

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1866.

PUBLIC ACTS OF PARLIAMENT PASSED IN 1865,
IN THE 28TH AND 29TH 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 passing.

1. An act to amend certain clerical errors in the 27 and 28 Vic., c. 99, the Civil Bill Courts Procedure Amendment Act (Ireland), 1864. March 3.
2. An act to extend the powers now vested in justices of the peace to grant licenses to deal in game to the divisional magistrates within the police district of Dublin metropolis. March 27.
3. An act for the protection of inventions and designs exhibited at certain industrial exhibitions in the United Kingdom. March 27.
4. An act to supply the sum of £175,650 out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending the 31st day of March, 1865. March 27.
5. An act for the incorporation of the territories of British Kaffraria with the colony of the Cape of Good Hope. March 27.
6. An act for the protection of inventions and designs exhibited at the Dublin International Exhibition for the year 1865. March 27.
7. An act to confirm a provisional order under the 25 and 26 Vic., c. 101, the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, relating to the burgh of Perth. April 7.
8. An act to amend the 11 and 12 Vic., c. 98, the Election Petitions Act 1848, in certain particulars. April 7.
9. An act to allow affirmations and declarations to be made instead of oaths in all civil and criminal proceedings in Scotland. April 7.
10. An act to supply the sum of £15,000,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year 1865. April 7.
11. An act for punishing mutiny and desertion and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters. April 7.
12. An act for the regulation of her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore. April 7.
13. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under the 26 and 27 Vic., c. 88, the Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863, and the act amending the same. April 7.
14. An act to make better provision for the naval defence of the colonies. April 7.
15. An act to extend to Jan. 1, 1866, the term for granting fresh letters patent for the high courts in India, and to make further provision respecting the territorial jurisdiction of the said courts. April 7.
16. An act to make further provision for the management of the unredeemed public debt in Ireland, and for the reduction of the interest payable on certain sums advanced by the Bank of Ireland for the public service. April 7.
17. An act to enlarge the powers of the Governor-General of India in Council at meetings for making laws and regulations, and to amend the law respecting the territorial limits of the several presidencies and lieutenant-governorships in India. May 9.
18. An act for amending the law of evidence and practice on criminal trials. May 9.
19. An act to extend the period for borrowing the sum authorised to be raised under the Metropolitan Main Drainage Extension Act, 1863. May 9.
20. An act to authorise the inclosure of certain lands, in pursuance of a report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales. May 9. This act incloses Maerbach-hill, Herefordshire; Elmly Lovett, Elmbridge, and Broad Heath-common, or Hanley Heath, Worcestershire; Helmsly-common and Trumfield, Yorkshire; Ashby-Windermere, Westmorland; Donhead St. Mary, Wilts; Gambley Fell, Cumberland; Reepham Moor, Lincolnshire; Epsom-common fields, Surrey; Llawrbante and Abernant, Carmarthenshire; and Fulmer-common, Bucks.
21. An act to amend the Irish Bankrupt and Insolvent Act, 1857. May 9.
22. An act to amend the acts relating to the Scottish herring fisheries. May 9.
23. An act to confirm a provisional order under "The Land Drainage Act, 1861." May 9.
24. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the districts of Bridlington, Brighouse, Burnley, Henley, Shipley, Wallingford, Llangollen, Ormskirk, Swansea, Tormoham, and Lockwood. May 9.
25. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the districts of Derby, Ramsgate, Oswestry, Bury, Heap, Cockermonth, Matlock Bath, and Bromsgrove. May 9.
26. An act to provide for superannuation allowances to officers of unions in Ireland. May 26.
27. An act to empower committees of both Houses of Parliament to award costs in certain cases of private bills. May 26.
28. An act to authorise certain payments out of the land revenues of the Crown to provide compensation for certain claims in the Isle of Man. May 26.
29. An act for raising the sum of £1,000,000 Exchequer bonds for the service of the year 1865. May 26.
30. An act to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue. May 26.
31. An act to enable the Commissioners of her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to acquire additional lands for improving the site of the new public offices in Downing-street and the approaches thereto. June 2.
32. An act to enable the Secretary of State in Council of India to acquire additional lands for improving the site of the Indian Office and the approaches thereto. June 2.
33. An act to repeal the 6 Anne, c. 11, an act of the Parliament of Ireland for explaining and amending the several acts against tories, robbers, and rapparees. June 2.
34. An act to make the 27 and 28 Vic., c. 116, the Metropolitan Houseless Poor Act, perpetual. June 2.
35. An act to amend the law relating to the Police Superannuation Funds in counties and boroughs. June 2.
36. An act to amend the law relating to the registration of county voters, and to the powers and duties of Revising Barristers in certain cases. June 2.
37. An act to make better provision respecting the transaction of County Business and the administration of justice at Quarter Sessions in the county of Sussex, and to confirm certain proceedings of the Justices of the said county. June 2.
38. An act to authorise the alteration of the time for holding statutory meetings of Commissioners of Supply in Scotland. June 19.
39. An act to authorise the inclosure of certain lands, in pursuance of a report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales. June 19. This act incloses Llangler, Pemboyr, and Khrudin, Carmarthenshire; Bradwell, Derbyshire; East Knoyle, Wilts; Hartley-Wintney, Chidden Down, and Anthill-common, Hants; Longsoddale, Westmorland; Longville-common,

