

PUBLIC ACTS OF PARLIAMENT PASSED IN 1863,
IN THE 26TH AND 27TH YEARS OF HER MAJESTY'S REIGN.

. The figure before each act denotes the chapter, and the date after each act records the exact time of its passing.

1. An act to enable her Majesty to provide an annuity of £40,000 for the establishment of the Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra of Denmark, and to settle on the Princess an annuity of £10,000 during her marriage, and an annuity of £30,000, in case of her surviving the Prince. March 5.
2. An act to make provision concerning bills of exchange and promissory notes payable in the metropolis on the day of the passage through the metropolis of Princess Alexandra of Denmark. March 5.
3. An act to extend the credit for payment of a portion of the excise duty on malt. March 27.
4. An act to extend for a further period the provisions of the Union Relief Aid Act of the last Session. March 27.
5. An act to amend the law relating to the Royal Naval Coast Volunteers. March 27.
6. An act to apply the sum of £1,000,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year 1863. March 27.
7. An act for altering the duties on tobacco, and permitting the manufacture of cavendish and negro-head in bond. March 27.
8. An act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters. April 20. The Annual Mutiny Act.
9. An act for the regulation of her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore. April 20. Also an annual act.
10. An act forbidding, under penalties, the exportation of unclean or unseasonable salmon, or salmon caught at prohibited times, from any part of the United Kingdom. April 20.
11. An act for the registration of births and deaths in Ireland. April 20.
12. An act to abolish the office of Secretary of War, and to transfer the duties of that office to her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State having the Seals of the War Department. May 4.
13. An act for the protection of certain garden or ornamental grounds in cities and boroughs. May 4. By this act, gardens in squares and in other places, in cities and boroughs, are to be freed from neglect and encroachment; and their management is to be vested, as regards the metropolis, except the city of London, in the Metropolitan Board of Works, and, as regards the city of London and other corporate towns, in the corporate authorities thereof.
14. An act to amend the law relating to Post Office Savings Banks. May 4.
15. An act to apply the sum of £20,000,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year 1863. May 11.
16. An act for raising the sum of £1,000,000 by Exchequer Bonds for the service of the year 1863. May 11.
17. An act for amending the 21 and 22 Vic., c. 98, the Local Government Act, 1858. May 11.
18. An act to authorise the inclosure of certain lands in pursuance of a report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales. May 11. This act incloses Meliden, Flintshire; Chelmarsh-common, Salop; Steeple Langford, Wilts; Bishop-Waltham, Hants; East Clandon, Surrey; Llysaen, Carnarvonshire; Sandhill Heath, Hants; St. David's, Pembrokehire; Corpustry, Norfolk; Grayrigg, and Lambriigg and Docker, Westmorland; Ewerby Waith, Lincolnshire; Ockham, Surrey; and Swaffham, Norfolk.
19. An act to amend the law relative to the sale of hares in Ireland. June 8.
20. An act to further limit and define the time for proceeding to election during the recess. June 8. This is effected by reducing the Speaker's notice in the Gazette from fourteen to six days.
21. An act to amend the law enabling Boards of Guardians to recover costs of maintenance of illegitimate children in certain cases in Ireland. June 8.
22. An act to grant certain duties and exemptions relating to the Customs and the Inland Revenue, especially as to the Income Tax on incomes of £100 and £200 a year. June 8.
23. An act to alter the boundaries of New Zealand. June 8.
24. An act to facilitate the appointment of Vice Admirals and of officers in the Vice Admiralty Courts in her Majesty's possessions abroad, and to confirm the past proceedings, to extend the jurisdiction, and to amend the practices, of those Courts. June 8.
25. An act to make further provision for the investment of the moneys received by the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt from the trustees of Savings Banks, established under the enactments of the 9th Geo. IV., c. 92. June 8.
26. An act to facilitate the drainage of land in Ireland. June 8.
27. An act to amend the law relating to marriages in Ireland. June 8.
28. An act to give further facilities to the holders of the public stocks. June 8.
29. An act to amend and continue (for five years from the passing of this act, and thence to the end of the then Session of Parliament) the law relating to corrupt practices at Elections of Members of Parliament. June 8.
30. An act to authorise further Harbour Regulations for the protection of her Majesty's Ships, Dockyards, and Naval Stations. June 22.
31. An act for the government of the Cayman Islands, near Jamaica. June 22.
32. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under the Local Government Act, 1858, the 21 and 22 Vic., c. 98, relating to the districts of Basford, Teignmouth, Kingston-upon-Hull, Nottingham, Bradford, Ryde, Bedford, Croydon, Batley, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Sheerness, and Bromsgrove. June 29.
33. An act for granting to her Majesty certain duties of Inland Revenue, and to amend the laws relating to the Inland Revenue. June 29. This act relates to beer licenses, sugar, stage-carriages, railways, shipping notices, refreshment houses, selling beer, spirits, and wine at fairs or races, and to some matters connected with the Income Tax. By s. 6, the duty on stage-carriages (i.e., omnibuses and similar vehicles) licensed to carry not more than eight persons at one time is reduced to ten shillings.
34. An act to carry into effect an additional article to the treaty, the 7th of April, 1862, between her Majesty and the United States of America for the suppression of the African slave trade. June 29.
35. An act for the prevention and punishment of offences committed by her Majesty's subjects in South Africa, extending the criminal laws of the Cape of Good Hope to all her Majesty's subjects within any territory of Africa south of the 25th degree of south latitude, and not being within the jurisdiction of a civilised Government, and to be cognisable in the Courts of the Cape of Good Hope. June 29.

