

# THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1885.

## PUBLIC ACTS OF PARLIAMENT PASSED DURING THE SESSION 1884, IN THE 47TH YEAR OF HER MAJESTY'S REIGN.

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

1. An Act for settling and securing the annuity upon the Hon. Sir Henry B. W. Brand, G.C.B., in consideration of his eminent services.
2. An Act for making further provision respecting the conversion into Two and a half per cent Annuities of Three per cent Annuities held by the National Debt Commissioners on account of Savings Banks, and for the redemption of the Indian Loan Annuity, 1881.
3. An Act for the relief of the brokers of the City of London.
4. An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending March 31, 1883, 1884, and 1885.
5. An Act to amend the Valuation (Metropolis) Act 1869 by giving further facilities for appeal to owners and lessees of houses paying rates and taxes in the place of the occupiers.
6. An Act to confer further powers upon the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland of acquiring land in Dublin for all or any of the purposes of the Dublin Science and Art Museum Act 1877.
7. An Act for amending the Isle of Man Harbour Acts of 1872 and 1874.
8. An Act to provide during twelve months for the discipline and regulation of the Army.
9. An Act to amend the law as to appeals in Bankruptcy from County Courts.
10. An Act to amend the Irish Church Act 1869, and for other purposes.
11. An Act for the further protection of Fish other than Salmon in Fresh Waters.
12. An Act to amend the Public Health Act 1875, so far as relates to the confirmation of By-laws.
13. An Act to amend the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act 1878.
14. An Act to amend the sixteenth section of the Married Women's Property Act 1882.
15. An Act to apply the sum of six million five hundred and nineteen thousand three hundred and sixty-eight pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1885.
16. An Act to apply to Scotland certain provisions of the Bankruptcy Act 1883.
17. An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and for other purposes relating to the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners of Metropolitan Police.
18. An Act to amend the Settled Land Act 1882.
19. An Act to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Acts as far as they relate to children and young persons.
20. An Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain marriages of members of the Greek Church of England.
21. An Act to provide for the better administration of the Fund under the control of the Trustees to aid the Sea and Coast Fisheries of Ireland, and for other purposes relating thereto.
22. An Act to amend the law relating to the Buildings of Non-vested National Schools and Training Colleges in Ireland.
23. An Act for giving facilities for the conversion of Three per cent Stock into Stock of a Lower Denomination and for other purposes relating thereto.
24. An Act to amend the Colonial Attorneys Relief Act.
25. 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.
26. An Act to amend the Fisheries, Oyster, Crab, and Lobster Act 1877.
27. An Act to further amend the Sea Fisheries Act 1868.
28. An Act to amend the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act 1883.
29. An Act to extend section forty-one of the Licensing Act 1872.
30. An Act to simplify the passing of Instruments under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom.
31. An Act to make further provision respecting the removal of prisoners and criminal lunatics from her Majesty's possessions out of the United Kingdom.
32. An Act for transferring the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea from the Commissioners of her Majesty's Woods and Forests and Land Revenues to the Commissioners of her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.
33. An Act to make provision for the foundation of a Dean and Chapter for the Bishopric of Newcastle, and for the transfer to the Cathedral Church of Newcastle of one of the canopies in the Cathedral Church of Durham and for the transfer of certain ecclesiastical patronage to the Bishopric and Chapter of Newcastle and for other purposes connected therewith.
34. An Act to extend the hours of polling at Parliamentary and Municipal Elections in certain Boroughs.
35. An Act to facilitate the Revision of Lists of Jurors and Voters and the registration of Voters in the county of Dublin.
36. An Act to amend the General Prisons Act (Ireland) 1877 in certain particulars.
37. An Act to amend the Public Libraries Acts.
38. An Act to provide for the regulation of her Majesty's Indian Marine Service.
39. An Act to amend the Naval Discipline Act 1866.
40. An Act for enabling Manx children to be sent to Reformatory or Industrial Schools in Great Britain.
41. An Act to amend the Building Societies Act 1874.
42. An Act to amend the Sheriff Court Houses Act 1860.
43. An Act to repeal divers Enactments rendered unnecessary by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts and other Acts relating to proceedings before Courts of Summary Jurisdiction, and to make further provision for the Uniformity of proceedings before those Courts.
44. An Act to amend the law respecting the payment of Naval and Greenwich Hospital Pensions.
45. An Act to amend the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act 1879, in so far as it relates to the loans for Teachers' residences.
46. An Act to amend the Naval Enlistment Act 1853 and for other purposes connected therewith.
47. An Act to enable Local Authorities to transfer the whole or certain parts of their districts for the purposes of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act 1878, to the districts of neighbouring local authorities.
48. An Act to promote the cultivation of oysters in Ireland.
49. An Act to grant money for the purpose of loans by the Public Works in Ireland and of loans and purchases by the Irish Land Commission.

50. An Act further to amend the Acts relating to the raising of money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes.
51. An Act to remove doubts as to the powers of the Secretary of State in relation to the altering, enlarging, rebuilding, and building of prisons, and appropriating any building for a prison.
52. An Act to continue certain Turnpike Acts and to repeal certain other Turnpike Acts, and for other purposes connected therewith.
53. An Act to continue various expiring laws.
54. An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the registration of deeds and other matters affecting lands, &c., within the County of York.
55. An Act to make further provision with regard to the Pensions of Soldiers and to the Pay and Pensions of the Yeomanry and for other purposes.
56. An Act to declare the law relating to the Incorporation of Chartered Companies.
57. An Act to extend certain powers given by the Superannuation Act Amendment Act 1863.
58. An Act for amending the Prosecution of Offences Act 1879.
59. An Act to enable sanitary authorities in Ireland to take possession of land for the erection of temporary Cholera Hospitals.
60. An Act to enable the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums District to borrow for certain purposes of the Diseases Prevention Metropolis Act 1883.
61. An Act to amend the Supreme Court of Judicature Acts, and for other purposes.
62. An Act to amend the law relating to the Customs and Inland Revenue and to the audit of Public Accounts, and for other purposes connected with the Public Revenue Expenditure.
63. An Act to amend the Trusts (Scotland) Act 1867.
64. An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Criminal Lunatics.
65. An Act to further amend the New Parishes Acts and the Church Building Acts.
66. An Act to provide for the disunion of the Sees of Gloucester and Bristol and the constitution of a separate Bishopric of Bristol.
67. An Act to prohibit charges for improvements upon Ecclesiastical Lands otherwise than with the consent of the patron and Bishop.
68. An Act to amend the Matrimonial Clauses Acts.
69. An Act to make better provision against Cholera and other Epidemic Diseases.
70. An Act for the better prevention of Corrupt and Illegal Practices at Municipal and other Elections.
71. An Act to amend the law respecting the administration of the personal estate and the Escheat of the real estate of Deceased Persons, and for other purposes.
72. An Act for the prevention of the erection of Buildings on Disused Burial Grounds.
73. An Act to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending March 31, 1885, and to appropriate the supplies granted in this Session of Parliament.
74. An Act to amend the Public Health Act 1875 with respect to the Officers of Local Authorities.
75. An Act to amend the Canal Boats Act 1877.
76. An Act to amend the law with respect to the protection of the Post Office and to offences committed in relation to the Post Office.
77. An Act to amend the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878 with reference to Sanitary Districts.
78. An Act to suspend, on account of Corrupt Practices, the issue during the prorogation of Parliament of writs for the holding of an Election of a Member or Members of Parliament to serve on the present Parliament for certain cities and boroughs.

## THE WORK OF THE SESSION 1884.

It would hardly be right to charge the Government of the country with the failure of several of the more important measures submitted to Parliament during the Session 1884. There was a strong impression abroad from the first that an effort would be made to frustrate the good intentions of the House of Commons, now at the mercy of the minority, or rather a small section of its members. The Franchise Bill, although placed among the failures, cannot, however, be regarded in that light, for when it reached the Lords it was reduced to a state of suspended animation. The division taken upon Lord Cairns' motion was one of the largest of recent years, 351 Peers taking part in it. In the minority of 146 which supported the second reading of the bill were two Archbishops and ten Bishops. The only prelate who voted in the majority of 205 against the second reading was the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, while the rest were absent from the division, Five Conservative Peers were in the minority—namely, the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Leitrim, Lord Erskine, and Lord Haldon; while the following Peers who usually sit upon the "cross-benches" were in the same lobby:—The Duke of Marlborough, the Earl of Wemyss, Lord Bramwell, the Earl of Fingall, and Lord Stratheden and Campbell. Lord Tennyson, who recorded his vote in the House for the first time since his creation as a Peer, was in the minority, as were also the Duke of Somerset, Earl Fitzwilliam, Earl Fortescue, and other independent Liberal Peers. The largest number voting hitherto was in August, 1880, when the Compensation for Disturbances (Ireland) Bill was rejected by 282 to 51. Next in point of number was that on the second reading of the Irish Church Bill, when 325—179 to 146—voted and 18 paired. A noticeable coincidence, too, is that the number of the minority on that occasion was the same as now. On the occasion of the second reading of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, the House numbered 323—165 to 158; and on the Vote of Censure, in February last, the House numbered 262—181 to 81. Thirty-four Peers paired, but the list of them shows no cross-voting. The Bishop of Salisbury paired in favour of the bill, as did also Lord Sherborne, the latter pairing with the Earl of Dunraven, and both being occupants of the cross-benches. Most of the Peers who paired were prevented by their great age from being present. This makes by far the largest division within living memory, 385 Peers either voting and pairing, against 343 who voted and paired on the Irish Church Bill in 1869. Among the more important of the measures sacrificed through the rejection of the Franchise Bill were the Government of London Bill, the Merchant Shipping Bill, the Railway Regulation Bill, the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, the Medical Acts Amendment Bill, the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Bill, together with others of less importance, the Education Amendment Bill (Ireland), the Scotch Universities Bill, the Welsh Education Bill, the Coinage Bill, the Custody of Infants Bill, and Irish Sunday Closing Bill.