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 as the Savings Bank (Barrister) Act, 1876.

Transfer to other officers of certain savings banks.

2. The powers and duties vested by the Acts relating to savings banks, Post Office saving banks, and the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in the barrister appointed to certify the rules of savings banks shall be transferred and vested as follows:

(1.) The power of certifying rules, and alterations or amendments of rules of savings banks, and the powers and duties relating to any dispute arising between the trustees and managers of any savings bank or (in the case of a Post Office savings bank) the Postmaster General on the one hand and any depositor or person claiming through or under a depositor on the other hand, shall be transferred to and vested in the registrar as defined by the Friendly Societies Act, 1875; and

(2.) All powers and duties (other than those above in this section mentioned) shall be transferred to and vested in such persons as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in this Act referred to as the Treasury) from time to time appoint.

Every person to whom any power or duty of the barrister appointed to certify the rules of savings banks is transferred by this section shall, for the purpose of the exercise of such power or duty, and of the enactments relating thereto, have the same powers and authorities as and be deemed to be the barrister appointed to certify the rules of savings banks; but any such power or duty which is vested in the said registrar when exercised or performed by the assistant registrars for Scotland and Ireland shall be so exercised or performed, subject to the direction of the chief registrar in the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, mentioned.

Any person purchasing an annuity or contracting for the payment of a sum of money at his death, who is by any Act directed to be considered as a depositor in a savings bank, shall be deemed to be a depositor within the meaning of this Act.

Power to charge fee on certificate, award, &c.

3. The Treasury may, if they think fit, by warrant direct that there shall be charged upon any certificate or authority given, and any award, order, or determination made by the registrar or other person in pursuance of the powers vested in him by this Act, such reasonable fee, not exceeding in any case one pound, as may be from time to time fixed by the warrant of the Treasury.

Every such fee shall be paid into the Exchequer, and shall be paid by such persons and in such manner as may be directed by the warrant.

After any such warrant is made no other fee but such as is allowed by the warrant shall be charged or taken in respect of any matter for which a fee can be charged under this section, but until any such warrant is made any fee heretofore payable shall continue payable, but shall be paid into the Exchequer.

The draft of every warrant proposed to be made by the Treasury in pursuance of this section shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament for at least forty days before the said warrant is made.

The Public Offices Fees Act, 1866, shall apply to a fee payable under this section.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act to make further provision respecting the Superannuation Allowance to be granted to Civil Servants serving in unhealthy Climates.

[11th August 1876.]

WHEREAS by the Superannuation Act, 1875, provision was made for the grant of special rates of pension to persons who had served in an established capacity in the

permanent civil service of the State in unhealthy places, and it is expedient to make further provision for the like purpose:

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; viz.,

Unhealthy Places.

Determination of places to be deemed unhealthy.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in this Act referred to as the Treasury) may from time to time by order declare that any country or place therein named shall be deemed, and the same shall thereupon be deemed, for the purposes of the Superannuation Act, 1859, and this Act, to be an unhealthy place.

The Treasury may from time to time by order revoke or vary an order previously made under this section, but the amount of superannuation, compensation, gratuity, or other allowance to be granted to any person serving, before the date of the order of revocation or alteration in the unhealthy place affected thereby, shall be the same as if it had not been made.

Special rate of pension to person who has served in unhealthy place.

2. For the purpose of reckoning the amount of any superannuation, compensation, gratuity, or other allowance to be granted under the Superannuation Act, 1859, to a person who has served in an established capacity in the permanent civil service of the State, two years service in an unhealthy place shall be reckoned as service for three years, and service in an unhealthy place for any greater or less period than two years shall be reckoned in the like proportion.

Provided that nothing in this section—

(1.) Shall alter so much of section two of the Superannuation Act, 1859, as requires a service of ten years before an annual superannuation allowance can be granted; or

(2.) Shall, without the consent of the Treasury, apply to a person who was residing in an unhealthy place when he entered the permanent civil service of the State.

Supplemental.

Orders to be laid before Parliament.

3. Every order under this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament in accordance with section thirteen of the Superannuation Act, 1859.

Commencement of Act.

4. This Act shall apply to persons who have retired from the public service since the seventeenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

Construction and short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the Superannuation Act, 1876, and shall be construed as one with the Superannuation Act, 1859, and that Act and this Act may be cited together as the Superannuation Acts, 1859 and 1876.

Repeal.

Repeal of 38 Vict. c. 4.

6. The Superannuation Act, 1875, is hereby repealed: Provided that—

(1.) This repeal shall not affect anything duly done or suffered under the Act hereby repealed; and

(2.) Any order or warrant made in pursuance of the said Act shall have effect as if it were an order made in pursuance of this Act.

CHAPTER 54.

An Act to provide for the Foundation of a new Bishopric out of a part of the diocese of Exeter. [11th August 1876.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide increased episcopal supervision for the Archdeaconry of Cornwall in the diocese of Exeter, and with a view thereto an arrangement is proposed whereby a bishopric to be called the Bishopric of Truro will be formed, to consist of the Archdeaconry of Cornwall: