'other proper Legislative Authority of Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions on the 'Continent of *South America*, in the *West Indies*, and the Island of *Mauritius*, and made 'chargeable on the respective Revenues of such Colonies and Possessions, for the Purpose 'of promoting the Introduction of Free Labourers, or the Formation of Roads, Railways, 'Works of Drainage or Irrigation, or other public Undertakings of a similar Character: 'And whereas Doubts have arisen whether any Monies that may be raised by means of such 'guaranteed Loans can be applied to the Conveyance back to *India*, *China*, or *Africa*, of 'Free Labourers introduced therefrom into the said Colonies and Possessions: And whereas 'it is expedient to remove such Doubts:' Be it therefore enacted and declared 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 any Monies the Produce of such guaranteed Loans which the Legislatures or other proper Legislative Authority of Her Majesty's said Colonies and Possessions may have raised or charged, or hereafter may raise or charge, on the respective Revenues of such Colonies and Possessions, may be applied to the Conveyance back to *India*, *China*, and *Africa* of Free Labourers introduced therefrom into the said Colonies and Possessions, anything in the said recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Guaranteed Loans may be charged with Expense of conveying back to India, &c. Free Labourers introduced therefrom.

CAP. V.

An Act to substitute Stamp Duties for Fees on passing Letters Patent for Inventions, and to provide for the Purchase for the public Use of certain Indexes of Specifications. [21st *February* 1853.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that the Fees payable in respect of Letters Patent for 'Inventions under the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, and mentioned in the 'Schedule to such Act, be converted into Stamp Duties:' Be it enacted, therefore, 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:

15 & 16 Vict. c. 83.

§§ 17, 44, 45, 46, and 53, and Part of Schedule of recited Act repealed.

I. Sections Seventeen, Forty-four, Forty-five, Forty-six, and Fifty-three of the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, and so much of the Schedule to the said Act as relates to Fees and Stamp Duties to be paid under the said Act, shall be repealed.

Letters Patent to be made subject to Avoidance on Nonpayment of Stamp Duties expressed in Schedule to this Act annexed.

II. All Letters Patent for Inventions to be granted under the Provisions of the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, (except in the Cases provided for in the Fourth Section of this Act,) shall be made subject to the Condition that the same shall be void, and that the Powers and Privileges thereby granted shall cease and determine, at the Expiration of Three Years and Seven Years respectively from the Date thereof, unless there be paid before the Expiration of the said Three Years and Seven Years respectively the Stamp Duties in the Schedule to this Act annexed expressed to be payable before the Expiration of the Third Year and of the Seventh Year respectively, and such Letters Patent, or a Duplicate thereof, shall be stamped with proper Stamps showing the Payment of such respective Stamp Duties, and shall, when stamped, be produced before the Expiration of such Three Years and Seven Years respectively at the Office of the Commissioners; and a Certificate of the Production of such Letters Patent or Duplicate so stamped, specifying the Date of such Production, shall be endorsed by the Clerk of the Commissioners on the Letters Patent or Duplicate, and a like Certificate shall be endorsed upon the Warrant for such Letters Patent filed in the said Office.

Stamp Duties mentioned in the Schedule to this Act to be payable.

III. There shall be paid unto and for the Use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for or in respect of Letters Patent applied for or issued under the Provisions of the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, Warrants, Specifications, Disclaimers, Certificates, and Entries, and other Matters and Things mentioned in the Schedule to this Act, or the Vellum, Parchment, or Paper on which the same respectively are written, the Stamp Duties mentioned in the said Schedule; and no other Stamp Duties shall be levied in respect of such Letters

Letters Patent, Warrants, Specifications, Disclaimers, Certificates, Entries, Matters, and Things; and the Stamp Duty mentioned in the said Schedule on Office Copies of Documents shall be in lieu of such Sums as by the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, are authorized to be appointed to be paid for such Office Copies.

As to Payment of Stamp Duties on Letters Patent for England, Scotland, or Ireland respectively.

IV. Where Letters Patent for *England* or *Scotland* or *Ireland* have been granted before the Commencement of the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, or have been since the Commencement of the said Act, or hereafter may be granted for any Invention, in respect of any Application made before the Commencement of the said Act, Letters Patent for *England* or *Scotland* or *Ireland* may be granted for such Invention in like Manner as if the said Act had not been passed: Provided always, that in lieu of all Fees or Payments and Stamp Duties which were at the Time of the passing of the said Act payable in respect of such Letters Patent as last aforesaid, or in or about obtaining a Grant thereof, and in lieu of all other Stamp Duties whatsoever, there shall be paid in respect of such Letters Patent as last aforesaid on the sealing thereof Stamp Duties equal to One Third Part of the Stamp Duties which would be payable under this Act in respect of Letters Patent issued for the United Kingdom under the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, on or previously to the sealing of such Letters Patent as last aforesaid, and before the Expiration of the Third Year and the Seventh Year respectively of the Term granted by such Letters Patent for *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, Stamp Duties equal to One Third Part of the Stamp Duties payable under this Act before the Expiration of the Third Year and the Seventh Year respectively of the Term granted by Letters Patent issued for the United Kingdom under the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, and the Condition of such Letters Patent for *England* or *Scotland* or *Ireland* shall be varied accordingly.

