CAP. CI.

An Act to extend the Public Libraries Act, 1850, to *Ireland* and *Scotland*.

[20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS by the Public Libraries Act, 1850, Town Councils of Municipal Boroughs in *England* the Population of which exceeds Ten thousand Persons are enabled to adopt certain Proceedings for establishing Public Libraries and Museums: And whereas it is expedient that Town Councils of the same Class of Boroughs in *Ireland* and *Scotland* should have the same Powers as are by that Act conferred on Town Councils in *England*:' 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

13 & 14 Vict. c. 65.

I. The "Public Libraries Act, 1850," shall extend to the Municipal Boroughs in *Ireland*, and the Royal and Parliamentary Burghs in *Scotland*, the Population of which, according to the last preceding Census taken by Authority of Parliament, exceeds or shall exceed Ten thousand Persons.

Provisions of 13 & 14 Vict. c. 65. extended to Ireland and Scotland.

II. In *Scotland* the Chief Magistrate shall exercise the Powers and perform the Functions appointed by the said recited Act to be exercised and performed by the Mayor; and the Parties entitled to vote shall be the registered Electors entitled to vote for the Election of Members of Parliament within the Parliamentary Boundaries of or attached to such Burghs.

Provost in Scotland to act instead of Mayor.

CAP. CII.

An Act to prevent the defacing of the current Coin of the Realm.

[20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS a Practice has arisen of defacing the Coin of the Realm by stamping the same for advertising Purposes, and bending the same, and it is expedient to make Provision for preventing the Coin from being so defaced and bent:' 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, as follows:

I. If any Person shall deface any of the Queen's current Gold, Silver, or Copper Coin, by stamping thereon any Names or Words, whether such Coin shall or shall not be thereby diminished or lightened, or shall use any Machine or Instrument for the Purpose of bending the same, every such Offender shall in *England* and *Ireland* be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and in *Scotland* of a Crime or Offence, and being convicted thereof shall be liable to Fine or Imprisonment, or Fine and Imprisonment, at the Discretion of the Court.

Penalty for defacing the Coin by stamping Words thereon or bending the same.

II. No Tender of Payment in Money made in any Gold, Silver, or Copper Coin so defaced or stamped as aforesaid shall be allowed to be a legal Tender; and if any Person shall tender, utter, or put off any Coin so defaced, stamped, or bent as aforesaid, he shall, on summary Conviction thereof before Two Justices, be liable to forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for any Person to proceed for any such Penalty as last aforesaid without the Consent (in *England* or *Ireland*) of Her Majesty's Attorney General for *England* or *Ireland* respectively, or (in *Scotland*) of the Lord Advocate.

Tender of Coin so defaced not to be a legal Tender, and Penalty for uttering same.