- and Gravehunger Moss, Salop; Selston, Notts; Brockcomb-common, and Blagrove Moor, Devonshire; Chipping-Wycombe, Bucks; Brumby-commons and Brumby Moors, Lincolnshire; Nuthurst, Sussex; Stinchcombe, Gloucestershire; Addingham, Yorkshire; Bootle and Waberthwaite, Cumberland; Cefnllys, Radnorshire; Roughton, Norfolk; and Bettws-Gwerfil-Goch, Merionethshire.
40. An act to extend to the Court of Chancery of the county palatine of Lancaster certain of the provisions of the 23 and 24 Vic., c. 147, intituled "An Act to give to Trustees, Mortgagees, and Others certain Powers now commonly inserted in Settlements, Mortgages, and Wills." June 19.
 41. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the districts of Sheffield, Bradford, and Gloucester. June 19.
 42. An act for facilitating the annexation of tithes to district churches. June 19.
 43. An act to provide for the security of property of married women separated from their husbands in Ireland. June 19.
 44. An act for confirming a provisional order made by the Board of Trade under "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," relating to the pilotage of the River Tyne.
 45. An act to provide for the collection, by means of stamps, of fees payable in the superior Courts of Law at Westminster and in the offices belonging thereto. June 19.
 46. An act to amend the making of lists and ballots for the militia of the United Kingdom. June 19.
 47. An act to defray the charge of the 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, paymasters, quartermasters, surgeons, assistant surgeons, and surgeons' mates of the militia; and to authorise the employment of non-commissioned officers. June 19.
 48. An act to supply means towards defraying the expenses of providing courts of justice and the various offices belonging thereto, and for other purposes. June 19.
 49. An act to enable the Commissioners of her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings to acquire a site for the erection and concentration of courts of justice and of the various offices belonging to the same. June 19.
 50. An act for regulating the keeping of dogs, and for the protection of sheep and other property from dogs, in Ireland. June 19.
 51. An act to enable the Admiralty to contract for certain works in connection with the extension of her Majesty's dockyards. June 29.
 52. An act to amend "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Acts (Ireland)," and to afford further facilities for the purposes thereof. June 29.
 53. An act to confirm a provisional order under "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and the act amending the same. June 29.
 54. An act to alter to the 1st of February and the 1st of October the days between which pheasants may not be killed in Ireland. June 29.
 55. An act to empower the University of Oxford to make statutes as to the Vinerian foundation in that University. June 29.
 56. An act to provide for the better prevention of trespass in Scotland. June 29.
 57. An act to amend certain provisions in "The Ecclesiastical Leasing Act, 1858." June 29.
 58. An act for confirming, with amendments, certain provisional orders made by the Board of Trade under The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Carrickfergus, Hastings, Maldon, Northam, and Shanklin. June 29.
 59. An act for confirming, with amendments, a provisional order made by the Board of Trade under "The Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862," relating to the pilotage of the port of Sunderland. June 29.
 60. An act to render owners of dogs in England and Wales liable for injuries to cattle and sheep. June 29.
 61. An act for providing a further sum towards defraying the expenses of constructing fortifications for the protection of the Royal arsenals and dockyards and the ports of Dover and Portland, and of creating a central arsenal. June 29.
 62. An act to provide for the exemption of churches and chapels in Scotland from poor rates. June 29.
 63. An act to remove doubts as to the validity of colonial laws. June 29.
 64. An act to remove doubts respecting the validity of certain marriages contracted in her Majesty's possessions abroad. June 29.
 65. An act to explain "The Defence Act, 1860." June 29.
 66. An act to allow the charging of the excise duty on malt according to the weight of the grain used. June 29.
 67. An act to amend the acts relating to the harbour of Kingstown. June 29.
 68. An act to enable the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England to grant superannuation allowances to persons employed in their service. June 29.
 69. An act further to amend and render more effectual the law for providing fit houses for the beneficed clergy, and for other purposes. June 29.
 70. An act to alter the distribution of the constabulary force in Ireland and to make better provision for the police force in the borough of Belfast. June 29.
 71. An act to amend the acts for the establishment of a National Gallery in Dublin. June 29.
 72. An act to make better provision respecting wills of seamen and marines of the Royal Navy and Marines. June 29.
 73. An act for regulating the payment of naval and marine pay and pensions. June 29.
 74. An act to enable her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department to lay down and use a tramway or temporary railway across certain public roads in Devonshire. June 29.
 75. An act for facilitating the more useful application of sewage in Great Britain and Ireland. June 29.
 76. An act for confirming, with amendments, certain provisional orders made by the Board of Trade under the General Pier and Harbour Act, 1861, relating to Girvan, Mevagissey, and Stornoway. June 29.
 77. An act to amend the 27 and 28 Vic., c. 64, commonly called "The Public House Closing Act, 1864." June 29. By this act power is given to justices to grant licenses, in certain cases, to licensed victuallers and refreshment-house keepers, suspending the obligation of closing their houses between two and four o'clock in the morning.
 78. An act to enable certain companies to issue mortgage debentures founded on securities upon or affecting land, and to make provision for the registration of such mortgage debentures and securities. June 29.
 79. An act to provide for the better distribution of the charge for the relief of the poor in unions. June 29.
 80. An act to explain and amend "The Lunatic Asylum Act, 1853," and "The Lunacy Act Amendment Act, 1862," with reference to counties of towns which have Courts of Quarter Sessions, but no Recorder. June 29.