Duties to be under the Management of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue;

V. The Stamp Duties hereby granted shall be under the Care and Management of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue; and the several Rules, Regulations, Provisions, Penalties, Clauses, and Matters contained in any Act now or hereafter to be in force with reference to Stamp Duties shall be applicable thereto.

who are to provide the proper Stamps for the Purpose.

VI. The said Commissioners of Inland Revenue shall prepare Stamps impressed upon adhesive Paper, of the Amounts following, that is to say, Twopence, Fourpence, Eightpence, and One Shilling, to be used only in respect of the Stamp Duties on the Office Copies of Documents and on the Certificates of Searches and Inspections mentioned in the Schedule to this Act; such adhesive Stamps of proper Amounts to be affixed by the Clerk of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions to such Office Copies of Documents and Certificates of Searches and Inspections as aforesaid; and immediately after such affixing he shall obliterate or deface such Stamps by impressing thereon a Seal to be provided for that Purpose, but so as not to prevent the Amount of the Stamp from being ascertained; and no such Office Copy or Certificate shall be delivered out until the Stamps thereon shall be obliterated or defaced as aforesaid.

Conditions of Letters Patent already granted under recited Act to be satisfied by Payment of Stamp Duties, &c. under this Act.

VII. The Condition contained in any Letters Patent granted under the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, and before the passing of this Act for making such Letters Patent void at the Expiration of Three Years and Seven Years respectively from the Date thereof, unless there be paid, before the Expiration of the said Three Years and Seven Years respectively, the Sums of Money and Stamp Duties by the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, required in this Behalf, shall be deemed to be satisfied and complied with by Payment of the like Stamp Duties as would have been required if such Letters Patent had been granted after the passing of this Act, and had been made subject to the Condition required by this Act in lieu of the said Condition therein contained; and the Provision herein-before contained concerning the Endorsement on the Letters Patent or Duplicate, and on the Warrant for the same Letters Patent, of a Certificate of the Production of the Letters Patent or Duplicate properly stamped, shall be applicable in the Case of such Letters Patent granted before the passing of this Act.

Power to Commissioners to purchase the Indexes of existing

VIII. ‘ And whereas by the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, the Commissioners ‘ are directed to cause Indexes to all Specifications heretofore or hereafter to be enrolled or ‘ deposited to be prepared in such Form as they may think fit, which Indexes are to be ‘ open

Specifications prepared by Mr. Woodcroft.

'open to the Inspection of the Public: And whereas the existing Specifications so directed 'to be indexed as aforesaid are in Number Fifteen thousand and upwards, and it would 'require some Years to make Indexes thereof on a proper Arrangement and Classification: 'And whereas Mr. *Bennett Woodcroft* has already made complete Indexes of such Specifica- 'tions, which the Commissioners have examined and approved of, and it is expedient that 'such Indexes be purchased for the Use of the Public:'

It shall be lawful for the Commissioners, with the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to purchase the said Indexes of the said *Bennett Woodcroft* for a Sum not exceeding One thousand Pounds, and to pay the Purchase Money for the same out of the Monies in their Hands which have arisen from Fees received in respect of Letters Patent under the said Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, and directed by the said Act to be paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer; and after the Purchase of such Indexes the Provisions of the said Act shall be applicable thereto as if such Indexes had been prepared under the said recited Enactment.

As to the Word "Duplicate."

IX. The Word "Duplicate" shall be construed to mean in this Act such Letters Patent as may be issued under the Twenty-second Section of the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, in case of any Letters Patent being destroyed or lost.

This Act and 15 & 16 Vict. c. 83. to be construed together.

X. This Act and the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, shall be construed together as One Act.

The SCHEDULE of Stamp Duties to be paid to which this Act refers.

	£	s.	d.
On Petition for Grant of Letters Patent	5	0	0
On Certificate of Record of Notice to proceed	5	0	0
On Warrant of Law Officer for Letters Patent	5	0	0
On the sealing of Letters Patent	5	0	0
On Specification	5	0	0
On the Letters Patent, or a Duplicate thereof, before the Expiration of the Third Year	50	0	0
On the Letters Patent, or a Duplicate thereof, before the Expiration of the Seventh Year	100	0	0
On Certificate of Record of Notice of Objections	2	0	0
On Certificate of every Search and Inspection	0	1	0
On Certificate of Entry of Assignment or Licence	0	5	0
On Certificate of Assignment or Licence	0	5	0
On Application for Disclaimer	5	0	0
On Caveat against Disclaimer	2	0	0
On Office Copies of Documents, for every Ninety Words	0	0	2

CAP. VI.

An Act to apply the Sum of Two Millions to the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three. [21st *February* 1853.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the Supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the Sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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,