

PUBLIC ACTS OF PARLIAMENT PASSED DURING
THE SESSION 1882,

IN THE 45TH YEAR OF HER MAJESTY'S REIGN.

* * * The figure before each Act denotes the Chapter.

1. An Act to supply the sum of three hundred and thirteen thousand two hundred and seventy pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1882.
2. An Act to authorise the use of Reply Post-Cards, March 13, 1882.
3. An Act to amend the law relating to the use of gunpowder in slate-mines or quarries.
4. An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1882, &c.
5. An Act to enable her Majesty to provide for the establishment of his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany and her Serene Highness Princess Helen Frederica Augusta of Waldeck, and settle an annuity on her.
6. An Act to amend the law in regard to Householders under the General Police and Improvements Acts in Scotland.
7. An Act to provide during twelve months for the Discipline and Regulation of the Army.
8. An Act to apply the sum of nine millions two hundred and eighty-two thousand four hundred and thirty-five pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1883.
9. An Act to amend the Documentary Evidence Act, 1868, and other enactments relating to documents printed by the Government printers.
10. An Act for making provision for facilitating the manœuvres of troops to be assembled during the present summer.
11. An Act to amend the Public Health (Scotland) Act, 1867.
12. An Act to amend the laws relating to the application of money arising from the sale of militia store-houses.
13. An Act for the Improvement of Arklow Harbour.
14. An Act to confer further powers upon the Metropolitan Board of Works with respect to Streets and Buildings in the Metropolis.
15. An Act to provide the better application of moneys paid by way of compensation for the compulsory acquisition of common lands and adjustment of rights of common.
16. An Act to amend the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund Act, 1874.
17. An Act for the transfer of the property in Ireland held for the service of her Majesty's Customs and of the Inland Revenue to the Commissioners of Public Works, Ireland.
18. An Act to regulate the procedure of School Boards in Scotland in the dismissal of teachers.
19. An Act to amend the law relating to the interment of any person found *felô de se*.
20. An Act to amend the Poor-Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869.
21. An Act to Amend the Places of Worship Sites Act, 1873.
22. An Act to make better provision for inquiries with regard to boiler explosions.
23. An Act to extend the Public Health Act, 1875, to the making of bye-laws for fruit-pickers.
24. An Act to Amend the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851.
25. An Act for the prevention of crime in Ireland.
26. An Act to amend the law relating to the election of lords temporal to serve in Parliament for Ireland.
27. An Act to extend certain provisions of the Poor-Rate Assessment and Collection Act, 1869, to the highway rate, &c.
28. An Act to apply the sum of five millions seven hundred and three thousand eight hundred and ninety-one pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1883.
29. An Act to amend the Acts relating to the County Courts in Ireland, and make better provision for appeals under the said Acts.
30. An Act to amend the Baths and Washhouses Acts.
31. An Act to render judgments obtained in certain inferior Courts in England, Scotland, and Ireland, respectively, effectual in any other part of the United Kingdom.
32. An Act for the acquisition of property and the provision of new buildings for the Admiralty and War Office.
33. An Act further to amend the Acts relating to the raising of money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes.
34. An Act to amend the Beerdealers' Retail License Act, 1880.
35. An Act to amend so much of the Friendly Societies Act, 1875, as relates to quinquennial returns of sickness and mortality.
36. An Act to amend the Pauper Inmates Discharge and Regulation Act, 1871.
37. An Act to amend the law respecting the obtainment of corn returns.
38. An Act for facilitating sales, leases, and other dispositions of settled land and for promoting the execution of improvements thereon.
39. An Act for further improving the practice of conveyancing, and for other purposes.
40. An Act to amend the law of copyright relating to musical compositions.
41. An Act to grant certain duties of customs and inland revenue, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to customs and revenue.
42. An Act to amend the law relating to civil imprisonment in Scotland.
43. An Act to amend the Bills of Sale Act, 1878.
44. An Act to authorise the commutation of a portion of a pension in pursuance of the Pensions Commutation Act, 1871.
45. An Act to make provision for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Provident Branch of the Bombay Civil Service Fund and other funds to the Secretary of State for India in Council.
46. An Act to amend the Isle of Man (Officers) Act, 1876.
47. An Act to make provision respecting certain Arrears of Rent in Ireland.
48. An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Reserve Forces.
49. An Act for consolidating the Acts relating to the Militia.
50. An Act for consolidating, with amendments, enactments relating to Municipal Corporations in England and Wales.
51. An Act to extend the Acts relating to the purchase of small Government Annuities and to secure payment of money on death.
52. An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts and to repeal other Turnpike Acts, &c.
53. An Act to amend the law of entail in Scotland.
54. An Act to amend the Artisans' Dwellings Acts.
55. An Act to amend the law with respect to the charges on payments

made to the Mercantile Fund and to expenses of prosecutions for offences committed at sea.

