fire-engines with their appurtenances and firemen provided by the council of that borough or district shall be used for extinguishing fires in the parish.

(2.) Where a fire-engine is sent beyond the limits of a borough or district in pursuance of any such agreement, the owner of the lands or buildings where the fire occurred shall not by reason thereof be liable for any expense or charge under section thirty-three of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 89.

2. This Act may be cited as the Parish Fire-engines Act, 1898. Short title.

CHAPTER 39.

An Act to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1824.

[12th August 1898.]

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.—(1.) Every male person who— Persons trading in prostitution.

(*a*) knowingly lives wholly or in part on the earnings of prostitution; or

(*b*) in any public place persistently solicits or importunes for immoral purposes,

shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond within the meaning of the Vagrancy Act, 1824, and may be dealt with accordingly. 5 Geo. 4. c. 83.

(2.) If it is made to appear to a court of summary jurisdiction by information on oath that there is reason to suspect that any house or any part of a house is used by a female for purposes of prostitution, and that any male person residing in or frequenting the house is living wholly or in part on the earnings of the prostitute, the court may issue a warrant authorising any constable to enter and search the house and to arrest that male person.

(3.) Where a male person is proved to live with or to be habitually in the company of a prostitute and has no visible means of subsistence, he shall, unless he can satisfy the court to the contrary, be deemed to be knowingly living on the earnings of prostitution.

2.—(1.) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland. Extent, short title, and commencement.

(2.) This Act may be cited as the Vagrancy Act, 1898, and shall come into operation on the expiration of two months from the passing thereof.

CHAPTER 40.

An Act to amend the Law regarding the Circuit Clerks of Justiciary in Scotland. [12th August 1898.]

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:

Repeal of 50 & 51 Vict. c. 35. s. 73; and of 52 & 53 Vict. c. 54. s. 10.

1. Section seventy-three of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act, 1887, and section ten of the Clerks of Session (Scotland) Regulation Act, 1889, are hereby repealed.

Arrangement for clerks on circuit.

2. The duties of clerk of the High Court of Justiciary when sitting elsewhere than in Edinburgh shall be performed by the existing circuit clerk of Justiciary, and by the first and second assistant clerks of Justiciary for the time being, on such terms (as regards the first and second assistant clerks of Justiciary) as shall be fixed by the Treasury.

Provisions on vacation of office by circuit clerk of Justiciary.

3. When the existing circuit clerk of Justiciary vacates office, the vacancy thus occasioned shall not be filled up, and the duties of clerk referred to in the immediately preceding section shall be performed by the first and second assistant clerks of Justiciary for the time being: Provided always that it shall be in the power of the High Court of Justiciary on the application of the principal clerk of Justiciary to appoint a clerk or clerks to perform the said duties of clerk at any town or towns, whether circuit towns or not, when the business of the court requires such appointment to be made, and these duties shall be performed on such terms as shall be fixed by the Treasury.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Circuit Clerks (Scotland) Act, 1898.

CHAPTER 41.

An Act to amend the Prisons Acts. [12th August 1898.]

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:

Amalgamation of directors of convict prisons with Prison Commissioners. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 21.

1. The Prison Commissioners shall be by virtue of their office directors of convict prisons, and they shall be assisted in the performance of their duties as such by the inspectors and other officers appointed under section seven of the Prison Act, 1877.