in Cases of Adultery.

her Husband, in any Criminal Proceeding, or in any Proceeding instituted in consequence of Adultery.

Husbands and Wives not compelled to disclose Communications.

III. No Husband shall be compellable to disclose any Communication made to him by his Wife during the Marriage, and no Wife shall be compellable to disclose any Communication made to her by her Husband during the Marriage.

So much of Section 1. of 6 & 7 Vict. c. 85. as relates to Husbands and Wives, repealed.

IV. So much of Section One of the Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Sixth and Seventh Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter Eighty-five, as provides that the said Act shall not render competent the Husband or Wife of any Party to any Suit, Action, or Proceeding individually named in the Record, or of any Lessor of the Plaintiff or of the Tenant of Premises sought to be recovered in Ejectment, or of the Landlord or other Person in whose Right any Defendant in Replevin may make cognizance, or of any Lessor in whose immediate and individual Behalf any Action may be brought or defended, either wholly or in part, is hereby repealed.

Short Title.

V. In citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, or in any Instrument, Document, or Proceeding, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Evidence Amendment Act, 1853."

Commencement of Act.

VI. This Act shall commence on the Eleventh Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

CAP. LXXXIV.

An Act to amend the Passengers Act, 1852, so far as relates to the Passages of Natives of *Asia* or *Africa*, and also Passages between the Island of *Ceylon* and certain Parts of the *East Indies*. [20th *August* 1853.]

15 & 16 Vict. c. 44.

'WHEREAS by the Twelfth Section of the Passengers Act of 1852 it is provided that no Ship shall convey a greater Number of Passengers, exclusive of *bonâ fide* Cabin Passengers, than after the Rate of One Passenger for every Fifteen superficial Feet of the Passenger Deck if such Ship be intended to pass within the Tropics: And whereas it is expedient to enable the Governors of Her Majesty's Possessions abroad to alter this Provision in the Case of Natives of *Asia* or *Africa*:' 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:

Governors of Possessions abroad may alter Rates for Conveyance of Passengers prescribed by s. 12. of recited Act.

I. It shall be lawful for the Governors of Her Majesty's Possessions abroad, if they shall think fit, to declare by Proclamation that Ships intended to pass within the Tropics from any Ports within their respective Governments may convey Passengers, being Natives of *Asia* or *Africa*, after the Rate of One for every Twelve superficial Feet of the Passenger Deck instead of One for every Fifteen such superficial Feet as required by the Section aforesaid.

Exempting Vessels carrying Passengers between certain Ports from Operation of said s. 12.

II. 'And whereas it is expedient to exempt from the Operation of the whole of the said Twelfth Section Vessels carrying Passengers between the Ports of *Ceylon* and the Ports of the Territories under the Government of the *East India* Company which lie within the *Gulf of Manar* and *Palks' Straits*:' Be it therefore enacted, That the Restrictions in the said Twelfth Section of the Passengers Act, 1852, shall not apply to Vessels proceeding on any Voyage from any Port or Place in the Island of *Ceylon* to any Port or Place in the Territories under the Government of the *East India* Company in the *Gulf of Manar* or *Palks' Straits*, but that it shall be lawful for the Governor and Legislative Council of *Ceylon*, if they shall so think fit, to regulate by Ordinance the Number of Persons or Passengers who may be carried on board of Vessels proceeding on any such Voyage as last aforesaid.

This and recited Act to be One.

III. The Passengers Act of 1852 and this Act shall be construed together as One Act.