CAP. CIII.

An Act to amend and continue certain Acts relating to Linen, Hempen, and other Manufactures in *Ireland*. [20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to continue and amend certain Regulations for the Linen and Hempen Manufactures in* Ireland: And whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the more effectual Prevention of Frauds and Abuses committed by Weavers, Sewers, and other Persons employed in the Linen, Hempen, Union, Cotton, Silk, and Woollen Manufactures in* Ireland, *and for the better Payment of their Wages, for One Year, and from thence to the End of the then next Session of Parliament:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend, and continue to the Twenty-seventh Day of* July *One thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament, an Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her present Majesty, for the more effectual Prevention of Frauds and Abuses committed by Weavers, Sewers, and other Persons employed in the Linen, Hempen, Union, Cotton, Silk, and Woollen Manufactures in* Ireland, *and for the better Payment of their Wages:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend, and continue for Five Years, and to the End of the next Session of Parliament, certain Acts relating to Linen, Hempen, and other Manufactures in* Ireland: And whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her present Majesty's Reign; Chapter Forty-eight, whereby the said herein-before recited Acts were continued as therein mentioned: And whereas an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of Her present Majesty's Reign, Chapter Thirteen, whereby the said herein-before recited Acts were further continued as therein mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that the first herein-before recited Act, and the secondly and thirdly and fourthly herein-before recited Acts, should be further continued, subject to the respective Amendments thereof:' 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 said first herein-before recited Act, except as to such Parts thereof as have been repealed by the said secondly herein-before recited Act, and subject to the Amendments thereof in the said subsequent recited Acts contained, and the said secondly and thirdly and fourthly herein-before recited Acts, subject to the respective Amendments thereof, shall be further continued and shall be and remain in force from the passing of this Act for One Year.

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 27.
3 & 4 Vict. c. 91.
5 & 6 Vict. c. 68.
7 & 8 Vict. c. 47.
13 & 14 Vict. c. 48.
15 & 16 Vict. c. 18.
Continuation of Acts for One Year.

CAP. CIV.

An Act further to regulate the Employment of Children in Factories. [20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Fourth Year of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to regulate the Labour of Children and young Persons in Mills and Factories of the United Kingdom*, and an Act passed in the Seventh Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws relating to Labour in Factories*, and an Act passed in the Tenth Year of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to limit the Hours of Labour of young Persons and Females in Factories*, and an Act passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts relating to Labour in Factories*, the Labour of Children, young Persons, and Females in Factories has been regulated, and by the said last-recited Act no young Person, and no Female above the Age of Eighteen Years,

3 & 4 W. 4. c. 103.
7 & 8 Vict. c. 15.
10 & 11 Vict. c. 29.
13 & 14 Vict. c. 54.

'Years, can be employed in any Factory before Six of the Clock of the Morning or after 'Six of the Clock of the Evening, save as therein otherwise provided: And whereas it is 'expedient that Children should not be employed in Factories at Times during which young 'Persons and Women may not now by Law be employed therein:' 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, as follows:

No Child to be employed before Six in the Morning nor after Six in the Afternoon.

I. After the Commencement of this Act no Child shall be employed in any Factory before Six of the Clock in the Morning or after Six of the Clock in the Evening of any Day (save to recover lost Time, as herein-after provided), and no Child shall be employed in any Factory either to recover lost Time or for any other Purpose on any *Saturday* after Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Power to employ Children in the Hours between Seven in the Morning and Seven in the Evening from 30th Sept. to 1st April, under certain Regulations.

II. Provided always, That during all or Part of the Period between the Thirtieth Day of *September* of any Year and the First Day of *April* of the following Year Children may be employed in any Factory, except on *Saturday*, after Six until Seven of the Clock of the Evening, under the following Regulations and Conditions; (that is to say,) Notice signed by the Occupier of any Factory or his Agent of the Intention to employ Children under this Provision, specifying the Period, not being less than One Month, during which they are to be so employed in such Factory, shall be given to One of the Inspectors of Factories; and a Notice to the like Effect, in such Form as shall be approved by such Inspector, and signed by such Occupier or his Agent and by such Inspector, shall be hung or fixed up, according to the Directions for other Notices in the said secondly-recited Act, in such Factory, and during the Period specified in such Notice Children may be employed in such Factory after Six of the Clock and not later than Seven of the Clock of any Day except *Saturday*, and during the Period specified in such Notice (save to recover lost Time, as herein provided,) no Child shall be employed in such Factory before Seven of the Clock in the Morning of any Day except *Saturday*.

Children not to be employed, under 7 & 8 Vict. c. 15. s. 36., in recovering lost Time, after Seven in the Evening.

III. 'And whereas by the said Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her Majesty it 'was enacted, that in any Factory in which any Part of the Machinery was moved by the 'Power of Water the Time which should have been lost by Stoppages from Want of Water 'or from too much Water might be recovered within Six Months next after the Stoppage 'between the Hours specified in the said firstly-recited Act as those within which Time lost 'by Drought or Excess of Water might be recovered, and that in order to recover Time so 'lost any Child or young Person might be employed One Hour in each Day more than the 'Time to which the ordinary daily Labour of Children and young Persons respectively was 'restricted by Law, except on *Saturday*:' Be it therefore enacted, That no Child shall, in order to recover Time so lost as aforesaid, be employed after Seven of the Clock in the Evening of any Day; and the Times before Six of the Clock in the Morning and after Six of the Clock in the Evening during which any such Child is so employed in any Day shall not together exceed One Hour.

Hours of Employment of Children not to be extended.

IV. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the Employment of any Children in any Factory for any longer Time in any Day than is now authorized under the said recited Acts, or to interfere with or affect the Provisions of the said Acts as to Meal Times or Holidays, or any other Provisions whatsoever of the said Acts, save so far as the same authorize the Employment of Children between any other Hours of the Day than are limited by this Act.

Acts to be construed as One Act.

V. The herein-before recited Acts, as amended by this Act, and this Act, shall be construed together as One Act.

Commencement of Act.

VI. This Act shall commence and take effect on the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.