or shall use any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material for the making or printing any such *India* Stock Certificate or Coupon, or any such blank *India* Stock Certificate or Coupon, or any Part thereof respectively, or knowingly have in his Custody or Possession any such Plate, Wood, Stone, or other Material, or shall knowingly offer, utter, dispose of, or put off, or have in his Custody or Possession, any Paper upon which any such blank *India* Stock Certificate or Coupon, or Part of any such *India* Stock Certificate or Coupon, shall be made or printed, shall be guilty of Felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the Discretion of the Court, to be kept in Penal Servitude for any Term not exceeding Fourteen Years and not less than Three Years, or to be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Two Years, with or without Hard Labour, and with or without Solitary Confinement.

As to the Signature and Counter-Signature of Documents in the Department of the Secretary of State for India.

16. 'And whereas it is expedient that there should be Uniformity of Practice in respect 'of the Signature and Counter-Signature of Documents by the Secretary and Under 'Secretaries of State and Members of the Council of *India*:' Be it enacted, That wherever by reason of the Provisions of any Act of Parliament or otherwise, it is required that any Deeds, Contracts, Bonds, Debentures, Cheques, Drafts, or Orders for Money, or other Documents, shall be signed by any Number of Members of the Council of *India*, and countersigned by the Secretary of State or One of his Under Secretaries, any such Deed, Contract, Bond, Debenture, Cheque, Draft, or Order for Money, or other Document, may be signed by Two Members of the said Council, and countersigned by the Secretary of State or One of his Under Secretaries, or by his Assistant Under Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Schedule of Fees.

On the Issue of an India Stock Certificate, a Fee not exceeding Five Shillings on every Hundred Pounds of Stock included in the Certificate.

On the Registration in the Books of the Bank of the Stock included in an India Stock Certificate, a Fee not exceeding Five Shillings.

CAP. LXXIV.

An Act to enable Her Majesty to declare Gold Coins to be issued from Her Majesty's Branch Mint at *Sydney, New South Wales*, a legal Tender for Payments; and for other Purposes relating thereto. [28th *July* 1863.]

56 G. 3. c. 68.

'WHEREAS by an Act of the Fifty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King 'George the Third, Chapter Sixty-eight, intituled *An Act to provide for a new Silver 'Coinage, and to regulate the Currency of the Gold and Silver Coins of this Realm*, it is 'amongst other things provided, that after the Date of the passing of that Act the Gold 'Coin of the Realm should be the only legal Tender for Payments (except the Silver Coin 'of the Realm to the Extent of Forty Shillings) within the United Kingdom of *Great 'Britain* and *Ireland*: And whereas by the same Act it is declared that the Gold Coin of the 'Realm should hold such Weight and Fineness as are prescribed by an Indenture therein 'referred to, and made with His Majesty's Master and Worker of the Mint for making 'Gold Monies at His Majesty's Mint in *London*, and with such Allowance called the 'Remedy as is given to the said Master by the said Indenture, which Weight and Fineness 'are by the said Act declared to be the Standard of the lawful Gold Coin of the Realm, so far 'as relates to the Gold Coins of the Denominations in use at the Time of the passing of the 'said Act and specified in the said Indenture: And whereas Gold Coins of the Weight and 'Fineness and of the Denominations mentioned in the said Act, and specified in the said 'Indenture,

'Indenture, have from the Date of the said Act up to the present Time continued to be 'issued from Her Majesty's Mint in *London*, and to be the only legal Tender for Payments, 'except as aforesaid, within the United Kingdom: And whereas Her Majesty has by 'Proclamation established at *Sydney* in *New South Wales* a Branch of the Royal Mint for 'making Gold Coins of the same Weight and Fineness and of the same Denominations as 'the Gold Coin issued by Her Majesty's Mint in *London*, and has appointed a Deputy 'Master of the said Branch Mint; and it is expedient that Power should be given to Her 'Majesty to make the Gold Coin so issued by Her Majesty's Mint at *Sydney* a legal Tender 'for Payments in the United Kingdom:' 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:

Power to Her Majesty to declare Gold Coins made at the Branch Mint at Sydney a legal Tender in the United Kingdom.

1. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Proclamation issued with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to declare that, after a Date specified in such Proclamation, Gold Coins made at the said Branch Mint, of Designs approved by Her Majesty, at *Sydney* aforesaid, and being of the same Weight and Fineness as are required by Law with respect to Gold Coins of the same Denominations made at Her Majesty's Mint in *London*, are to be a legal Tender for Payments within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*; and upon such Proclamation being issued, Gold Coins made of such Designs, and being of such Weight and Fineness as aforesaid, shall be a legal Tender for Payments accordingly.

Power to Her Majesty to impose a Charge on coining Gold.

2. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Proclamation issued with such Advice as aforesaid, from Time to Time to impose on the Coinage of Gold at the said Branch Mint at *Sydney* a Charge sufficient to defray the Expenses of Coinage, over and above the Expenses of assay and refining; and it shall be incumbent on the said Deputy Master to coin Gold at the Charge so imposed.

Short Title.

3. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *Sydney* Branch Mint Act, 1863."

CAP. LXXV.

An Act for the Embankment of Part of the River *Thames*, on the South Side thereof, in the Parish of *Saint Mary Lambeth*, and for other Purposes.

[28th *July* 1863.]

25 & 26 Vict. c. 93.

'WHEREAS by The *Thames* Embankment Act, 1862, herein-after called the 'Embankment Act of 1862, the Metropolitan Board of Works, herein-after called the 'Board, were authorized to make (among other things) an Embankment on the Left Bank 'of the *Thames*, from *Westminster Bridge* to the Eastern Boundary of the *Inner Temple*, 'with a public Roadway thereon:

24 & 25 Vict. c. 42.

'And whereas by The *London* Coal and Wine Duties Continuance Act, 1861, a Fund, 'called the *Thames* Embankment and Metropolis Improvement Fund, was established out 'of the Proceeds of certain Local Coal and Wine Duties thereby to be continued until the 'Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and was thereby 'directed to be applied to the Improvement of the Metropolis, in such Manner as might 'thereafter be determined by Parliament:

25 & 26 Vict. c. 93.

'And whereas by the Embankment Act of 1862 the Expenses of the Undertaking by 'that Act authorized were charged upon the said Improvement Fund, subject to certain 'prior Charges thereon:

'And whereas another Bill has been introduced into Parliament in the present Session, 'to provide a convenient Communication for Traffic in connexion with the Embankment 'on the Left Bank, by making a new Street from *Blackfriars* to the *Mansion House*, and 'charging the said Improvement Fund with the Expenses of that Undertaking:

'And