

PUBLIC ACTS OF PARLIAMENT PASSED IN 1878,

IN THE 41ST AND 42ND YEARS OF HER MAJESTY'S REIGN.

\* \* \* The figure before each Act denotes the chapter.

1. An Act to apply the sum of £6,000,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1878.
2. An Act to raise the sum of £6,000,000 by Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills.
3. An Act to relieve certain occupiers of dwelling-houses from being disqualified from the right of voting in the election of members to serve in Parliament by reason of their underletting such dwelling-houses for short terms.
4. An Act to extend the hours of polling at Parliamentary elections in the metropolis.
5. An Act to relieve certain occupiers of dwelling-houses in Scotland from being disqualified from the right of voting in the election of members to serve in Parliament by reason of their underletting such dwelling-houses for short terms.
6. An Act to amend the Glebe Loans (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1875.
7. An Act to raise the sum of £1,000,000 by Exchequer Bonds for the service of the year ending on March 31, 1878.
8. An Act to enable local authorities to acquire and lay out land for public parks and pleasure-grounds in Scotland.
9. An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending March 31, 1877-8-9.
10. An Act for punishing mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their quarters.
11. An Act for the regulation of her Majesty's Royal Marine Forces while on shore.
12. An Act for the prevention of accidents by thrashing-machines.
13. An Act to declare the law relating to the acceptance of bills of exchange.
14. An Act to amend the law relating to public baths and washhouses.
15. An Act to grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to alter other duties, and to amend the laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue.
16. An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to factories and workshops.
17. An Act to amend the Adulteration of Seeds Act, 1869.
18. An Act to grant money for the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners and by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, and to authorise the former Commissioners to compound and cancel certain loans and interest, and to amend the Public Works Loans Act, 1877.
19. An Act to amend the Matrimonial Causes Acts.
20. An Act to provide for returns respecting continuous brakes in use on passenger-trains on railways.
21. An Act to apply the sum of £7,500,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1879. Consolidated Fund (No. 3) Act.
22. An Act to raise the sum of £1,500,000 by Exchequer Bonds for the service of the year ending March 31, 1879. Exchequer Bonds (No. 2) Act.
23. An Act to remove doubts concerning the due acknowledgment of deeds by married women in Ireland in certain cases.
24. An Act to amend the Public Works Loans (Ireland) Act, 1877, so far as relates to lunatic asylums.
25. An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1875, so far as relates to the supply of water.
26. An Act to amend the law relating to the registration of voters in Parliamentary boroughs and the enrolment of burgesses in municipal boroughs, and relating to certain rights of voting, and proceedings before and appeals from revising barristers.
27. An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877.
28. An Act to further amend the law of entail in Scotland.
29. An Act for conferring powers upon the Metropolitan Board of Works with respect to the obelisk known as "Cleopatra's Needle" and other monuments.
30. An Act to alter the time of electing Commissioners under the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862.
31. An Act to consolidate and amend the law for preventing frauds upon creditors by secret bills of sale of personal chattels.
32. An Act to amend the Metropolitan Management Act (1855), the Metropolitan Building Act (1855), and the Acts amending the same, respectively.
33. An Act to amend the law relating to dental practitioners.
34. An Act to amend the law relating to highways in South Wales.
35. An Act to extend for a further limited period section thirty-four of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875.
36. An Act to continue for one year the Police (Expenses) Act, 1875.
37. An Act to further amend the Act relating to the raising of money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes relating thereto.
38. An Act for the further relief of innkeepers.
39. An Act for the protection of fresh-water fish.
40. An Act to remove doubts with respect to the application to Scotland of the Prisons Authorities Act, 1874.
41. An Act to enable returning officers at Parliamentary elections in Scotland to require security for their expenses, and otherwise to amend the law of Scotland relating to such expenses.
42. An Act to amend and further extend the Acts for the commutation of tithes in England and Wales.
43. An Act to encourage regular marriages in Scotland.
44. An Act to make provision for the foundation of a Dean and Chapter for the Bishopric of Truro, and for the transfer to the cathedral church of Truro of one of the Canonries in the cathedral church of Exeter, and for other purposes connected therewith.
45. An Act to apply the sum of £14,500,000 out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on March 31, 1879. Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Act.
46. An Act to enable her Majesty to provide for the establishment of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn and her Royal Highness Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia, and to settle an annuity on her Royal Highness.
47. An Act to enable the trustees of the Elders Widows' Fund to apply the capital of the said fund in aid of income, and for other purposes in relation thereto.
48. An Act to amend the law relating to endowed schools and hospitals and other endowed institutions in Scotland, and for other purposes.