36. An act for carrying into effect the report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the state of the dioceses of Canterbury, London, Winchester, and Rochester; and for other purposes. June 29.
37. An act to debar the charge of pay, clothing, and contingent and other expenses of the disembodied Militia in Great Britain and Ireland; to grant allowances in certain cases to subaltern officers, adjutants, paymasters, quartermasters, surgeons, assistant-surgeons, and surgeon's mates of the Militia; and to authorise the employment of the non-commissioned officers. June 29.
38. An act to amend the act for placing the employment of women, young persons, and children in bleaching-works and dyeing-works under the regulations of the Factories Acts. June 29.
39. An act to authorise the inclosure of certain lands in pursuance of a special report of the Inclosure Commissioners. July 13. This act incloses North Nibley and Bisley, Gloucestershire; Cockfield Fell, Durham; Albury Hertford; Cotherstone Moor, Yorkshire; Baxterly Commons, Warwickshire; Wychoed and Rhyslyn, Radnorshire; Minsterworth, Gloucestershire; Westhope Hill, Herefordshire; Llangwm, Bettws-gwerffil-goch, and Llanfangel-glyn-myfir, Denbighshire; Mosser, Cumberland; North Moor and South Moor, Somersetshire; Akeld and Humbleton, Northumberland; Llandewi-betri, Cardiganshire; Holt, Wilts; Stanstead-Marsh, the Rye Meads, and Castle Mead, or Causeway Mead, Herts.
40. An act for the regulation of bakehouses; limiting from nine at night to five in the morning the hours of labour in them of persons under eighteen years of age, and providing for the cleanliness and ventilation of them, under penalties. July 13.
41. An act to amend the law respecting the liability of Innkeepers, and to prevent certain frauds upon them. July 13. By this act an Innkeeper is not liable for the loss of the goods or property of a guest in his Inn, beyond the sum of £30, except as to horses, other live animals, or carriages; and except where the goods have been stolen, lost, or injured, through the wilfulness, default, or neglect of the Innkeeper or his servants, and except where the goods have been deposited with the Innkeeper for safe custody.
42. An act to amend the 20 and 21 Vic., c. 23, authorising the sale of mill sites and water powers by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland. July 13.
43. An act to enable her Majesty's Postmaster-General to sell and otherwise dispose of land. July 13.
44. An act for the further security of the persons of her Majesty's subjects from personal violence. July 13. This act gives power to Courts, in certain cases of personal violence, to award the punishment of whipping.
45. An act for making a new street from Blackfriars to the Mansion House, in the city of London, in connection with the embankment of the River Thames, on the northern side of that river, and for other purposes. July 13.
46. An act for further continuing till the 5th of July, 1872, and appropriating the London coal and wine duties. July 13.
47. An act for removing doubts as to the powers of the Courts of the Church of Scotland, and extending the powers of the said Courts. July 13.
48. An act to repeal the 20 and 21 Vic., c. 66, for punishing mutiny and desertion of officers and soldiers in the service of the East India Company, for regulating in such service the payment of regimental debts, and the distribution of the effects of officers and soldiers dying in the service. July 13.
