time in their hands or under their control for the purposes of the said College in the stocks, bonds, or obligations of the Egyptian Government, or in investments the principal and interest of which is secured by the guarantee of the Egyptian Government, or entitling the holders thereof to payment of principal and interest out of moneys payable by the Egyptian Government on such stock, bonds, or obligations, deposited with trustees or otherwise, or in the purchase of any lands, buildings, hereditaments, and property in the Soudan or other parts of Egypt that may be required for the purposes of the said College, or in any other security in which trustees may lawfully invest, and may vary any such investments.

Citation.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum Act, 1899.

## CHAPTER 17.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to the Payment of Rates on Tithe Rentcharge attached to a Benefice.

[1st August 1899.]

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:

Exemption of owner of tithe rentcharge attached to a benefice from one-half of rates to which Act applies.

**1.** The owner of tithe rentcharge attached to a benefice shall be liable to pay only one-half of the amount of any rate to which this Act applies, which is assessed on him as owner of that tithe rentcharge, and the remaining one-half shall, on demand being made by the collector of the rate on the surveyor of taxes for the district, be paid by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue out of the sums payable by them to the Local Taxation Account, on account of the estate duty grant.

Interpretation.

**2.**—(1.) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(*a.*) The expression "estate duty grant" means the grant made under section nineteen of the Finance Act, 1894, in substitution for the probate duty grant:

57 & 58 Vict. c. 30.

(*b.*) The expression "benefice" includes all rectories with cure of souls, vicarages, perpetual curacies, endowed public chapels and parochial chapelries, and chapelries or districts belonging or reputed to belong, or annexed, or reputed to be annexed, to any church or chapel, and districts formed for ecclesiastical purposes by virtue of statutory authority, and includes benefices in the patronage of the Crown or of the Duchy of Cornwall:

(*c.*) The expressions "owner of tithe rentcharge" and "tithe rentcharge" have the same meanings respectively as in the Tithe Act, 1891.

54 Vict. c. 8.

(2.) This Act shall apply in the case of any person liable to pay rates in respect of any payment in lieu of tithe as in the case of the owner of tithe rentcharge.

**3.** This Act may be cited as the Tithe Rentcharge (Rates) Act, 1899. Short title.

**4.** This Act shall apply to every rate as defined by section nine of the Agricultural Rates Act, 1896 (except any rate which the owner of tithe rentcharge is liable, as compared with the occupier of buildings, to be assessed to or to pay in the proportion of one half or less than one half), which is made after the fifteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and during the continuance of the said Agricultural Rates Act, 1896. Application and duration. 59 & 60 Vict. c. 16.

## CHAPTER 18.

An Act to amend certain provisions of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, affecting the Congested Districts Board, and to make further provision for the expenses of that Board out of money provided by Parliament.

[1st August 1899.]

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.** Where the Congested Districts Board make an offer to the Land Judge for the purchase of an estate or part of an estate for the purpose of re-selling the same to the tenants thereon, the provisions of section forty of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896 (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), shall be suspended, and shall not have effect in the case of that estate or part of an estate unless and until the offer is refused by the Land Judge, or is withdrawn. Amendment of 59 & 60 Vict. c. 47. s. 40, in case of purchase by Congested Districts Board.

**2.**—(1.) Where the Land Commission have made an advance to the Congested Districts Board under sub-section (1) of section forty-three of the principal Act, and the land purchased by the Board is subject to any superior interest as defined by section thirty-one of the principal Act, or any incumbrance as defined by section thirty-four of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, the Land Commission may on the application of the Board exercise any powers for the apportionment and redemption of superior interests conferred on them by the Land Purchase Acts, and may direct that a sum of guaranteed land stock equivalent at the price of the day to the redemption price of the superior interest, or the amount due in respect of such incumbrance, as the case may be, shall be advanced and disposed of in like manner as if the advance were Provision for redemption of superior interests in case of purchase of land by Congested Districts Board. 54 & 55 Vict. c. 66. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 33.