CHAPTER 12.

An Act for the prevention of Accidents by Threshing Machines.

[16th April 1878.]

Factories: 7 & 8 Vict. c. 15. s. 21. Coal Mines: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 76. s. 51. sub-sects. (14), (24), (27). Metalliferous Mines: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 77. s. 23, sub-sects. (7), (17), (19).

WHEREAS by certain Acts of Parliament provision is made for the fencing of dangerous machinery in factories and mines, and it is expedient that similar provision should be made with respect to threshing machines:

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:

Steam threshing machines to be fenced.

Penalty.

1. The drum and feeding mouth of every threshing machine as defined by this Act shall at all times during the working thereof be kept sufficiently and securely fenced so far as is reasonably practicable and consistent with the due and efficient working thereof.

If any person permits any threshing machine belonging to him or used for his service or benefit to be worked without its being fenced as aforesaid:

Or, if any foreman, engineer, or other person in charge of any threshing machine, works it or permits it to be worked without its being fenced as aforesaid:

Or, if any person during the working of any threshing machine removes any guard or thing used as a fence for any such machine:

Every person so offending on any day shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.

If in the prosecution of any person to whom the threshing machine belongs or for whose service or benefit it is used, it is shown that the machine was not in fact kept sufficiently and securely fenced during the working thereof, such person shall be deemed to have permitted the same unless he satisfy the court that he took all reasonable precautions to ensure the observance of this Act.

Commencement and extent of Act.

2. This Act shall not come into operation until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland.

Evidence.

3. On the prosecution of any person for an offence against this Act he may, on his own application, be sworn and examined as a witness.

Entry on premises.

4. Any constable may at any time enter on any premises on which he has reasonable cause to believe that a threshing machine is being worked contrary to the provisions of this Act, for the purpose of inspecting such machine.

Interpretation.

5. In this Act "threshing machine" means a threshing machine which is worked by steam or by any motive power other than manual labour.

CHAPTER 13.

An Act to declare the law relating to the Acceptance of Bills of Exchange.

[16th April 1878.]

19 & 20 Vict. c. 97. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 60.

WHEREAS by the Mercantile Law Amendment Act, 1856, and the Mercantile Law Amendment Act (Scotland), 1856, it is enacted that "no acceptance of any bill of "exchange, whether inland or foreign, made after the 31st day of December 1856, shall "be sufficient to bind or charge any person, unless the same be in writing on such bill, "or if there be more than one part of such bill on one of the said parts, and signed by "the acceptor or some person duly authorised by him":

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the true effect and intention of the said enactment, and as to whether the signature of the drawee alone can constitute a sufficient