49. An act giving power to sell and dispose of lands, parcel of the possessions of the Duchy of Cornwall, and to purchase other lands to be annexed thereto, and to regulate future grants of leases of the possessions of the said Duchy, and for other purposes. July 13.
50. An act to continue the powers of the Commissioners under the Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) Act, the 25 and 26 Vic., c. 97, until Jan. 1, 1865, and to amend the said act. July 13.
51. An act to amend the Passengers Act, 1855, the 18 and 19 Vic., c. 119. July 13.
52. An act to further extend and make compulsory the practice of vaccination in Ireland. July 13.
53. An act to suspend the making of lists and the ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom. July 13.
54. An act for vesting in her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department certain lands and hereditaments at Walmer, in the county of Kent. July 13.
55. An act to continue the Poor Law Board till July 23, 1864, and the end of the then next Session of Parliament. July 21.
56. An act to make perpetual, the 3 and 4 Vic., c. 110, an act to amend the laws relating to loan societies. July 21.
57. An act to consolidate and amend the acts relating to the payment of regimental debts, and the distribution of the effects of officers and soldiers in case of death, and to make like provision for the cases of desertion and insanity, and other cases. July 21.
58. An act for conforming a scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the management of the charity of Sir Robert Hitchman, Knight, King's Serjeant, for the benefit of Framlingham, Debenham, and Levington, in the county of Suffolk, and of Coggeshall, in the county of Essex. July 21.
59. An act for confirming a scheme of the Charity Commissioners for the management of the charities in the borough of Ruthin, in the county of Denbigh, comprising the Hospital of Christ and its subsidiary endowments, the Grammar School, Edward Lloyd's Foundation, and Bishop Goodman's Charity. July 21.
60. An act to confirm a certain provisional order under the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, the 25 and 26 Vic., c. 101, relating to the burgh of Leith. July 21.
61. An act to prevent waywardens contracting for works within their own district. July 21.
62. An act to amend the law relating to the seizure of growing crops in Ireland. July 21.
63. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under the Land Drainage Act, 1861, the 24 and 25 Vic., c. 133. July 21.
64. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under the Local Government Act (1858), relating to the districts of Plymouth, Holywell, Llanely, West Ham, Worthing, Abcravon, and Wallasey. July 21.
65. An act to consolidate and amend the acts relating to the Volunteer Force in Great Britain. July 21.
66. An act to amend the law relating to prisons in Ireland. July 21.
67. An act to enable provision to be made out of the funds of Greenwich Hospital for the widows of seamen and marines slain, killed, or drowned in the sea service of the Crown. July 21.
68. An act to extend the powers of the Act relating to the Main Drainage of the Metropolis. July 21.
69. An act to establish officers of the Royal Naval Reserve. July 21.
70. An act to facilitate the execution of public works in certain manufacturing districts, to authorise for that purpose advances of public money to a