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- 81. An act to render valid marriages heretofore solemnised in the chapel of ease, called Saint James-the-Greater Chapel, Eastbury, in the parish of Lamborne, in the county of Berks. July 5.
- 82. An act to amend "The Endowment and Augmentation of Small Benefices (Ireland) Act, 1860." July 5.
- 83. An act for further regulating the use of locomotives on turnpike or other roads for agricultural and other purposes. July 5.
- 84. An act to amend the Prisons (Scotland) Administration Act, 1860, and to explain the 52 and 77 secs. of the said act. July 5.
- 85. An act to amend the laws relating to procurators in Scotland. July 5.
- 86. An act to amend the law of Partnership. July 5.
- 87. An act to enable her Majesty's Postmaster-General to acquire a site for the extension of the General Post Office in St. Martin's-le-Grand, in the city of London. July 5.
- 88. An act for the recording of titles to land in Ireland. July 5.
- 89. An act to provide for the better government of Greenwich Hospital and the more beneficial application of the revenues thereof. July 5.
- 90. An act for the establishment of a fire brigade within the metropolis. July 5.
- 91. An act to confirm certain provincial orders made under the 14 and 15 Vic., cap. 28, an act to facilitate arrangements for the relief of turnpike trusts. July 5.
- 92. An act to shorten the time for the election of members to serve in Parliament for the Ayr district of burghs. July 5.
- 93. An act to consolidate the offices of Comptroller General of the Exchequer and Chairman of the Commissioners for auditing the public accounts, and for other purposes. July 5.
- 94. An act to amend the carriers act, the 11 Geo. IV., and 1 Wm. IV. c. 68. July 5.
- 95. An act to amend the law relating to the duties on sugar and the drawbacks on those duties. July 5.
- 96. An act to amend the laws relating to the inland revenue. July 5.
- 97. 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 5.
- 98. An act to allow British compounded spirits to be warehoused upon drawback. July 5.
- 99. An act to confer on the county courts a limited jurisdiction in equity. July 5.
- 100. An act to transfer from the Admiralty to the Board of Trade powers and duties relative to certain harbours. July 5.
- 101. An act for authorising transferable debentures to be charged upon land in Ireland. July 5.
- 102. An act to amend the 20 and 21 Vic., c. 73, an act for the abatement of the nuisance arising from the smoke of furnaces in Scotland, and the 24 and 25 Vic., c. 17, an act to amend the said act. July 5.
- 103. An act to provide for the discontinuance of a separate court of quarter sessions and a separate gaol in the borough of Falmouth. July 5.
- 104. An act to amend the procedure and practice in Crown suits in the Court of Exchequer at Westminster, and for other purposes. July 5.
- 105. An act to continue the Poor-Law Board till the 23rd of July, 1866, and to the end of the then next Session of Parliament. July 5.
- 106. An act to authorise loans in aid of the construction of docks in British possession. July 5.
- 107. An act to continue till the 1st of November, 1866, certain turnpike acts in Great Britain. July 5.
- 108. An act to confirm certain provisional orders under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the districts of Nottingham, Rusholme, Plymouth, Redcar, Cardiff, Kingston-on-Hull, Guildford, Ramsgate, Ryde, Workington, and Oxford, and for other purposes relative to certain districts under the said act. July 5.
- 109. An act for transferring the Ulster Canal to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland. July 5.
- 110. An act to confirm a certain provisional order under "The Local Government Act, 1858," relating to the Hastings district. July 5.
- 111. An act to regulate the disposal of money and effects under the control of the Admiralty belonging to deceased officers, seamen, and marines of the Royal Navy and Marines, and other persons. July 5.
- 112. An act to repeal certain enactments relating to powers of the Commissioners of the Admiralty, and to various matters under the control of the Admiralty. July 5.
- 113. An act to authorise the payment of retiring-pensions to Colonial Governors. July 5.
- 114. An act for confirming, with amendments, certain provisional orders made by the Board of Trade under "The General Pier and Harbour Act, 1851," relating to Eastbourne, Clevedon, Herne Bay, Llandrillo, and Pensarn. July 5.
- 115. An act to amend The Naval Discipline Act, 1864. July 5.
- 116. An act to explain The Foreign Jurisdiction Act. July 5.
- 117. An act to regulate the appointment of a Vicar or Incumbent to the vicarage of the parish church of Rochdale, in the county of Lancaster, and in the diocese of Manchester. July 5.
- 118. An act to continue and amend the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1856. July 5.
- 119. An act for continuing various expiring acts. July 5.
- 120. An act to amend the acts relating to the preservation and improvement of Harwich Harbour. July 5.
- 121. An act to amend "The Salmon Fishery Act, 1861." July 5.
- 122. An act to amend the law as to the subscriptions and declarations to be made, and oaths to be taken, by the clergy of the Established Church of England and Ireland. July 5.
- 123. An act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund and the surplus of ways and means to the service of the year ending March 31, 1866, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament. July 6.
- 124. An act for consolidating certain enactments relating to the Admiralty. July 6.
- 125. An act for the regulation of dockyard ports. July 6.
- 126. An act to consolidate and amend the law relating to prisons. July 6.
- 127. An act to amend the law relating to small penalties. July 6.

