ACTS OF PARLIAMENT PASSED DURING THE SESSION OF 1887, 50 & 51 VICTORIA.

1. The figure before each Act denotes the Chapter.

1. To apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on the 31st day of March, 1887, and 1888.

2. To remain during twelve months for the discipline and regulation of the Army.

3. To amend the Acts relating to County Courts, so far as regards the payment of interest on Judgments.

4. To amend the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Fishing Vessels) Act.

5. To amend the law respecting the Customs Duties of the Isle of Man.

6. To abolish the office of the Chief Justicet of the Common Pleas in Ireland, to enable the same fusion of the Courts to be effected in that country as has already been successfully accomplished in England.

7. To amend the Custom Law Consolidation Act of 1876.

8. To extend the time for the repayment, by Incumbents of Benefices, of the sums advanced under a previous Act.

9. To remove the disability of the Police to vote at Parliamentary Elections.

10. To enable His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to return to England for a limited time for the purpose of being present at the celebration of Her Majesty's Jubilee without thereby resigning his command in Bombay.

11. To confirm the Conversion of India Stock.

12. To define the respective rights of the parishioners of the Old Church of St. Mary, Truro, and of the authorities of the New Cathedral; also to provide for the fine in case of an Endowment Charge, which may be imposed by the Trustees of the Church, in case of a dispute in the matter of the transfer of the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter to the non-sectarian.

13. To extend in certain colonies the provisions of the Supersession Act of 1869, and to extend and otherwise amend the provisions of the Colonial Governors (Payment of Salaries) Act.

14. To apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the 31st day of March, 1888.

15. To grant certain duties of Customs and Inland Revenue, to Her Majesty's other duties, and to amend the law relating to the Inland Revenue.

16. To amend the law respecting the National Debt and the charge thereof on the Consolidated Fund; to make further provision respecting local loans.

17. To amend the Metropolitan Local Electricity Act, 1885, in regard to the government of Battersea and Westminster.

18. To amend the Trusts (Scotland) Act, 1887.

19. To extend the period for the further payment of the contributions of 1886.

20. To make better provision for the prevention and punishment of crime, and for the encouragement of police purposes in Scotland.

21. To limit the period during which the Water Companies shall be entitled to cut off the tenant's water supply where the rate is paid by the landlord.

22. To extend the Public Libraries Act, 1882.

23. To amend the Insurers' Resignation Act, 1881.

24. To amend the Crofters' Holdings (Scotland) Act.

25. To give Magistrates the power of allowing prisoners charged with a first offence their liberty, subject to proper precautions for their good behaviour.

26. To provide compensation to the occupiers of allotments and cottages destroyed by the housing ground at the end of their tenancies.

27. To amend the law respecting the rates of a dwelling house occupied by a hatters and hairdressers.

28. To amend and consolidate the law relating to the fraudulent marking of merchandise.

29. To provide for the better protection of the fraudulent sale of margarine as butter.

30. To amend the Settlement Land Act, 1882.

31. To extend the powers of the Acts relating to the raising of money by the Metropolitan Board of Works, and for other purposes.

32. To extend the provisions of the Metropolitan Open Spaces Act, 1881, with amendments to urban sanitary districts throughout England and Wales.

33. To amend the Land (Ireland) Act, 1881, and the Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885, and for other purposes connected therewith.

34. To amend the transfer to the Metropolitan Board of Works, and the maintenance of certain public parks and works in the Metropolis.

35. To amend and simplify the criminal law of Scotland.

36. To amend and consolidate the general provisions of the several money bills of the session.

37. To amend the Copyists' Acts, and for the enforcement of copysthip and customary lawyers (chap. 75).}

POSTAL INFORMATION.

Letter Post.—Letters posted at any branch office, receiving-house, pillar-post, or wall letter-box in the town districts of London up to 7 p.m. delivery within one entire day in the districts in which posted, and in certain adjoining districts. All the night mails for the province share in the extension of posting time. Thus, in the town districts the posting is under 7 p.m. in the city of London, and under 8 p.m. up to the time of the departure of the trains. For some towns the payment of a late fee is not required, as the night mail letters are forwarded by late trains. In addition to the outward dispatch from the metropolis, an equal amount of letters is also forwarded the same day by post from the provinces, but to much earlier delivery. There is practically no restriction as to the size of letters. The scale of postage applicable to letters between 2 oz. and 12 oz. is 1s. 6d. per ounce, or part thereof. For letters up to 3 oz., or part thereof, the cost, without reckoning the weight, is as follows:—For the first ounce, 1d.; for the second ounce, ½d.; for a greater weight, 1d. per ounce, and ½d. per half ounce. For letters over 3 oz., or part thereof, the cost of postage will be accepted at the following rates of postage:—Above 3 oz., under 14 oz., 5d. per ounce, under 16 oz., 9d.; above 16 oz., under 32 oz., 1s. 6d., under 40 oz., 2s. 6d.; above 40 oz., under 60 oz., 3s.; above 60 oz., under 80 oz., 4s.; above 80 oz., under 100 oz., 5s.; above 100 oz., under 120 oz., 6s.; and so on at the rate of 1d. for every additional 2 oz. or part thereof. The parcel post is extended to certain districts as for India, Gibraltar, and Egypt, and the income of registered postal order and also of parcels. The West India mails are dispatched regularly every two weeks.—In respect of arrival at London, end of July.

Telegram.—The charge is 6d. for the first twelve words, and 1½d. for every additional word. Addresses are charged.

Postage stamps on sealed payment, and the public are required to affix them to the letters for the purpose of payment, or to the letters through the terminal office, i.e., the office nearest to the address—In the Head Post Office, the amount paid for transmission covers the cost of delivery within one entire day in the provinci district in which posted, and 7 p.m. delivery within one entire day in the districts in which posted. The packet is forwarded, the rate being charged at the rate of 6d. per mile or part of a mile, and the whole distance does not exceed 10 miles. The charge is calculated from the boundary within which no postage is levied.

Foreign Telegrams.—The rates vary, very much, but full information is obtainable from the Post Office. The charges are payable, and also of parcels. The West India mails are dispatched regularly every two weeks.—In respect of arrival at London, end of July.

Inland Post Book.—The postage is one halfpenny for every 2 oz., or part thereof.

A packet posted wholly unpaid is charged with double the book postage, and posted partially unpaid is charged with the greater part of the Colonial and Foreign Book Post.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 in. in length and 12 in. in depth. The notice of despatch or sale must be at the post office.

Foreign Card Post.—The postage of a card is in every case one shilling for a single postcard.

Foreign post-cards with an impressed stamp of 1d. and 1½d. each are sold at that rate, and are transmissible to all Continental countries of the world.

Registration (Inland and Foreign).—The fee for registering a letter, newspaper, or book-post packet passing between any two places in the United Kingdom is twopence.

Postal Orders.—Postal orders, for certain fixed sums from 1s. up to £100, are issued to the public at all post offices at which money-order business is transacted.

Money Orders.—The amount of money orders is limited to £100 for each money-order office as a whole, and to £1000 for any part of the world. Parcels sent to the Australian Colonies must not exceed 11 lb. in weight, and in the weight of the rate is for a parcel not exceeding 11 lb., but for any fraction of a pound or additional pound, 1s. 6d. Postage and Foreign Colonial Parcel Post.—Parcels within certain dimensions may now be sent to India and the Colonies, as well as to most European countries, but they will be liable to the Customs duties, and regulations of each country, and the sender will be required to make a declaration on a special form provided for the purpose.