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limited amount upon security of local rates, and to shorten the period for the adoption of the Local Government Act, 1858, in certain cases. July 21.

71. An act for the preservation and improvement of Harwich Harbour. July 28.

72. An act for the further improvement of the Harbour of Howth. July 28.

73. An act to give further facilities to the holders of India Stock. July 28.

74. An act to enable her Majesty to declare gold coins to be issued from her Majesty's Branch Mint at Sydney, New South Wales, a legal tender for payments, and for other purposes relating thereto. July 28.

75. An act for the embankment of part of the River Thames, on the south side thereof, in the parish of St. Mary, Lambeth, and for other purposes. July 28.

76. An act to determine the time (viz., on publication) at which letters patent shall take effect in the colonies. July 28.

77. An act to amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of justices residing or being out of the county for which they are justices. July 28.

78. An act to amend the acts relating to the turnpike-roads in the neighbourhood of the metropolis, north of the River Thames. July 28. This act abolishes, after the 1st of July, 1864, various tollgates in the suburban districts of London.

79. An act for the amendment of the law relating to the religious instruction of prisoners in county and borough prisons in England and Scotland. July 28.

80. An act for providing a further sum towards defraying the expenses of constructing fortifications for the protection of the Royal Arsenal and Dockyards and the ports of Dover and Portland, and of creating a central arsenal. July 28.

81. An act to amend, so far as regards advances for the purpose of the Harbours and Passing Tolls, &c., Act, 1861, certain of the acts authorising the advance of money out of the Consolidated Fund for carrying on public works and fisheries, and employment of the poor. July 28.

82. An act to empower Bishops of Welsh dioceses to facilitate the making provision for English services in certain parishes in Wales. July 28.

83. An act to define the boundaries of the colony of British Columbia, and to repeal the first section, and to continue till Dec. 31, 1863, the other sections of the 21 and 22 Vic., c. 99, an act to provide for the government of the said colony. July 28.

84. An act to confirm certain acts of Colonial Legislature. July 28.

85. An act to give relief (by allowing them to make solemn affirmations or declarations) to persons who may refuse or be unwilling, from alleged conscientious motives, to be sworn in criminal proceedings in Scotland. July 28.

86. An act to authorise the taking of harbour dues at Port Erin, in the Isle of Man, in order to provide a fund for the improvement of the harbour, and for other purposes. July 28.

87. An act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to Savings Banks. July 28.

88. An act to enable landed proprietors to construct works for the drainage and improvement of lands in Ireland. July 28.

89. An act for the further amendment of the law relating to the removal of poor persons, natives of Ireland, from England. July 28.

90. An act to provide for the registration of marriages in Ireland. July 28.

91. An act to extend for a further period the provisions of the Union Relief Aid Acts. July 28.

92. An act for consolidating in one act certain provisions frequently inserted in acts relating to railways. July 28.

93. An act for consolidating in one act certain provisions frequently inserted in acts relating to waterworks. July 28.

94. An act to amend the law relating to the repair of turnpike-roads in England, and to continue certain turnpike acts in Great Britain. July 28.

95. An act for continuing various expiring acts. July 28. This act continues, for periods varying for a year or two, certain acts relating to poor-rates, Irish poor-laws and county cess, ecclesiastical jurisdiction, diseases of sheep and cattle, episcopal and capitular estates, and landed property improvement in Ireland.

96. An act to amend the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851, and the Petty Sessions Clerks (Ireland) Act, 1858. July 28.

97. An act to enable cities, towns, and boroughs of 25,000 inhabitants and upwards to appoint stipendiary magistrates. July 28.

98. An act to confirm certain provisional orders made under the 14 and 15 Vic., c. 38, an Act to facilitate Arrangements for the Relief of the Turnpike Trusts. July 28.

99. An act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund and the surplus of Ways and Means to the service of the year 1863, and to appropriate the supplies granted in the Sessions of Parliament. July 28.

100. An act to render owners of dogs in Scotland liable, in certain cases, for injuries done by their dogs to sheep and cattle. July 28.

101. An act to appoint additional commissioners for executing the acts for granting a land tax and other rates and taxes. July 28.

102. An act to reduce the duty on rum in certain cases. July 28.

103. An act to amend the law in certain cases of misappropriation by servants of the property of their masters. July 28. By this act, after Sept. 1, 1863, servants taking their masters' corn, &c., without authority, for the purpose of giving the same to their masters' horses, &c., are not to be deemed guilty of or proceeded against for felony, but shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £5, or imprisonment not exceeding three months. Justices may dismiss cases if deemed too trifling.

104. An act for confirming certain provisional orders made by the Board of Trade, under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Blackpool, Deal and Walmer, Exmouth, Rosehearty, Ilfracombe, Instow, Bangor, Chatham, Bray, Dartmouth, and Nairn. July 28.