56. An Act to facilitate and regulate the supply of electricity for lighting and other purposes in Great Britain and Ireland.

59. An Act to amend the law relating to costs and salaries in county courts.

58. An Act to amend the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876, &c.

59. An Act to reorganise the educational endowments of Scotland.

60. An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, relating to labourers' cottages and allotments.

61. An Act to codify the law relating to bills of exchange, cheques, and promissory notes.

62. An Act to grant money for the purpose of loans by the Public Works Loan Commissioners and the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland and the Irish Land Commission, and for other purposes relating to loans by the Commissioners.

63. An Act to amend the Acts regulating the pay of certain officers of the Royal Irish Constabulary Force, and for other purposes connected therewith.

64. An Act to continue various expiring laws.

65. An Act to make provision respecting certain prison charities.

66. An Act to amend the law relating to licenses to retail intoxicating liquors on passenger vessels in Scotland.

67. An Act to further amend the law relating to turnpike roads in South Wales.

68. An Act to suspend for a limited period, on account of corrupt practices, the holding of an election of a member or members to serve in Parliament for certain cities and boroughs.

69. An Act to amend the Intermediate Education (Ireland) Act, 1878.

70. An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877.

71. An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1883, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.

72. An Act for amending the Laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue, and postage and other stamps, and for making further provision respecting the National Debt and charges payable out of the public revenue or by the Commissioners for the reduction of the National Debt, and other purposes.

72. An Act for amending the Laws relating to Customs and Inland Revenue and Postage and other stamps, &c.

73. An Act for the better protection of Ancient Monuments.

74. An Act to amend the Post Office Acts with respect to the Conveyance of Parcels.

75. An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the property of married women.

76. An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts 1852 to 1880, with respect to Colonial Courts of Inquiry.

77. An Act to amend the law of Citation in Scotland.

78. An Act to establish a Fishing Board of Scotland.

79. An Act to make provision for the Arrangement of Accounts between the Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury and the Secretary of State in Council in India in respect of certain home charges for her Majesty's forces serving in India.

80. An Act for the extension of Allotments.

81. An Act for disannexing the Rectory of Somersham from the office of Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge, and for making better provision for the cure of souls within the said Rectory.

82. An Act for amending the Lunacy Regulation Acts.

THE WORK OF THE SESSION, 1882.

No less than 208 Public Bills were introduced into the House of Commons, and in addition 40 Provisional Order Bills. Of the former 82 became law, 53 were withdrawn, and 70 became "dropped orders;" only three were rejected—"The Beer Adulteration Bill," "The Poor Law Removal (Ireland) Bill," and "The University Education (Ireland) Bill;" while one was "discharged." Amongst those passed and deserving of special mention were "The Education Endowment Act," Lord Granville's Act for giving the Trustees of the National Gallery power to lend pictures and other works of art to any provincial or public gallery, a boon which will be highly valued by those who regard art-museums as educational centres.

The Electric Lighting Act, the chief value of which lies in the fact that it lays down a new principle for the guidance of Parliament in granting monopolies, and will greatly affect proposals for buying up those that already exist.

The *Felo-de-Se* Act, gets rid of the barbarous and disgusting ceremonies imposed by law for the burial of suicides.

The Married Woman's Property Act, removes all the remaining anomalies of the law of 1870, and extends the principle of that Act. It secures to married women in separate ownership all real and personal property to which they may become entitled after the passing of the Act. It further confers upon them the privilege of suing and being sued in their own names apart from their husbands.

The Settled Land Act, defines the settlement of entail, and henceforth every owner of an estate for life will be able to sell the property, provided that he invests the purchase-money in Government securities for the benefit of the reversioner.

The Musical Copyright Act, amends the law of copyright relating to musical compositions, and protects the public from vexatious proceedings for the recovery of penalties for the unauthorised performance of the same. On and after the passing of the Act, the proprietor of the copyright in any musical composition first published after the passing of the statute, or his assignee, who shall be entitled to be and desirous of retaining in his own hand exclusively the right of public representation or performance of the same, shall print or cause to be printed upon the title-page of every published copy of such musical composition a notice to the effect that the right of public representation or performance is reserved. By another provision, when the right of performance and when the copyright are vested in different owners, a penalty of £20 to be recovered from the owner of the copyright for non-compliance with notice from the owner of the right of performance. By a special provision as to costs, where not more than 40s. are recovered, the award of the same to vest in the discretion of the Court.