Recited Acts extended to all Cases in which the Age of the Person charged does not exceed Sixteen Years.

assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said recited Acts, and the Jurisdiction thereby given, and all the Provisions therein contained, shall extend and be applicable to all Cases in which any Person shall subsequently to the passing of this Act be charged with any such Offence as in the said Acts mentioned, and the Age of the Person so charged at the Period of the Commission or attempted Commission of the Offence shall not, in the Opinion of the Justices before whom he or she shall be brought or appear as therein mentioned, exceed the Age of Sixteen Years; and that the Provisions of the said recited Acts for Summons, Warrant to summon and apprehend, and all other the Provisions applicable to the Cases where any Person whose Age is alleged not to exceed Fourteen Years shall be charged with any such Offence as in the said Acts mentioned, shall extend and be applicable to all Cases in which any Person whose Age shall not exceed Sixteen Years shall be charged with any such Offence as aforesaid: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower any Justice or Justices to order the Punishment of Whipping to be inflicted upon any Offender whose Age shall exceed the Age of Fourteen Years.

Offenders above Fourteen Years of Age not to be whipped.

Justice to ask whether Accused wishes the Charge to be tried by a Jury.

II. And be it enacted, That One of the Justices before whom any Person shall be charged and proceeded against under this Act or the herein-before mentioned Acts, before such Person shall be asked whether he or she has any Cause to show why he or she should not be convicted, shall say to the Person so charged these Words, or Words to the like Effect: "We "shall have to hear what you wish to say in answer to the Charge against you; but if you "wish the Charge to be tried by a Jury, you must object now to our deciding upon it at "once;" and if such Person, or a Parent of such Person, shall then object, the Justices shall proceed with the Charge as if the said Acts had not been passed.

Act not to extend to Scotland.

III. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to *Scotland*.

CAP. XXXVIII.

An Act to render valid certain Marriages solemnized in the new Church at *Upton cum Chalvey* in the County of *Buckingham* and Diocese of *Oxford*.

[29th *July* 1850.]

'WHEREAS a new Church intended as and for the Parish Church of the Parish of *Upton cum Chalvey* in the County of *Buckingham* and Diocese of *Oxford* was erected and built some Time in or about the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and was duly consecrated for the Performance of the Divine Service therein: And whereas before the Period at which the said new Church was legally constituted the Parish Church divers Marriages have been solemnized in the said new Church by the Vicar or officiating Minister for the Time being of the Parish of *Upton cum Chalvey*, and by other Clergymen, under the erroneous Opinion that according to the Terms of the Sentence of Consecration of the said new Church or otherwise Marriages might be lawfully solemnized therein, and Entries of the several Marriages so solemnized as aforesaid have been from Time to Time made in the Register Book of the said Parish, in compliance with the Provisions of the Act of Parliament respecting the Registry of Marriages: And whereas Doubts are entertained whether such Marriages so as aforesaid solemnized in such Church before the same was legally constituted the Parish Church are strictly legal, and it is expedient to remove such Doubts:' Be it therefore 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 all Marriages so as aforesaid solemnized in the said new Church of *Upton cum Chalvey* shall be as good and valid in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if the same had been solemnized in the Parish Church of *Upton cum Chalvey* aforesaid.

All Marriages already solemnized in the new Church of Upton cum Chalvey declared to be valid.

Ministers having solemnized such Marriages not to be liable to Penalties.

II. And be it enacted, That the Minister or Ministers who solemnized such Marriages respectively as aforesaid shall not be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censures, or to any other Proceedings or Penalties whatsoever, by reason of his or their having so as aforesaid solemnized the same respectively.

III. And

III. And be it enacted, That the Registers of the Marriages so solemnized as aforesaid, or Copies of such Registers, shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity as Evidence of such Marriages respectively, in the same Manner as the same would have been receivable in Evidence in case the said Marriages respectively had been solemnized in the Parish Church of *Upton cum Chalvey* aforesaid. Registers of Marriages so solemnized to be Evidence.

CAP. XXXIX.

An Act for the better Government of Convict Prisons. [29th *July* 1850.]

'WHEREAS under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Second Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for establishing a Prison for young Offenders,* Visitors of *Parkhurst* Prison, with such Duties and Powers as therein mentioned, are appointed by Her Majesty with the Advice of Her Privy Council: And whereas under the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for establishing a Prison at* Pentonville, Commissioners for governing the said Prison at *Pentonville* are appointed by Her Majesty with the Advice of the Privy Council, and such Commissioners are incorporated by the Name of "The Commissioners for the Government of *Pentonville* Prison," with such Powers and Duties as therein mentioned: And whereas by an Act passed in the Seventh Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Prison at* Millbank, it was enacted, that such of the Inspectors of Prisons as should be appointed for that Purpose by One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State should have the same Duties and Powers with respect to the said Prison which the Visiting Justice of any other Prison had with respect to their Prison; and the said Inspectors were incorporated by the Name of "The Inspectors of the *Millbank* Prison:" And whereas under an Act passed in the Twelfth Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending the Act for regulating the Prison at* Millbank, One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State was authorized to appoint Visitors of the said Prison; and all the Powers, Duties, and Functions vested in and to be performed by "The Inspectors of the *Millbank* Prison" under the said Act of the Seventh Year of Her Majesty were transferred to such Visitors, who were incorporated by the Style of "The Visitors of the *Millbank* Prison:" And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the Transportation of Offenders from* Great Britain, Provision was made for the Appointment by His Majesty of a Superintendent of the Places to be appointed under such Act in the River *Thames* or some other River, or within the Limits of some Port or Harbour of *England* or *Wales,* for the Confinement of Male Offenders under Sentence or Order of Transportation, and also for the Appointment of an Assistant or Deputy to such Superintendent at One or more of the said Places of Confinement, and to be constantly resident at or near the Place or Places to which he should be appointed, and also of an Overseer of each such Place of Confinement: And whereas by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act for abolishing the Office of Superintendent of Convicts under Sentence of Transportation,* it was enacted, that upon the next Vacancy in the Office of Superintendent of Convicts in *England* under Sentence or Order of Transportation so much of the said Act of the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth as provides for the Appointment of such Superintendent by Her Majesty, or any Overseer, or any Assistant or Deputy to such Superintendent, should be repealed, and that all Male Offenders in *England* under Sentence or Order of Transportation should be thenceforth in the Custody and Management of such Person or Persons as should be for that Purpose appointed by One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the Provisions of the said Act of the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth, not altered by the Act now in recital, with respect to the Superintendent and Overseer having Custody of any Offenders under the said Act, should apply to the Persons severally having the Custody and Management of such Offenders under the Act now in recital: And whereas it is expedient that all the Powers which by the said recited Acts are vested in the Visitors of *Parkhurst* Prison, the

1 & 2 Vict. c. 82.
5 & 6 Vict. c. 29.
6 & 7 Vict. c. 26.
11 & 12 Vict. c. 104.
5 G. 4. c. 84.
9 & 10 Vict. c. 26.