CHAPTER 25.

An Act to remove electoral disabilities which may arise in the case of members of the Reserve and Territorial Forces and in the case of Volunteers by reason of absence on the Naval or Military service of the Crown.

[7th August 1914.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Absence of person in pursuance of naval or military duties not to disqualify as elector.

1.—(1) A person shall not be disqualified for being registered for voting, either as a parliamentary or as a local government elector, in respect of a qualification for which any residence or inhabitancy is required, by reason only that during the whole or any part of the qualifying period he has as a member of the naval reserve, or the army reserve, or the territorial force, or as a volunteer, been absent on actual naval or military service on behalf of the Crown, whether beyond the seas or not.

(2) A person so absent shall not be disqualified by reason of his wife or children having received poor relief during such absence.

(3) The claim to be registered as a lodger may be made and signed, in the case of a person so absent, by any other person on his behalf, and the form of the claim and declaration may in those cases be modified accordingly.

(4) In this Act the expression "volunteer" means any person who is entered or enlisted for temporary service only in connexion with any war as a member of His Majesty's naval or military forces.

Short title and duration.

2. This Act may be cited as the Electoral Disabilities (Naval and Military Service) Removal Act, 1914, and shall apply only to absence during the continuance of the present war in Europe.

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to enable Food, Forage, and Stores for His Majesty's Forces to be requisitioned in cases of emergency.

[7th August 1914.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. The power of requisitioning carriages, horses, vessels, and aircraft in case of emergency conferred by the Army Act shall extend so as to include a power of requisitioning food, forage, and stores of all descriptions, and, accordingly, at the end of subsection (2) of section one hundred and fifteen of the Army Act there shall be inserted the words "and also of food, forage, and stores of every description," and all the other provisions of that section and also the provisions of sections thirty-one, one hundred and sixteen, one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and nineteen, and one hundred and twenty-one of the Army Act shall, so far as applicable, apply in relation to food, forage, and stores as they apply in relation to vessels. Extension of section 115 of Army Act to food, forage, and stores.

2. This Act may be cited as the Army (Supply of Food, Forage, and Stores) Act, 1914. Short title.

CHAPTER 27.

An Act to extend the powers of the Board of Trade during the continuance of the present hostilities to make Rules under the Patents and Designs Act, 1907, and the Trade Marks Act, 1905. [7th August 1914.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1.—(1) The power of the Board of Trade under section eighty-six of the Patents and Designs Act, 1907, and section sixty of the Trade Marks Act, 1905, to make rules and to do such things as they think expedient for the purposes therein mentioned shall include power to make rules and to do such things as they think expedient for avoiding or suspending in whole or in part any patent or licence granted to, and the registration of any trade mark the proprietor whereof is, a subject of any State at war with His Majesty, and any proceedings on any application made by any such person under either of the said Acts, and for extending the time within which any act or thing may or is required to be done under those Acts. Extension of power to make rules. 7 Edw. 7. c. 29. 5 Edw. 7. c. 15.

(2) In relation to rules made under this Act the provisions of subsection (3) of section sixty of the Trade Marks Act, 1905, shall not apply.

(3) If the rules made under this Act so provide the rules or any of them shall have effect as from the passing of this Act.