An Act to amend the laws relating to the Inland Revenue. 24 & 25 Victoria, chapter 91.
An Act for the prevention of poaching. 25 & 26 Victoria, chapter 114.

(II.)

I, *A.B.*, do authorise *C.D.* to kill hares on the lands occupied by me within the (*here insert the name of the parish or other place, as the case may be*).

Dated this day of
(*here insert the day, month, and year.*)

A.B.

Witness,

CHAPTER 29.

An Act for the protection of the Property of Married Women in Scotland.
[2d August 1877.]

WHEREAS it is just and expedient to protect to the extent herein-after provided for the property of married women in Scotland:

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:

1. This Act shall commence and take effect from and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight. Commencement of Act.

2. This Act shall extend to Scotland only. Extent of Act.

3. The jus mariti and right of administration of the husband shall be excluded from the wages and earnings of any married woman, acquired or gained by her after the commencement of this Act, in any employment, occupation, or trade in which she is engaged, or in any business which she carries on under her own name, and shall also be excluded from any money or property acquired by her after the commencement of this Act through the exercise of any literary, artistic, or scientific skill, and such wages, earnings, money, or property, and all investments thereof, shall be deemed to be settled to her sole and separate use, and her receipts shall be a good discharge for such wages, earnings, money, or property, and investments thereof. Protection of earnings of married women.

4. In any marriage which takes place after the commencement of this Act, the liability of the husband for the ante-nuptial debts of his wife shall be limited to the value of any property which he shall have received from, through, or in right of his wife at, or before, or subsequent to the marriage, and any court in which a husband shall be sued for such debt shall have power to direct any inquiry or proceedings which it may think proper for the purpose of ascertaining the nature, amount, and value of such property. Liability of husband for wife's ante-nuptial debts limited to amount of property received through her.

5. This Act shall not affect the rights conferred upon a married woman by the Conjugal Rights (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1861, or the Conjugal Rights (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1874. Savings. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 86. 37 & 38 Vict. c. 31.

6. This Act may be cited as "The Married Women's Property (Scotland) Act, 1877." Short title.

CHAPTER 30.

An Act for enabling a further Sum to be raised for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870. [2d August 1877.]

WHEREAS divers funds have been authorised to be raised for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870, and with a view to the payment under those Acts of compensation to railway companies in respect of telegraphs it is expedient to authorise 31 & 32 Vict. c. 110. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 73.

33 & 34 Vict. c. 88.

the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in this Act referred to as the Treasury) to raise further funds for the purposes of those Acts:

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 for the Treasury to raise before 1st April 1879 a further sum of 500,000*l.* for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts.

1. The Treasury at any time before the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine may, in addition to any sum previously authorised to be raised by them, raise for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole five hundred thousand pounds sterling, by the creation of three pounds per cent. per annum permanent annuities.

Such annuities shall be charged upon the Consolidated Fund, and shall be paid out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

The annuities shall be created by warrant of the Treasury to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, directing them to inscribe in their books the amount of such annuities in the names directed by the warrant.

The said annuities shall in manner directed by the warrant be consolidated in the said books with annuities at the same rate of interest and payable at the same date, and shall be transferable in the said books in like manner as the annuities with which they are consolidated, and shall be subject to the enactments relating to those annuities so far as is consistent with the tenor of those enactments.

Application of moneys raised.

2. All moneys raised in pursuance of this Act shall be placed to the account of the Paymaster General at the Bank of England, and shall be issued from time to time under regulations to be made by the Treasury, and to be laid by them before Parliament; such moneys shall not be applied for the purpose of the extension of telegraphs or for the payment of interest on any purchase-money or compensation payable in respect of telegraphs, unless such interest is not separately stated in any award or agreement, but shall be applied only for the other purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870.

Accounts of expenditure.

3. Accounts of all expenditure out of moneys raised in pursuance of this Act shall be prepared by the Postmaster General in the form approved by the Treasury, and be transmitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General, to be examined by him as if they were appropriation accounts, in manner directed by the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.

Short titles.
31 & 32 Vict. c. 110.
32 & 33 Vict. c. 73.
33 & 34 Vict. c. 88.
39 & 40 Vict. c. 5.

4. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Telegraphs (Money) Act, 1877; and this Act and the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1876 may be cited together as the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1877.

CHAPTER 31.

An Act to give further facilities to Landowners of limited interests in England and Wales and Ireland to charge their estates with the expenses of constructing Reservoirs for the storage of Water, and other similar purposes.

[2d August 1877.]

WHEREAS landowners of limited interests in England and Wales, with the approval of the Inclosure Commissioners, and in Ireland of the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, are enabled to charge their estates with sums expended by them in constructing reservoirs and other works for the supply of water, if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the said Commissioners that such works will effect a permanent yearly increase in the value of such estates for agricultural purposes exceeding the yearly amount proposed to be charged thereon, and are also enabled to charge their estates with sums subscribed for the construction of railways and navigable canals, if it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that such railways and canals will effect a permanent yearly increase in the value of such estates for any purpose exceeding the yearly amount proposed to be charged thereon: