Judges may make General Orders for all Proceedings in their Courts.

11. The Judges of the Landed Estates Court may from Time to Time make General Orders for regulating all Proceedings in their Courts under this Act, and the Costs of such Proceedings; and such Rules, so long as they shall be in force, shall have the same Effect as if they were comprised in this Act.

Extent of Act.

12. This Act shall only extend to *Ireland*.

CAP. XXXIX.

An Act to amend the Union Assessment Committee Act (1862).

[14th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Union Assessment Committee Act, 1862, in regard to Appeals against Poor Rates, and to make further Provisions for securing correct and uniform Valuations of the Property liable to be assessed to the Relief of the Poor:' 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:

Notice of Appeal against Poor Rate to be given to the Assessment Committee of Union.

1. Before any Appeal shall be heard by any Special or Quarter Sessions against a Poor Rate made for any Parish contained in any Union to which the Union Assessment Committee Act, 1862, applies, the Appellant shall give Twenty-one Days Notice in Writing previous to the Special or Quarter Sessions to which such Appeal is to be made of the Intention to appeal, and the Grounds thereof, to the Assessment Committee of such Union: Provided, that after the First Day of *August* next no Person shall be empowered to appeal to any Sessions against a Poor Rate made in conformity with the Valuation List approved of by such Committee, unless he shall have given to such Committee Notice of Objection against the said List, and shall have failed to obtain such Relief in the Matter as he deems just; and which Objection, after Notice given at any Time in the Manner prescribed by the said Act with respect to Objections, the Committee shall hear, with full Power to call for and amend such List, although the same has been approved of, and no subsequent List has been transmitted to them, and if they amend the same shall give Notice of such Amendment to the Overseers, who shall thereupon alter their then current Rate accordingly.

Committee may, with Consent of Guardians, be Co-respondents.

2. The Assessment Committee of such Union may, with the Consent of the Guardians of such Union, after Notice shall have been sent to every Guardian, appear as Respondents to such Appeal, but in the Name of the Guardians of such Union, in like Manner, and with the same Incidents, and subject to the same Liabilities, and entitled to the same Remedies and Rights, as in the Case of Persons other than the Overseers to whom Notice of Appeal may be given.

Provision as to Costs of Committee on Appeals.

3. The Costs which the Committee may incur in consequence of becoming Respondents to such Appeal, or of having received Notice thereof, shall, if not recovered from the Appellants, as well as any Costs the Committee may be ordered to pay to the Appellants, be paid by the Guardians and charged to the Common Fund of the Union, unless the Court before whom such Appeal is heard shall direct that such Costs, or any Part thereof, shall be charged to the Parish, the Rate of which is appealed against.

Valuation to be made in Writing.

4. Where a Valuer is appointed by the Assessment Committee he shall make his Valuation in Writing, showing the Particulars of the several Hereditaments comprised therein, and the Amounts at which he has valued the same respectively, and shall sign such Valuation, which shall be open to Inspection in like Manner and with the same Incidents with respect to the taking of Copies or Extracts as the Minute Books of the Committee.

Notice of Assessment to be given to certain Companies.

5. Within Fourteen Days after the Transmission to the Assessment Committee of any Valuation or Supplemental Valuation List the Committee shall give Notice to every Railway, Telegraph, Canal, Gas, and Water Company named in such List as the Occupier of any Property included therein, and not having any Office or Place of Business in the Parish

Parish to which such List relates, of the Sum or Sums set down as the rateable Value of the Property purporting to be occupied by such Company or Companies, and such Notice may be served by being transmitted through the Post to the principal Office of the Company, or One of their principal Offices when there shall be more than One.

Justices in certain Cases not disqualified for hearing Appeals.

6. No Justice of the Peace shall be disqualified for acting in the Determination of any Appeal against a Poor Rate at any Quarter or Special Sessions by reason of such Justice being rated, or being liable to be rated, in some other Parish in the Union than that for which the Rate appealed against is made.

Expenses of Overseers incurred with Consent of Vestry or allowed by Assessment Committee may be charged on Poor Rates.

7. When the Overseers of any Parish incur any Expense in making out any Valuation List or Supplemental List, or in revising or valuing any of the rateable Hereditaments of such Parish, under the Provisions of the Union Assessment Committee Act, 1862, with the Consent of the Vestry given by express Resolution, after due Notice, they may charge such Expense, so far as the same may be authorized by the Vestry, upon the Poor Rate; and if no Vestry Meeting be held, or no Decision arrived at on the Subject, then to the Extent which the Assessment Committee shall allow: Provided that, as regards the Valuation of the Property, no Expense shall be so charged upon the Poor Rate unless the Consent of such Committee to the procuring of such Valuation by the Overseers shall have been given previously to the same being made.

Power to Guardians, with the Order of the Poor Law Board, to borrow Money for Valuation Expenses.

8. If the Assessment Committee order a Valuation, with the Consent of the Board of Guardians, to be made of all the rateable Hereditaments of any Parish, the Guardians of the Union may, if they think fit, apply to the Poor Law Board for an Order to enable them to borrow the requisite Amount to pay the Cost of such Valuation; and if the said Board shall issue their Order, the said Guardians may borrow the same and charge the Poor Rates of the several Parishes in the Union with the Repayment of the same by not more than Five equal annual Instalments; and where the Parish for which the Valuation is made shall, by reason of any Provision in the said Union Assessment Committee Act or this Act, be liable to pay the Cost of such Valuation, the said Guardians shall charge the annual Instalments, and the Interest payable therewith, to such Parish, and may recover the same as and with the usual Contributions.

Clerks of Assessment Committees to furnish Clerks of the Peace with Totals of Valuation Lists.

9. The Clerk of every Assessment Committee shall send annually in the Month of *December* Copies of the Totals of the gross estimated Rental and rateable Value of the Property included in the Valuation Lists of the several Parishes within the Union, and where such Totals have been altered by any Supplemental Valuation List or Lists then of such Totals as altered, to the Clerk or respective Clerks of the Peace of the County or Counties within which such Parishes respectively may be situate.

Power to Poor Law Board to order Map or Plan to be made.

10. If there be no Map or Plan of any Parish available for the Use or sufficient for the Purposes of the Assessment Committee, the Committee may, with the Consent of the Guardians, after Notice as aforesaid, and under the Authority of an Order of the Poor Law Board, appoint a competent Person to make a Map or Plan of such Parish, and the Cost thereof shall be charged either to the Common Fund, or to the Parish, as may be directed by the Poor Law Board.

Penalty on Overseers omitting to make Declaration or making false Declaration.

11. Any Overseer who wilfully omits to make the Declaration required to be made by the Union Assessment Committee Act, 1862, or makes the same falsely, knowing the same to be untrue, shall be liable for every such Offence to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, upon a summary Conviction for the same before Two Justices of the Peace.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 103. incorporated herewith.

12. The Provisions of the Union Assessment Committee Act, 1862, shall, so far as the same are not contrary hereto, be incorporated herewith, and the Terms used herein shall be construed in like Manner as in that Act.

Short Title.

13. This Act may be cited as "The Union Assessment Committee Amendment Act, 1864."