105. An act to remove certain restrictions on the negotiations of promissory notes and bills of exchange under a limited sum. July 28.

106. An act to further amend the law relating to the conveyance of land for charitable uses. July 28.

107. An act to indemnify such persons in the United Kingdom as have omitted to qualify themselves for offices and employments, and to extend the time limited for such purposes respectively. July 28.

108. An act to extend and make compulsory the practice of vaccination in Scotland. July 28.

109. An act for remedying certain defects in the law relating to the removal of prisoners in Scotland. July 28.

110. An act to amend the Lunacy Acts in relation to the building of asylums for pauper lunatics. July 28.

111. An act to amend the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society Winding-up Act, 1861. July 28.

112. An act to regulate the exercise of powers, under special acts, for the construction and maintenance of telegraphs. July 28.

113. An act to prohibit the sale and use of poisoned grain or seed. July 28.

114. An act to amend the laws relating to fisheries in Ireland. July 28.

115. An act to explain the Act for the Amendment of the law relative to Gratuitous Trustees in Scotland. July 28.

116. An act to provide for the appointment of navy prize agents, and respecting their duties and remuneration. July 28.

117. An act to amend the Nuisances Removal Act for England, 1855, with respect to the seizure of diseased and unwholesome meat. July 28.

118. An act for consolidating in one act certain provisions frequently inserted in acts relating to the constitution and management of companies incorporated for carrying on undertakings of a public nature. July 28.

119. An act to prevent false representations as to grants of medals or certificates made by the Commissioners for the Exhibitions of 1851 and 1862. July 28.

120. An act for the augmentations of certain benefices, the right of representation to which is vested in the Lord Chancellor. July 28.

121. An act to establish the validity of acts performed in her Majesty's possessions abroad by certain clergymen ordained in foreign parts, and to extend the powers of colonial legislatures with respect to such clergymen. July 28.

122. An act to enable her Majesty in Council to make alterations in the circuits of the Judges. July 28.

123. An act to amend the law relating to district parochial churches in Ireland. July 28.

124. An act for the more effectual condensation of muriatic acid gas in alkalis. July 28.

125. An act for promoting the revision of the statute law, by repealing certain enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary. July 28.

*** There are 238 local and personal acts declared public, principally relating to railways, roads, gas, and waterworks. Of these, c. 46 authorises the construction of a new public road from Battersea to Clapham, and c. 62 authorises the Corporation of London to rebuild Blackfriars Bridge. There are eight private acts relating to the settlement of certain lands and estates. Of these the seventh relates to the estates annexed to the earldom of Arundel, and the eighth to estates devised by the late George O'Brien, Earl of Egremont.

Under a new Act innkeepers, hotelkeepers, licensed victuallers, and others are not to be liable to a greater amount than £30 for the property of a guest, except where such goods were stolen or injured through wilful neglect, or except where such goods were expressly deposited for safe custody. An innkeeper is bound to receive goods of a guest for safe custody.

Under the new Inland Revenue Act an alteration has been made with regard to excise licenses. Instead of taking out several licenses by one person, several trades may now be carried on by one license on payment of the amount of the several duties.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.—**FOR ENGLAND:** an infant should be registered within six weeks after its birth. No fee is payable; but after forty-two days, a fee of 7s. 6d. is chargeable. Notice should be given of deaths to the district registrar. Let this be done early, that a certificate may be had to give to the minister who performs the funeral service.—**FOR SCOTLAND:** an infant must be registered within twenty-one days after its birth. A marriage must be registered within three days after the occurrence. A death must be registered within eight days after the event.

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THE FUNDS.

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New 5 per Cent.			
New £3 10, 1854			
New £2 10			
Annuitants for terms of years			
East India Stock	} 8th July.	} and	} Thursday,
India 5 per Cent. Stock			
3 per Cent. Reduced	} 8th April	} and	} 11 till 2.30.
New 3 per Cent.			
Annuitants for 30 years, 1855			
Ditto for terms of years			
Bank Stock	} 14th October.		