49. An Act to consolidate the law relating to weights and measures.
50. An Act to amend the County of Hertford and Liberty of St. Albans Act, 1874.
51. An Act to alter and amend the law in regard to the maintenance and management of roads and bridges in Scotland.
52. An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to public health in Ireland.
53. An Act to facilitate improvements in the organisation of the Admiralty and War Office by the retirement of clerks from certain of the Civil Departments thereof.
54. An Act to amend the Debtors' Act, 1869, and the Debtors' Act (Ireland), 1872.
55. An Act to enable the trustees of the British Museum to remove portions of their collections.
56. An Act to amend the law respecting the expense of regulating commons.
57. An Act for the revision of the statute law of Ireland.
58. An Act for further regulating the use of locomotives on highways in Scotland.
59. An Act to amend the law relating to the drainage and improvement of land in Ireland.
60. An Act to make better provision for idiots, imbeciles, and other afflicted persons in Ireland.
61. An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain marriages solemnised in the islands of Fiji prior to their erection into a British colony.
62. An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts, and to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts; and for other purposes connected therewith.
63. An Act to amend the Prisons Acts of 1877, so far as regards the Apportionment of certain Superannuation Allowances between the Treasury and the Local Authorities.
64. An Act to raise the sum of £2,000,000 by Exchequer Bonds, Exchequer Bills, or Treasury Bills, for the Service of the year ending on March 31, 1879.
65. An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the Service of the year ending March 31, 1879, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.
66. An Act to promote Intermediate Education in Ireland.
67. An Act for extending and amending the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts.
68. An Act to provide for the foundation of four new Bishoprics in England.
69. An Act to amend the law regulating the Office of Clerk of Petty Sessions, and the law relating to Fines, in Ireland, and for other purposes.
70. An Act to continue various expiring laws.
71. An Act to extend to metropolitan commons certain provisions of the Commons Act, 1876.
72. An Act to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday in Ireland.
73. An Act to regulate the law relating to the trial of offences committed on the sea within a certain distance of the coasts of her Majesty's dominions.
74. An Act for making better provision respecting contagious and infectious diseases of cattle and other animals, and for other purposes.
75. An Act to amend the law in respect to the polling district of Arranmore (Ireland).
76. An Act to make further provision respecting the Post Office telegraphs.
77. An Act to amend the law relating to highways in England and the Acts relating to locomotives on roads, and for other purposes.
78. An Act to further amend the provisions of the law of Scotland on the subject of education, and for other purposes connected therewith.
79. An Act for further promoting the revision of the Statute Law by repealing certain enactments which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary.

PARLIAMENTARY VOTING QUALIFICATIONS.—The persons entitled to the Parliamentary franchise are: (1). The separate occupier of any dwelling-house or premises within the City who is rated to all rates made for the relief of the poor in respect of such premises, and who has on or before July 20 previous to the last revision of the register paid all rates due up to the preceding Jan. 5. (2). The rated occupier of any portion of premises of the clear annual value of £10 who has similarly substantiated his claim. In each place there must be occupation as well as tenancy, and the claimant must have been an inhabitant of the City for twelve calendar months, and must prove that he has resided within twenty-five miles of the City within six months previous to July 31. Distance is measured from the boundary of the City nearest to the place in which the person resides. The overseers are required to publish lists of all persons rated in their respective parishes. (3). Lodgers who have been for twelve months previous to the last day of July the sole tenants of apartments of the net annual value of £10, and who claim to be placed on the list by the overseers before August 25 in the current year. (4). Liverymen who are on the list passed by the revising barrister at the last revision of the electoral register, with the above qualification as to residence within the previous six months. No person can vote more than once in any one election, however many qualifications he may possess.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES.—A return, issued by order of Parliament, gives the population and constituencies of the counties and boroughs of the United Kingdom in 1871; the number of electors in 1868 and 1877; the area in square miles; the number of members, and the amount of property and Income tax charged for the last year for which the returns were made up. For England and Wales the population in 1871 was 27,712,112; the number of electors in 1868 was 1,991,180, while in the year 1877 they were 2,377,822; the area in square miles, 58,260½; the number of members, 489; and the total amount of property and profits assessed to Income tax for the year ended April 5, 1876, was £440,130,058. For Scotland the population was 3,352,469; the number of electors in 1868, 239,856, and in 1877, 303,983; the area was 30,523½ square miles; the number of members, 60; and the amount of property and Income tax charged was £53,926,912. For Ireland the population in 1871 was 5,412,377; the number of electors in 1868 was 222,454, while in 1877 the number was 227,872; the area in square miles was 32,541½; the number of members was 103; and the amount of property and profits assessed to Income tax was £1,894,557. This gives a grand total for the United Kingdom of a population in 1871 of 31,476,958; the number of electors in 1868, 2,453,490, and in 1877, 2,909,677; an area of 121,325½ square miles; and 652 members of Parliament.