CAP. XXXVI.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the certifying and registering Places of Religious Worship of Protestant Dissenters. [30th *June* 1852.]

1 W. & M. Sess. 1. c. 18.

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, intituled *An Act for exempting their Majesties Protestant Subjects dissenting from the Church of* England *from the Penalties of certain Laws*, it was enacted, that no Congregation or Assembly for Religious Worship should be permitted or allowed by that Act until the Place of the meeting of such Congregation or Assembly had been certified to the Bishop of the Diocese, or Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry, or the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County, City, or Place in which the Meeting shall be, and registered in the Bishops or Archdeacons Courts respectively, or recorded at the Quarter Sessions: And whereas by another Act passed in

52 G. 3. c. 155.

the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to repeal certain Acts and to amend other Acts relating to Religious Worship and Assemblies, and Persons teaching or preaching therein*, Enactments were made for certifying and registering the Places of Meeting of certain Congregations and Assemblies for Religious Worship of Protestants: And whereas it is expedient that such Places of Meeting should no longer be certified to or registered in the Court of any Bishop or Archdeacon, or be certified to any Justices of the Peace, or be recorded at the Quarter Sessions, but that such other Provision for the Certification and Registration thereof should be made as is hereinafter contained:' 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—

Places of Religious Worship not to be certified to or registered in Bishop's Registry.

I. No Place of Meeting of any Congregation or Assembly for Religious Worship of Protestants dissenting from the Church of *England* shall from and after the passing of this Act be certified to any Bishop or Archdeacon, or to any Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or be certified to or registered in the Court of any Bishop or Archdeacon, or be recorded at the Quarter Sessions, and the certifying to any Bishop or Archdeacon, or Justices of the Peace, or the certifying to or registering or recording in any such Court or at the Quarter Sessions, after the Time aforesaid, or the Certificate of any registering therein, given after the Time aforesaid by any Bishop or Registrar or Clerk of the Peace, shall be void and of no Effect; and the Registrar of every Bishop and Archdeacon, and the Clerk of the Peace of the County, Riding, Division, City, Town, or Place in which such Places of Meeting respectively are held, shall, within Three Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, make a Return to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in *England*, according to a Form to be provided by him for the Purpose, of all such Places of Meeting which, up to the Time when this Act shall come into operation, shall have been certified to and registered in the Court of the Bishop or Archdeacon respectively, or have been certified to the Justices of the Peace, or recorded at the Quarter Sessions; and it shall be lawful, instead of certifying any such Place of Meeting to the Bishop or Archdeacon, or to the Court of any Bishop or Archdeacon, or to the Quarter Sessions, to certify the same in Writing to the said Registrar General, through the Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages of the Union, Parish, or Place in which such Meeting shall be held, and the said Superintendent Registrar shall forthwith transmit the said written Certificate to the Registrar General, who is hereby required to record the same in a Book to be kept by him for that Purpose at the General Register Office; and the certifying any such Place of Meeting to the Registrar General as aforesaid shall have the same Force and Effect as if the same were certified to the Bishop or Archdeacon, or to the Justices of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace; and the said Registrar General shall give to every Person demanding the same a Certificate that any such Place of Meeting has been duly certified.

No greater Fee than 2s. 6d. to be taken for

II. For every such Certificate of such Registration the Parties so registering such Places of Worship shall pay to the Superintendent Registrar a Fee of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and

and it shall not be lawful for him on any Ground whatever to demand or take any greater Fee or Reward for the same. such Certificate of Registration.

III. The Registrar General shall in every Year make out and cause to be printed a List of all existing certified Places of Worship which shall have been returned to him as aforesaid, and also of all such other Places of Worship as shall from Time to Time be certified to and recorded by him as aforesaid, and shall state in such List the County and Superintendent Registrar's District within which each of such Places of Worship is situated, and the Religious Denomination to which it belongs, and shall cause a Copy of such List to be sent to every Superintendent Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in *England;* and such List shall be open at all reasonable Times, without Fee, to all Persons desirous of inspecting the same. List of certified Places of Worship to be printed.

CAP. XXXVII.

An Act to continue the Poor Law Commission for *Ireland.* [30th *June* 1852.]

'WHEREAS by the Act of the Eleventh Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety, Provisions were made for the Constitution and Appointment of Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *Ireland*, Secretaries, Inspectors, and other Officers: And whereas by an Act of the Fifteenth Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-eight, Provisions were made for the Appointment of Two Persons, who, together with the Commissioners appointed under the said first-recited Act, should be "The Commissioners for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *Ireland:*" And whereas the above-mentioned Provisions of the said first-recited Act will expire at the End of the Session of Parliament held next after the Twenty-second Day of *July* in the present Year, and it is expedient that the Commission for administering the Laws for the Relief of the Poor in *Ireland*, as constituted under said recited Acts, should be continued for a limited Time:' 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 the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty the Queen, or to be appointed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, under the Authority of the said recited Acts or either of them, together with every Person by the said Acts or either of them constituted by virtue of his Office such Commissioner, and every Secretary, Inspector, and other Officer and Person appointed or to be appointed by the Commissioners, under the Provisions of the said first-recited Act now in force, shall, unless he shall previously resign or be removed, or otherwise cease to hold his Office, be empowered to hold his Office and exercise the Powers thereof under the said Acts or either of them until the Twenty-third Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and until the Expiration of the said Period it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, from Time to Time, at Pleasure, to remove the Commissioner or Commissioners for the Time being appointed by Her Majesty, or to be appointed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, under the said recited Acts or either of them, and upon every Vacancy in the Office of the Commissioner or Commissioners so appointed or to be appointed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, either by Removal, Death, Resignation, or otherwise, to appoint, as in the said recited Acts or either of them is described, some other fit Person to the said Office. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 90. Sect. 1, 23. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 68. Irish Poor Law Commission further continued.