8 & 9 Vict. c. 83. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 37.

Acts to be levied in like manner as the assessment for the relief of the poor, and all classifications other than certified classifications and all established usages under the provisions of section thirty-five of the Poor Law (Scotland) Act, 1845, shall have no force or effect.

Provided that, notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, a parish council shall have power (1) to alter any classification so far as necessary to enable it to become a certified classification, or (2) to abandon any certified classification.

As to holdings in crofting parishes.

6. In the case of any holding in a crofting parish, the Crofters Commission in fixing a fair rent for such holding shall not be entitled to take into account the relief effected by this Act from a proportion of the consolidated rate, poor rate, and other rates before mentioned.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited as the Agricultural Rates, Congested Districts, and Burgh Land Tax Relief (Scotland) Act, 1896.

Continuance of Act.

8. This Act shall continue in force for five years after the thirty-first day of March next after the passing thereof, and no longer, unless continued by Parliament.

CHAPTER 38.

An Act to make provision for the Construction of a Railway in Africa, from Mombasa to the Victoria Nyanza, through the Protectorates of Zanzibar, British East Africa, and Uganda. [14th August 1896.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the construction of a railway (in this Act called the Uganda Railway) from Mombasa on the east coast of Africa to the Victoria Nyanza through the protectorates of Zanzibar, British East Africa, and Uganda, at an estimated cost, exclusive of the expenditure authorised by the Appropriation Act, 1895, session two, of three million pounds:

59 Vict. c. 6.

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:

Issue of money out of Consolidated Fund for purposes of Act.

1.—(1.) The Treasury shall issue out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof such sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of three million pounds as may be required by a Secretary of State for defraying the costs of the construction of the Uganda Railway, whether incurred before or after the passing of this Act.

(2.) Before any money is issued under this section, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Treasury an estimate, with such details as may be required by them, of the expenditure and period for and within which it is proposed to expend that money.

Borrowing for purposes of Act and

2.—(1.) The Treasury may, if they think fit, at any time for the purpose of providing money for the issue of sums out of the

Consolidated Fund under this Act, or repaying to that fund all or any part of the sums so issued, borrow money by means of terminable annuities for such period not exceeding thirty years from the passing of this Act as the Treasury may fix, and all sums so borrowed shall be paid into the Exchequer. accounts and audit.

(2.) The said annuities shall be paid out of the moneys annually provided by Parliament for the foreign and colonial services; and, if those moneys are insufficient, shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, but shall not be payable as part of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

(3.) The Secretary of State shall in every financial year cause to be made out and laid before the House of Commons an account, in the form required by the Treasury, of the money expended and borrowed and the securities created under this Act, and the accounts of expenditure under this Act shall be audited and reported upon by the Comptroller and Auditor General as appropriation accounts in manner directed by the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.

3. This Act may be cited as the Uganda Railway Act, 1896. Short title.

CHAPTER 39.

An Act to continue various Expiring Laws.

[14th August 1896.]

WHEREAS the Acts mentioned in Part I. of the Schedule to this Act are, in so far as they are in force and are temporary in their duration, limited to expire on the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six:

And whereas the Act mentioned in Part II. of the Schedule to this Act is, to the extent aforesaid, limited to expire on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven:

And whereas it is expedient to provide for the continuance as in this Act mentioned of those Acts, and of the enactments amending or affecting the same:

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:

1.—(1.) The Acts mentioned in Part I. of the Schedule to this Act shall, to the extent specified in column three of that Schedule, be continued until the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and shall then expire, unless further continued. Continuance of Acts in Schedule.

(2.) The Act mentioned in Part II. of the Schedule to this Act shall, to the extent specified in column three of that Schedule, be continued until the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and shall then expire, unless further continued.

(3.) Any unrepealed enactments amending or affecting the enactments continued by this Act shall, in so far as they are