CAP. CXXII.

An Act to render valid certain Marriages in the Church of the *Holy Trinity* in the Township of *Hulme* and Parish of *Manchester* in the County of *Lancaster*. [20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS the Church of the *Holy Trinity* in the Township of *Hulme* and Parish of *Manchester* in the County of *Lancaster* was erected and built some time in or about the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and was duly consecrated for the Performance of Divine Service therein: And whereas under and in pursuance of the Powers given by the Act passed in the Seventh Year of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for Marriages in* England, the Lord Bishop of *Manchester* has, by a Licence under his Hand and Seal bearing Date the Twenty-eighth Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, authorized the Solemnization of Marriages in the said Church: And whereas before the Date of the said Licence divers Marriages had been solemnized in the said Church by the Minister thereof and by other Clergymen, under the Opinion that according to the Terms of the Sentence of Consecration of the said Church, or otherwise, Marriages might be lawfully solemnized therein, and Entries of the said Marriages so solemnized had been from Time to Time made in Register Books kept at the said Church, in compliance with the Provisions concerning Registry of Marriages: And whereas it is expedient to remove all Doubts arising from the Circumstances aforesaid touching the Validity of the Marriages so as aforesaid solemnized in the said Church:' 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— 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 85.

I. All Marriages heretofore solemnized in the said Church and the Publication of Banns in such Church previous to any such Marriage, shall be and be deemed to have been as good, valid, and effectual in the Law to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if such Marriages had been solemnized and such Publication of Banns had taken place in the Collegiate or Cathedral and Parish Church of *Manchester*. Marriages solemnized in Holy Trinity Church, Hulme, declared valid.

II. No Minister who has solemnized any of the said Marriages shall be liable to any Ecclesiastical Censures, or to any other Proceedings or Penalties whatsoever, by reason of his having so as aforesaid solemnized the same respectively. Ministers having solemnized Marriages indemnified.

III. 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 Registers of Marriages in Parish Churches, or Copies thereof, are by Law receivable in Evidence. Registers to be Evidence.

CAP. CXXIII.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Investments of Friendly Societies. [20th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS by the Acts now in force relating to Friendly Societies such Societies are authorized and required to invest their Funds in the Manner and upon the Securities mentioned in the said Acts: And whereas it is expedient to grant other Facilities for investing their Funds to such Societies:' 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. Any

Friendly Societies may invest their Funds otherwise than as required by 13 & 14 Vict. c. 115.

I. Any Friendly Society duly established under any Act of Parliament, and which is empowered by its Rules to assure to or on the Death of any Person a Sum exceeding Two hundred Pounds, or to grant an Annuity on any Life exceeding Thirty Pounds *per Annum*, may invest the Funds of such Society after the passing of this Act, not only in the Manner and upon the Securities mentioned in the Twelfth Section of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her present Majesty, but also upon the Security of any Rates, Tolls, Duties, Assessments, Bonds, Debentures, or other Securities of any Body or Company incorporated by Act of Parliament or Charter which such Body or Company is authorized by such Act or Charter to raise, levy, or mortgage, or on the Security o. any Policy or Policies of Assurance effected upon a Life or Lives of adequate Value.

Societies not to invest under this Act and with National Debt Commissioners.

II. If any such Society shall invest any Portion of its Funds which may now by Law be invested with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt in any of the Securities enumerated in this Act, it shall not be lawful for such Society to invest thereafter any further Portion of the Funds of such Society with the said Commissioners.

If Societies have no Account with said Commissioners, none to be opened.

III. No such Friendly Society which previously to the passing of this Act has not opened an Account with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall be allowed, after the passing of this Act, to invest its Funds or any Part thereof with the said Commissioners.

CAP. CXXIV.

An Act to continue Appointments under the Act for consolidating the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and for completing Proceedings under the Tithe Commutation Acts. [20th *August* 1853.]

14 & 15 Vict. c. 53.

'WHEREAS under an Act of the Session holden in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Fifty-three), "to consolidate and continue the Copyhold "and Inclosure Commissions, and to provide for the Completion of Proceedings under the "Tithe Commutation Acts," certain Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers as therein mentioned are limited to continue for Two Years next after the Day of the passing of that Act, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no Commissioner or other Officer or Person appointed or continued under that Act is to hold his Office for a longer Period than Two Years next after the Day of the passing of that Act, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the Powers of the said Act should be continued as herein-after mentioned:' 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: The Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers limited to continue as aforesaid by the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty shall be further continued until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and the Period limited for the holding of Office under the said Act shall in like Manner be extended until the said First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

Powers of Appointment of Commissioners &c. under 14 & 15 Vict. c. 53. continued for One Year.