* * * There are 882 local and personal acts, the large majority of which relate to railways. Of these acts, C 3 enables the Metropolitan Board of Works to open a new street in Whitechapel, and to remove Middle-row, Holborn; and C 258 is an act for making a railway from near the Waterloo station of the London and South-Western Railway to Whitehall. There are nine private acts printed, and one private act not printed.

RATES OF POSTAGE, MONEY ORDERS, NEWSPAPERS, &c.

Inland Letters to any part of the United Kingdom, if not exceeding half an ounce, are charged	1d.
Exceeding half an ounce, but not exceeding 1 ounce	2d.
" 1 ounce	3d.
" 1 1/2 "	4d.

And so on, an additional penny for every additional half an ounce, or fraction of the same.
 Unstamped Letters are charged double postage on delivery.
 All Letters should be clearly addressed in a plain hand. The stamp should stand above the address, to the right hand of the writer.
 If coin be inclosed in a letter, the letter will be charged double the fee of a Registered Letter.

Letters to go the same day into the Country must be put in at the Receiving Houses before half-past five p.m.; at the Branch Offices before six; or with an additional stamp before a quarter to seven. Letters are received at St. Martin's-le-Grand only until seven, by paying one penny extra; and until half-past Seven by paying sixpence extra, or by placing stamps to that amount on the letter extra to the postage.

Within the Town limits there are eleven deliveries daily; the first or general despatch is made from St. Martin's-le-Grand at about 7.30 a.m., and the delivery is generally completed throughout London by nine o'clock. The last despatch is made at 7 p.m., and all letters for this delivery should bear the district initials to ensure delivery.

REGISTERED LETTERS.—Colonial letters, book-packets, &c., except those to Ascension, Vancouver, British Columbia, and Labuan, may be registered upon payment in money of a fee of 6d. over and above the postage. Letters only can be registered to certain foreign countries, but in many cases only to the port of despatch. Inland letters are charged 4d.

Registered Letters for France, and Countries through France, except those sent in the closed Mails to India, &c., are charged a fee equal in all cases to the postage. To Russia, Poland, and Italy, 6d. in addition to 6d. for every 1/2 oz. or fraction thereof. Registered Letters must be posted half an hour previous to ordinary Letters.

