Police District such Proportion of the Sums so levied as they shall ascertain to be a like Proportion of the Sums expended under this Act out of the County Rate.

Act may be amended, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

CAP. XXI.

An Act for shortening the Language used in Acts of Parliament.

[10th *June* 1850.]

Acts of Parliament may be altered, &c. in the same Session.

BE it declared and enacted by the Queen'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the Authority of the same, That every Act to be passed after the Commencement of this Act may be altered, amended, or repealed in the same Session of Parliament, any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Acts to be divided into Sections, without introductory Words.

II. Be it enacted, That all Acts shall be divided into Sections, if there be more Enactments than One, which Sections shall be deemed to be substantive Enactments, without any introductory Words.

Where any Act is referred to it shall be sufficient to cite the Year of the Reign, Chapter, and Section, &c.

III. Be it enacted, That in any Act, when any former Act is referred to, it shall be sufficient, if such Act was made before the Seventh Year of *Henry* the Seventh, to cite the Year of the King's Reign in which it was made, and where there are more Statutes than One in the same Year the Statute, and where there are more Chapters than One the Chapter; and if such Act referred to was made after the Fourth Year of *Henry* the Seventh, to cite the Year of the Reign, and where there are more Statutes or Sessions than One in the same Year the Statute or the Session (as the Case may require), and where there are more Chapters or Sections than One the Chapter or Section or Chapter and Section (as the Case may require), without reciting the Title of such Act, or the Provision of such Section, so referred to; and the Reference in all Cases shall be made according to the Copies of Statutes printed by the Queen's Printer, or to the Copies thereof contained in the Reports of the Commissioners of Public Records: Provided that where it is only intended to amend or repeal any Portion only of such Section it shall be necessary still either to recite such Portion or to set forth the Matter or Thing intended to be amended or repealed.

Interpretation of certain Words for future Acts.

IV. Be it enacted, That in all Acts Words importing the Masculine Gender shall be deemed and taken to include Females, and the Singular to include the Plural, and the Plural the Singular, unless the contrary as to Gender or Number is expressly provided; and the Word "Month" to mean Calendar Month, unless Words be added showing Lunar Month to be intended; and "County" shall be held to mean also County of a Town or of a City, unless such extended Meaning is expressly excluded by Words; and the Word "Land" shall include Messuages, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Houses and Buildings, of any Tenure, unless where there are Words to exclude Houses and Buildings, or to restrict the Meaning to Tenements of some particular Tenure; and the Words "Oath," "swear," and "Affidavit" shall include Affirmation, Declaration, affirming, and declaring, in the Case of Persons by Law allowed to declare or affirm instead of swearing.

Repealed Acts not to be revived, &c.

V. Be it enacted, That where any Act repealing in whole or in part any former Act is itself repealed, such last Repeal shall not revive the Act or Provisions before repealed, unless Words be added reviving such Act or Provisions.

Repealed Provisions of any Act to remain in force until the substituted Provisions come into force.

VI. Be it enacted, That wherever any Act shall be made repealing in whole or in part any former Act, and substituting some Provision or Provisions instead of the Provision or Provisions repealed, such Provision or Provisions so repealed shall remain in force until the substituted Provision or Provisions shall come into operation by force of the last made Act.

VII. Be

VII. Be it enacted, That every Act made after the Commencement of this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such, unless the contrary be expressly provided and declared by such Act. Acts to be deemed Public Acts.

VIII. Be it declared and enacted, That this Act shall commence and take effect from and immediately after the Commencement of the next Session of Parliament. Commencement of Act.

CAP. XXII.

An Act for raising the Sum of Eight millions five hundred and fifty-eight thousand seven hundred Pounds by Exchequer Bills, for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty. [10th *June* 1850.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary Supplies which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the Sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, at any Time or Times, to cause any Number of Exchequer Bills to be made out at the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Westminster* for any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Eight millions five hundred and fifty-eight thousand seven hundred Pounds, in like Manner as is prescribed in an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for regulating the issuing and paying off of Exchequer Bills*, and in another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Office of the Receipt of His Majesty's Exchequer at* Westminster, and in another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for further regulating the Preparation and Issue of Exchequer Bills.*

Treasury may raise 8,558,700*l.* by Exchequer Bills, in like Manner as is prescribed by 48 G. 3. c. 1. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 15. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 66.

II. And be it enacted, That all and every the Clauses, Provisoes, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities contained in the said Acts shall be applied and extended to the Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the said several Clauses or Provisoes had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act. The Clauses, &c. in recited Acts extended to this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to issue and apply from Time to Time all such Sums of Money as shall be raised by Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act to such Services as shall then have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in this present Session of Parliament. The Treasury to apply the Money raised.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Principal Sum or Sums of Money to be contained in such Exchequer Bills shall be charged upon and shall be paid out of any Supplies to be granted in the next Session of Parliament. Bills how to be charged and paid.

V. And be it enacted, That the Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act shall bear Date on the Days on which the same shall be respectively issued, and shall bear an Interest not exceeding the Rate of Three-pence Halfpenny *per Centum per Diem* in respect of the whole of the Monies respectively contained therein, payable out of any Aids or Supplies in the Bank of *England* standing to the Credit of the Exchequer. Interest on Bills.