Power to Treasury to borrow.

2. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time on the credit of the said sum of six million pounds any sum or sums of equal or less amount in the whole, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed with interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said sums were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to amend an Act of the fourth and fifth years of King William the Fourth, chapter twenty-four, intituled "An Act to alter, amend, and "consolidate the laws for regulating the pensions, compensations, and "allowances to be made to persons in respect of their having held civil "offices in His Majesty's service." [13th May 1872.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session holden in the fourth and fifth years of King William the Fourth, chapter twenty-four, "to alter, amend, and consolidate "the laws for regulating the pensions, compensations, and allowances to be made to

" persons in respect of their having held civil offices in His Majesty's service," it is provided amongst other things that "in case any person enjoying any superannuation " allowance in consequence of retiring from office on account of age, infirmity, or any " other cause, or enjoying any compensation for past services, upon the abolition or " reduction of office, shall be appointed to fill any office in any public department, every " such allowance or compensation shall cease to be paid for any period subsequent to " such appointment if the annual amount of the profits of the office to which he shall be " appointed shall be equal to those of the office formerly held by him, and in case they " shall not be equal to those of his former office, then no more of such superannuation " allowance or compensation shall be paid to him than what with the salary of his new " appointment shall be equal to that of his former office:"

And whereas doubts have lately been entertained as to whether the expression "office " in any public department," as used in the above-mentioned provisions, extends to public departments in any part of Her Majesty's dominions beyond the limits of the United Kingdom:

And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts:

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:

Explanation of section 20. of 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 24.

1. It is hereby declared that the expression "office in any public department," as used in the above-mentioned provisions of the said Act, extends, and shall from the date of the passing of the said Act be deemed to have extended, to any office in any public department in the British possessions.

Definition of colony.

2. In this Act "British possession" shall include any territories for the time being vested in Her Majesty by virtue of any Act of Parliament for the government of India; also any colony, plantation, island, territory, or settlement within Her Majesty's dominions, and not within the United Kingdom.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Superannuation Act, 1872."

CHAPTER 13.

An Act to amend The Irish Church Act, 1869, so far as respects a Vacancy in the office of Commissioner of Church Temporalities in Ireland.

[27th June 1872.]

32 & 33 Vict. c. 42.

WHEREAS by The Irish Church Act, 1869, in this Act referred to as the Principal Act, it is amongst other things enacted that the following persons, that is to say, Viscount Monck, Right Honourable James Anthony Lawson, one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas in Ireland, and George Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, shall be constituted Commissioners under the said Act, and shall be a body corporate and be styled the Commissioners of Church Temporalities in Ireland, and it is by the said Act further provided that any power or act by such Act vested in or authorised to be done by the said Commissioners may be exercised or done by any one of them, with the qualification that any person aggrieved by any order of one Commissioner may require his case to be heard by the three Commissioners:

And whereas George Alexander Hamilton, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed by the said Act, died on the seventeenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one:

And whereas it is expedient that the vacancy so created in the office of Commissioner of Church Temporalities in Ireland should not be filled up, and that provisions such as are in this Act contained should be made for the execution of the said Act by two Commissioners: