enlarging or limiting the said boundaries, or by combining two or more such special water supply districts or special drainage districts or portions thereof.

Local authority to act on requisition of inhabitants.

3. The local authority shall not be entitled to meet for the purpose of considering the propriety of any such proposed alteration of boundaries or combination of two or more special water supply or special drainage districts, except after receiving a requisition to that effect, made in writing and signed by at least ten of the inhabitants of the district of the local authority in terms of section seventy-six or section eighty-nine of the recited Act, as the case may be; but upon receiving such a requisition it shall be bound to meet for said purpose, and twenty-one clear days notice of the meeting shall be given to the members of the local authority.

Decision of local authority subject to review.

4. In the event of the local authority resolving upon any such alteration of boundaries or combination as aforesaid as is hereby authorised its resolution shall be advertised, and shall be subject to appeal and review in like manner as is provided by sections seventy-six and eighty-nine of the recited Act in regard to advertising and appealing against resolutions as to the formation of special drainage districts and special water supply districts under that Act.

Application of Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867.

5. The whole provisions of the recited Act applicable to special drainage districts and special water supply districts shall be applicable mutatis mutandis to such districts when altered or combined under this Act.

Application of this Act.

6. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all special drainage districts and special water supply districts, whether formed before or after the passing of this Act, or altered or combined under the powers conferred by this Act.

CHAPTER 16.

An Act to provide for the winding up of the West Indian Relief Commission, and for the remission of certain Sums remaining unpaid in respect of Loans by the said Commission. [3d July 1879.]

2 & 3 W. 4. c. 125.

WHEREAS by the West India Loan Act, 1832, in consideration of the heavy losses which had been sustained in the island of Jamaica in consequence of insurrection and in the islands of Barbadoes, St. Vincent, and St. Lucia in consequence of hurricanes, certain sums were authorised to be raised and issued to the Commissioners under that Act (in this Act referred to as the West India Relief Commissioners) to be by them advanced for the assistance and accommodation of the said islands and of persons having properties therein, on due security being given for the repayment of the advances:

And whereas in consideration of the losses sustained in the island of Dominica in consequence of hurricanes, the provisions of the

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 51.

West India Loan Act, 1832, were extended to the island of Dominica by the Dominica Loan Act, 1835:

And whereas in pursuance of the above Acts the sums mentioned in the second column of the first schedule to this Act were advanced

on the security of the revenues and public property of the islands of Jamaica and Dominica respectively and to private persons having properties in those islands and in the islands of Barbadoes, St. Vincent, and St. Lucia on the security of such properties, and were to be repaid in ten years with interest at four per centum per annum:

And whereas in pursuance of the West India Loan Acts, 1840, 1844, 1845, and 1848, the time for the repayment of the said loans was extended, and in pursuance of the West India Loan Act, 1856, the West India Relief Commissioners, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in this Act referred to as the Treasury), granted a further extension of time of twenty years: 3 & 4 Vict. c. 40. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 17. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 50. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 38. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 35.

And whereas in pursuance of the Dominica Loan Acts, 1860 and 1867, certain annuities were accepted by the West India Relief Commissioners under the direction of the Treasury in liquidation of the remainder of the advances made on the security of the revenues and public property of the island of Dominica, and the last instalment of such annuity will fall due on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty: 23 & 24 Vict. c. 57. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 91.

And whereas in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, in consideration of the financial difficulties of the island of Jamaica and with the view of promoting its good and quiet government, it was agreed on the part of the Treasury that the said advances made on the security of the revenues and public property of the island, and the interest thereon, should be commuted for a perpetual annuity of six thousand four hundred pounds, payable annually out of the revenues of the island, and the Jamaica Loan Act, 1862, sanctioned that agreement, and appropriated the said annuity to the payment of such expenses of the government of the said island, and the objects connected therewith, and of the local improvements therein, as the Governor of the said island might from time to time direct, in pursuance of instructions from one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and it was provided by the said Act that in the event of the conditions of the Act not being complied with, nothing should prejudice the right of the Imperial Government to recover the debt so due from the island of Jamaica: 25 & 26 Vict. c. 55.

And whereas the principal of the advances to private persons having properties in the island of Barbadoes and the interest thereon have, with the exception of sums amounting in the aggregate to four hundred and sixty-one pounds ten shillings and elevenpence, as mentioned in the sixth column of the first schedule to this Act, been repaid, and it is anticipated that those excepted sums will shortly be repaid:

And whereas the advances to private persons having properties in the islands of Jamaica, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Dominica, have not been repaid in full, and the West India Relief Commissioners, in pursuance of the West India Loan Acts, have in some cases sold the properties on the security of which the advances were made, or have, with the consent of the Treasury, compounded for the sums due; and the principal of the said advances which remains unpaid amounts in the aggregate to the sum mentioned in the fifth column

of the first schedule to this Act, and that sum with the interest thereon is now irrecoverable:

And whereas in the course of the above transactions with private persons certain sums, of small amount, have remained in the hands of the West India Relief Commissioners, and have not been claimed by the persons entitled thereto:

And whereas it is expedient to provide for closing the accounts of the West India Relief Commissioners and determining the Commission:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the West India Loan Act, 1879.

The Acts mentioned in the first part of the second schedule to this Act are in this Act referred to as the West India Loan Acts, and each of them is in this Act referred to as the West India Loan Act of the year in which it was passed.

23 & 24 Vict. c. 57.
30 & 31 Vict. c. 91.

The Acts mentioned in the second part of the said schedule are in this Act referred to as the Dominica Loan Acts, 1860 and 1867.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 55.

The Act mentioned in the third part of the said schedule is in this Act referred to as the Jamaica Loan Act, 1862.

Remission of irrecoverable balances.

2. The principal of all sums remaining due in respect of the advances made in pursuance of the above-recited Acts to private persons having properties in the islands of Jamaica, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Dominica, and all arrears of interest on such advances, shall after the passing of this Act be extinguished, and shall be considered as a free grant from Parliament.

Transfer of power to Public Works Loan Commissioners.

3. At any time after the passing of this Act the Treasury may by notice in the London Gazette declare that it is expedient that the Public Works Loan Commissioners for the time being shall be the Commissioners for the execution of the West India Loan Acts, and upon the publication of such declaration all the powers of the West India Relief Commissioners shall vest in the Public Works Loan Commissioners for the time being, and the latter Commissioners shall be deemed to be the Commissioners referred to in the West India Loan Acts and the other Acts above mentioned.

Determination of West India Loan Commission, and repeal of Acts.

4. From and after the thirty-first of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty it shall be lawful for the Treasury at any time by notice in the London Gazette to declare that the powers of the West India Relief Commissioners are determined; and upon the publication of such declaration the powers of the said Commissioners, whether vested in the Public Works Loan Commissioners or otherwise, shall determine; and the Acts mentioned in the first and second parts of the second schedule to this Act shall be repealed as from the date of the said publication, without prejudice to anything previously done or suffered in pursuance of those Acts.

Transfer of unclaimed sums.

5. All sums in the hands of the West India Relief Commissioners which are due to private persons and have not been claimed shall, on the determination of the powers of the West India Relief Commissioners, be paid into the Exchequer, and if the person

entitled to any such sum claims the same after the passing of this Act, the Public Works Loan Commissioners shall certify to the Treasury the sum and the name of the person entitled, and the Treasury shall cause the same to be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament to the person named in the certificate.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

1. ——	2. Advanced.	3. Principal repaid up to 31st March 1879.	4. Converted into Annuity for Benefit of Island.	5. Principal unpaid on 31st March 1879 and irrecoverable.	6 Principal unpaid on 31st March 1879 to be recovered.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
I. *Jamaica:*					
(1.) Loan on credit of public revenue	200,000 0 0	40,011 4 10	159,988 15 2	—	Nil.
(2.) Loans to private persons having property, &c.	244,100 0 0	85,343 18 6	—	158,756 1 6	Nil.
II. *Barbadoes:*					
Loans to private persons having property -	303,550 0 0	303,088 9 1	—	—	461 10 11
III. *St. Vincent:*					
Loans to private persons having property -	104,750 0 0	61,011 17 10	—	43,738 2 2	Nil.
IV. *St. Lucia:*					
Loans to private persons having property -	18,800 0 0	16,305 10 7	—	2,494 9 5	Nil.
V. *Dominica:*					
(1.) Loan on credit of public revenue and public property - -	10,000 0 0	8,472 8 7	—	—	1,527 11 5
(2.) Loans to private persons having property -	66,950 0 0	5,070 1 8	—	61,879 18 4	Nil.
Total - -	£948,150 0 0	519,303 11 1	159,988 15 2	266,868 11 5	1,989 2 4

SECOND SCHEDULE.

PART I.

WEST INDIA LOAN ACTS.

Session and Chapter.	Title.
2 & 3 Will. 4. c. 125. - -	An Act for enabling His Majesty to direct the issue of Exchequer Bills to a limited amount for the purposes and in the manner therein mentioned, and for giving relief to Trinidad, British Guiana, and St. Lucie.
3 & 4 Vict. c. 40. - -	An Act to amend two Acts of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, for the relief of certain of Her Majesty's colonies and plantations in the West Indies.

Session and Chapter.	Title.
7 & 8 Vict. c. 17.	An Act for giving additional powers to the Commissioners for the relief of certain of Her Majesty's colonies and plantations in the West Indies.
8 & 9 Vict. c. 50.	An Act to facilitate the recovery of loans made by the West India Relief Commissioners.
11 & 12 Vict. c. 38.	An Act to authorise the West India Relief Commissioners to grant further time for the repayment of monies advanced by them in certain cases.
19 & 20 Vict. c. 35.	An Act to authorise the West India Relief Commissioners to grant further time for the repayment of monies advanced by them in certain cases.

PART II.

DOMINICA LOAN ACTS.

Session and Chapter.	Title.
5 & 6 Will. 4. c. 51.	An Act for granting relief to the island of Dominica; and to amend an Act of the second and third years of His present Majesty, for enabling His Majesty to direct the issue of Exchequer Bills to a limited amount for the purposes therein mentioned.
23 & 24 Vict. c. 57.	An Act to authorise an extension of the time for repayment of a loan made by the West India Relief Commissioners to the island of Dominica.
30 & 31 Vict. c. 91.	The Dominica Loan Act, 1867.

PART III.

JAMAICA LOAN ACT.

Session and Chapter.	Title.
25 & 26 Vict. c. 55.	An Act for the settlement of a loan due from the island of Jamaica to the Imperial Government.

CHAPTER 17.

An Act to amend the House of Commons Costs Taxation Act, 1847. [3d July 1879.]

10 & 11 Vict. c. 69.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the provisions of the House of Commons Costs Taxation Act, 1847, should be extended and made applicable to other cases than those mentioned in the said Act:

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:

Powers of 10 & 11 Vict. c. 69. extended

1. All the powers and provisions of the above-recited Act shall extend and apply to the costs, charges, and expenses of any parlia-