Stamped NEWSPAPERS from one Post Town to another within the United Kingdom, free, provided that they are folded with the Stamp outside, and posted within fifteen days of publication. India via Southampton, 2d. Newspapers to the Colonies, whether stamped or unstamped, 1d.; via any Foreign Country, 2d.

MONEY ORDERS are granted and paid at every Post Town in the United Kingdom:—3d. for sums not exceeding £2, and 6d. not exceeding £5, not exceeding £7, 9d., and £10, 1s. The Commission on Money Orders to the Colonies is fourfold these sums, and on Money Orders payable at Malta, or Gibraltar, threefold.

Payment of an Order must be obtained before the end of the second month, exclusive of the month the Order was issued in, or a fresh commission must be paid; under any circumstances an Order will not be paid after twelve clear months.

In case of the miscarriage or loss of a Money Order, a duplicate is granted on a written application (with the necessary particulars, and inclosing the amount of a second commission in postage-stamps) to the Comptroller of the Money Order Office of the Kingdom where the Original Order was issued.

SAVINGS BANKS have now been established at most of the money-order offices. Deposits are received daily from 1s. upwards, and upon every complete pound yearly interest is given at the rate of £2 10s. per cent.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN MAILS.—The Mails are made up for the United States every Saturday evening and Wednesday morning, 1s. Australia, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and Mauritius, via Southampton, 20th, M., 6d. 26th via Marseilles, E., 10d. under 1/2 oz. Canada, Thursday, E., 6d. (and Saturday, E., letters via United States, 8d.). Cape Coast Castle, Sierra Leone, 23rd, E. 6d. Cape of Good Hope, 5th, E., 1s. Ceylon (10d.) China, via Marseilles, 1s. 4d. 10th and 26th, E.; via Southampton, 4th and 20th, M., 1s. under 1/2 oz. (Ceylon, 6d.) Egypt and Malta (6d. under 1/2 oz.) India, via Marseilles, 10d. under 1/2 oz. 2d., 10th, 18th, 26th, E., (no Mails to Bombay or the North-West Provinces are forwarded on the 10th and 26th, or 4th and 20th); via Southampton, 4th, 12th, 20th, 27th, M., 6d. Gibraltar, M. and E. via France, 6d. under 1/2 oz. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, alt. Sat. E. (6d.) or via United States, alt. Sat. E. (8d.) Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, alt. Sat. E. 6d. Vancouver Island, (British Columbia), every Saturday, E. via New York, 1s. 2d., West Indies, British, 2nd and 17th M., 1s.

France and the Continent of Europe, via France, twice daily. Belgium and Continent of Europe, via Belgium, daily.

THE BOOK POST.—A Book, unstamped Newspaper (or stamped Newspaper more than fifteen days old), or any number of Books or Printed Letters from one Post Town to another, within the United Kingdom, in a cover open at the ends, not exceeding two feet in length, and not exceeding 4 oz. 1d.; not exceeding 8 oz. 2d.; not exceeding 16 oz. 4d.; and for every additional 8 oz. or fraction thereof, 2d. A Book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed letters, and printed matter of every kind); but no written letter is allowed in any case.

The privileges of the Book Post are now extended to the whole of the British Colonies and Settlements at the following rates:—To Ceylon, East Indies, Hong-Kong, Labuan, Mauritius, New Zealand, New South Wales, Queensland, S. and W. Australia, Tasmania, and Victoria, (via Southampton), 4oz. 4d., 8oz. 8d., 1 lb. 1s. 4d., 1 1/2 lb. 2s., &c. The weight of each packet to Queensland, or New South Wales is limited to 3 lb. To other places not exceeding 4oz. 3d., 8oz. 6d., 1 lb. 1s., 1 1/2 lb. 1s. 6d., &c. Packets to any part of Cape Colony other than Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, or Mossel Bay must be addressed to the care of some one at either of these places.

PATTERN POST.—Between England and France.—1st. The Pattern must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, wearing apparel, medicines, keys, and indeed whatever may have a value of its own, whether a money value or other, apart from its mere use as a Pattern. 2nd. The Patterns must bear only the address of the persons for whom they are intended, a manufacturer's or trade mark, numbers, and the prices of the articles. 3rd. The Patterns must be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples, however, of seeds, drugs, &c., which cannot be sent in open covers, may be inclosed in bags of linen, paper, or other material, tied at the neck with string. 4th. Articles such as the following are prohibited: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp-pointed instruments, acids of all kinds, &c.