CHAP. 13.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Surveys of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Isle of Man. [12th May 1870.]

6 Geo. 4. c. 99.
17 & 18 Vict. c. 17.
18 & 19 Vict. c. 117.
4 & 5 Vict. c. 30.
19 & 20 Vict. c. 61.

WHEREAS by an Act of the sixth year of King George the Fourth, chapter ninety-nine, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the last session of Parliament relative "to the forming tables of manors, parishes, and townlands in Ireland, and to make "provision for ascertaining the boundaries of the same," and by an Act of the seventeenth and eighteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventeen, intituled "An Act to make further provision for defining the boundaries of counties, baronies, half "baronies, parishes, townlands, and other divisions and denominations of land in Ireland "for public purposes," (which Acts are in this Act referred to as the Survey (Ireland) Acts), certain powers for the purpose of making and carrying on any survey authorised by those Acts or by the order of the Master General and Board of Ordnance were given to the Master General and Board of Ordnance, and to officers and other persons appointed by or acting under the orders of the Master General and Board of Ordnance:

And whereas all the powers and authorities of the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance were, by an Act of the session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and seventeen, intituled "An Act for "transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the powers and "estates vested in the principal officers of the Ordnance," transferred to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department:

And whereas by the Act of the session of the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter thirty, intituled "An Act to authorise and facilitate the "completion of a survey of Great Britain, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and the Isle of Man," (in this Act referred to as the Survey (Great Britain) Act,) certain powers for the purpose of making such survey were given to the Master General and Board of Ordnance and to officers and other persons appointed by or acting under the orders of the Master General and Board of Ordnance:

And whereas the powers given by the last-mentioned Act to the Master General and Board of Ordnance having been continued by subsequent Acts, were by an Act of the session of the nineteenth and twentieth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter sixty-one, intituled "An Act to continue an Act for the survey of Great Britain, "Berwick-upon-Tweed, and the Isle of Man," further continued until the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and were by the same Act transferred to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department:

And whereas the said powers have been since continued by divers subsequent Acts:

And whereas it is expedient to place the said surveys under the superintendence of the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Survey Act, 1870.

Construction of Act.

2. This Act shall be construed as one, so far as it relates to Ireland, with the Survey (Ireland) Acts, and so far as it relates to Great Britain and the Isle of Man with the Survey (Great Britain) Act, and the Survey (Ireland) Acts, together with this Act, may be cited together as the Survey (Ireland) Acts, 1825 to 1870, and the Survey (Great Britain) Act, together with this Act, may be cited as the Survey (Great Britain) Acts, 1841 and 1870.

Transfer of powers to Commissioners of Works.

3. All the powers, authorities, and things which under the Survey (Ireland) Acts, or the Survey (Great Britain) Act are, or, but for the transfer to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department would be, vested in or capable of being exercised and done by the Master General and Board of Ordnance shall, after the passing of this Act, be vested in and capable of being exercised and done by the Commissioners of

Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, and not by the said Secretary of State, and those Acts shall be construed as if the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings were substituted throughout for the Master General and Board of Ordnance.

Every officer and other person who has been appointed before the passing of this Act by the Master General and Board of Ordnance, or Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department, for the purpose of the said Acts or any of them, shall be deemed to have been appointed by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

Acts in schedule repealed.

4. The Acts mentioned in the schedule to this Act are hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything already done or suffered.

Continuance of Act.

5. This Act, so far as it relates to Great Britain and the Isle of Man, shall not (except as regards the repeal, which is perpetual,) continue in force for any longer time than the Survey (Great Britain) Act.

SCHEDULE.

Year and Chapter.	Title.
45 Geo. 3. c. 109. -	An Act to amend so much of an Act for granting to His Majesty several sums of money for defraying the charge of certain permanent services in Ireland as relates to the military survey of Ireland.
19 & 20 Vict. c. 61. -	An Act to continue an Act for the survey of Great Britain, Berwick-upon-Tweed, and the Isle of Man.

CHAP. 14.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the legal condition of Aliens and British Subjects. [12th May 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the law relating to the legal condition of aliens and British subjects:

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:

Short title.

1. The Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Naturalization Act, 1870."

Status of Aliens in the United Kingdom.

Capacity of an alien as to property.

2. Real and personal property of every description may be taken, acquired, held, and disposed of by an alien in the same manner in all respects as by a natural-born British subject; and a title to real and personal property of every description may be derived through, from, or in succession to an alien, in the same manner in all respects as through, from, or in succession to a natural-born British subject: Provided,—

(1.) That this section shall not confer any right on an alien to hold real property situate out of the United Kingdom, and shall not qualify an alien for any office or for any municipal, parliamentary, or other franchise: