Suitors Fee Fund Account," subject to the Payment of such Salaries and Sums of Money as are now payable thereout.

X. In this Act the Expression "the Lord Chancellor" shall be construed to mean the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain* for the Time being, and to include or be applicable to the Lord Keeper or Lords Commissioners for the Custody of the Great Seal of the United Kingdom for the Time being. The Lord Chancellor."

CAP. CI.

An Act to continue and amend the Acts now in force relating to Friendly Societies. [10th *August* 1854.]

'WHEREAS the Act passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Friendly Societies*, was continued in force for a Period therein limited by an Act passed in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Years of Her said Majesty, Chapter Seventy-five: And whereas the said Acts will expire at the End of the present Session of Parliament, and it is expedient the same shall be further continued: 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: 13 & 14 Vict. c. 115.

I. The said Act of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of Her present Majesty, Chapter One hundred and fifteen, shall be further continued to the First Day of *October* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Act further continued.

II. All Transcripts of the Rules of Friendly Societies now filed with the Rolls of the Sessions of the Peace in any County, Riding, or Division of a County shall be taken off the File, and sent to the Registrars, who shall keep the same in such Manner as shall be from Time to Time directed by One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State. Transcripts of Rules to be deposited with Registrars.

CAP. CII.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Bribery, Treating, and undue Influence at Elections of Members of Parliament. [10th *August* 1854.]

'WHEREAS the Laws now in force for preventing corrupt Practices in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament have been found insufficient: And whereas it is expedient to consolidate and amend such Laws, and to make further Provision for securing the Freedom of such Elections:' 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:

I. The several Acts of Parliament mentioned in the Schedule A. hereto annexed shall be repealed to the Extent specified concerning the same Acts respectively in the Third Column of the said Schedule. Repeal of Acts in the Schedule.

II. The following Persons shall be deemed guilty of Bribery, and shall be punishable accordingly: Bribery defined.

1. Every Person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself, or by any other Person on his Behalf, give, lend, or agree to give or lend, or shall offer, promise, or promise to procure or to endeavour to procure, any Money or valuable Consideration, to or for any Voter, or to or for any Person on behalf of any Voter, or to or for any other Person in order to induce any Voter to vote, or refrain from voting, or shall corruptly do any such Act as aforesaid, on account of such Voter having voted or refrained from voting at any Election:

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2. Every Person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other Person on his Behalf, give or procure, or agree to give or procure, or offer, promise, or promise to procure or to endeavour to procure, any Office, Place, or Employment to or for any Voter, or to or for any Person on behalf of any Voter, or to or for any other Person, in order to induce such Voter to vote, or refrain from voting, or shall corruptly do any such Act as aforesaid, on account of any Voter having voted or refrained from voting at any Election:
3. Every Person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other Person on his Behalf, make any such Gift, Loan, Offer, Promise, Procurement, or Agreement as aforesaid, to or for any Person, in order to induce such Person to procure, or endeavour to procure, the Return of any Person to serve in Parliament, or the Vote of any Voter at any Election:
4. Every Person who shall, upon or in consequence of any such Gift, Loan, Offer, Promise, Procurement, or Agreement, procure or engage, promise, or endeavour to procure the Return of any Person to serve in Parliament, or the Vote of any Voter at any Election:
5. Every Person who shall advance or pay, or cause to be paid, any Money to or to the Use of any other Person with the Intent that such Money or any Part thereof shall be expended in Bribery at any Election, or who shall knowingly pay or cause to be paid any Money to any Person in Discharge or Repayment of any Money wholly or in part expended in Bribery at any Election:

And any Person so offending shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and in *Scotland* of an Offence punishable by Fine and Imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, together with full Costs of Suit: Provided always, that the aforesaid Enactment shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Money paid or agreed to be paid for or on account of any legal Expenses *bonâ fide* incurred at or concerning any Election.

Bribery further defined.

III. The following Persons shall also be deemed guilty of Bribery, and shall be punishable accordingly:

1. Every Voter who shall, before or during any Election, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other Person on his Behalf, receive, agree, or contract for any Money, Gift, Loan, or valuable Consideration, Office, Place, or Employment, for himself or for any other Person, for voting or agreeing to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain from voting, at any Election:
2. Every Person who shall, after any Election, directly or indirectly, by himself or by any other Person on his Behalf, receive any Money or valuable Consideration on account of any Person having voted or refrained from voting, or having induced any other Person to vote or to refrain from voting, at any Election:

Penalty.

Treating defined.

And any Person so offending shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and in *Scotland* of an Offence punishable by Fine and Imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, together with full Costs of Suit.

IV. Every Candidate at an Election, who shall corruptly by himself, or by or with any Person, or by any other Ways or Means on his Behalf, at any Time, either before, during, or after any Election, directly or indirectly give or provide, or cause to be given or provided, or shall be accessory to the giving or providing, or shall pay, wholly or in Part, any Expenses incurred for any Meat, Drink, Entertainment, or Provision to or for any Person, in order to be elected, or for being elected, or for the Purpose of corruptly influencing such Person or any other Person to give or refrain from giving his Vote at such Election, or on account of such Person having voted or refrained from voting, or being about to vote or refrain from voting, at such Election, shall be deemed guilty of the Offence of Treating, and shall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, with full Costs of Suit; and every Voter who shall corruptly accept or take any such Meat, Drink, Entertainment, or Provision, shall be incapable of voting at such Election, and his Vote, if given, shall be utterly void and of none effect.

Penalty.

V. Every

Undue Influence defined.

V. Every Person who shall, directly or indirectly, by himself, or by any other Person on his Behalf, make use of, or threaten to make use of, any Force, Violence, or Restraint, or inflict or threaten the Infliction, by himself or by or through any other Person, of any Injury, Damage, Harm, or Loss, or in any other Manner practise Intimidation upon or against any Person in order to induce or compel such Person to vote or refrain from voting, or on account of such Person having voted or refrained from voting, at any Election, or who shall, by Abduction, Duress, or any fraudulent Device or Contrivance, impede, prevent, or otherwise interfere with the free Exercise of the Franchise of any Voter, or shall thereby compel, induce, or prevail upon any Voter, either to give or to refrain from giving his Vote at any Election, shall be deemed to have committed the Offence of undue Influence, and shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor, and in *Scotland* of an Offence punishable by Fine or Imprisonment, and shall also be liable to forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, together with full Costs of Suit.

Penalty.

Names of Offenders to be struck out of Register, and inserted in separate List.

VI. Whenever it shall be proved before the Revising Barrister that any Person who is or claims to be placed on the List or Register of Voters for any County, City, or Borough has been convicted of Bribery or undue Influence at any Election, or that Judgment has been obtained against any such Person for any Penal Sum hereby made recoverable in respect of the Offences of Bribery, Treating, or undue Influence, or either of them, then and in that Case such Revising Barrister shall, in case the Name of such Person is in the List of Voters, expunge the same therefrom, or shall, in case such Person is claiming to have his Name inserted therein, disallow such Claim; and the Names of all Persons whose Names shall be so expunged from the List of Voters, and whose Claims shall be so disallowed, shall be thereupon inserted in a separate List, to be entitled "The List of Persons disqualified for Bribery, Treating, or undue Influence," which last-mentioned List shall be appended to the List or Register of Voters, and shall be printed and published therewith, wherever the same shall be or is required to be printed or published.

No Cockades, &c. to be given at Elections.

Penalty.

VII. No Candidate before, during, or after any Election shall in regard to such Election, by himself or Agent, directly, or indirectly, give or provide to or for any Person having a Vote at such Election, or to or for any Inhabitant of the County, City, Borough, or Place for which such Election is had, any Cockade, Ribbon, or other Mark of Distinction; and every Person so giving or providing shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Two Pounds to such Person as shall sue for the same, together with full Costs of Suit; and all Payments made for or on account of any Chairing, or any such Cockade, Ribbon, or Mark of Distinction as aforesaid, or of any Bands of Music or Flags or Banners, shall be deemed illegal Payments within this Act.

Voters not to serve as Special Constables during Elections.

VIII. No Person having a Right to vote at the Election for any County, City, Borough, or other Place shall be liable or compelled to serve as a Special Constable at or during any Election for a Member or Members to serve in Parliament for such County, City, Borough, or other Place, unless he shall consent so to act; and he shall not be liable to any Fine, Penalty, or Punishment whatever for refusing so to act, any Statute, Law, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding

Penalties how to be recovered.

IX. The pecuniary Penalties hereby imposed for the Offences of Bribery, Treating, or undue Influence respectively shall be recoverable by Action or Suit by any Person who shall sue for the same in any of Her Majesty's Superior Courts at *Westminster*, if the Offence be committed in *England* or *Wales*, and in any of Her Majesty's Superior Courts in *Dublin* if the Offence be committed in *Ireland*, and in or before the Court of Session if the Offence be committed in *Scotland*, and not otherwise.

Costs and Expenses of Prosecutions.

X. It shall be lawful for any Criminal Court, before which any Prosecution shall be instituted for any Offence against the Provisions of this Act, to order Payment to the Prosecutor of such Costs and Expenses as to the said Court shall appear to have been reasonably incurred in and about the Conduct of such Prosecution: Provided always, that no Indictment for Bribery or undue Influence shall be triable before any Court of Quarter Sessions.

XI. For

Returning Officer to give Notice of Election.

XI. For the more effectual Observance of this Act, every Returning Officer to whom the Execution of any Writ or Precept for electing any Member or Members to serve in Parliament may appertain or belong shall, in lieu of the Proclamation or Notice of Election heretofore used, publish or cause to be published such Proclamation or Notice of Election as is mentioned in Schedule B. to this Act, or to the like Effect.

Cases in which Defendant may recover Costs from the Prosecutor.

XII. In case of any Indictment or Information by a private Prosecutor for any Offence against the Provisions of this Act, if Judgment shall be given for the Defendant, he shall be entitled to recover from the Prosecutor the Costs sustained by the Defendant by reason of such Indictment or Information, such Costs to be taxed by the proper Officer of the Court in which such Judgment shall be given.

Prosecutor not to be entitled to Costs unless he shall have entered into a Recognizance to conduct Prosecution and pay Costs.

XIII. It shall not be lawful for any Court to order Payment of the Costs of a Prosecution for any Offence against the Provisions of this Act, unless the Prosecutor shall, before or upon the finding of the Indictment or the granting of the Information, enter into a Recognizance, with Two sufficient Sureties, in the Sum of Two hundred Pounds (to be acknowledged in like Manner as is now required in Cases of Writs of Certiorari awarded at the Instance of a Defendant in an Indictment), with the Conditions following; that is to say, that the Prosecutor shall conduct the Prosecution with Effect, and shall pay to the Defendant or Defendants, in case he or they shall be acquitted, his or their Costs.

Limitation of Actions.

XIV. No Person shall be liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture hereby enacted or imposed, unless some Prosecution, Action, or Suit for the Offence committed shall be commenced against such Person within the Space of One Year next after such Offence against this Act shall be committed, and unless such Person shall be summoned or otherwise served with Writ or Process within the same Space of Time, so as such Summons or Service of Writ or Process shall not be prevented by such Person absconding or withdrawing out of the Jurisdiction of the Court out of which such Writ or other Process shall have issued; and in case of any such Prosecution, Suit, or Process as aforesaid, the same shall be proceeded with and carried on without any wilful Delay.

Power to Returning Officers to appoint Election Auditors.

XV. 'Whereas it is expedient to make further Provision for preventing the Offences of 'Bribery, Treating, and undue Influence, and also for diminishing the Expenses of Elections:' Be it enacted, That within Six Days after the passing of this Act the Returning Officers of the City of *Canterbury*, the Boroughs of *Cambridge*, *Kingston-upon-Hull*, *Maldon*, and *Barnstaple*, and once in every Year in the Month of *August*, the Returning Officer of every County, City, and Borough shall appoint a fit and proper Person to be an Election Officer, to be called "Election Auditor or Auditor of Election Expenses," to act at any Election or Elections for and during the Year then next ensuing, and until another Appointment of Election Auditor shall be made; and such Returning Officer shall, in such Way as he shall think best, give public Notice of such Appointment in such County, City, or Borough; provided, that any Person appointed an Election Auditor may be re-appointed as often as the Returning Officer for the Time being shall think fit; and that every Person who shall be an Election Auditor on the Day appointed for any Election shall continue to be the Election Auditor in respect of such Election until the whole Business of such Election shall be concluded, notwithstanding the subsequent Appointment of any other Person as Election Auditor; and every Election Auditor upon his Appointment shall make and sign before the Returning Officer the following Declaration:

'I [*A. B.*] do solemnly and sincerely promise and declare, That I will well and truly and faithfully, to the best of my Ability in all Things, perform my Duty as Election Auditor, according to the Provisions of "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854."'

And every Election Auditor wilfully doing any Act whatever contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of such Declaration shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor, and in *Scotland* of an Offence punishable with Fine and Imprisonment.

Bills, &c. to be sent in within One Month to Candidate or

XVI. All Persons, as well Agents as others, who shall have any Bills, Charges, or Claims upon any Candidate for or in respect of any Election shall send in such Bills, Charges, or Claims within One Month from the Day of the Declaration of the Election to such Candidate,

date, or to some authorized Agent of such Candidate acting on his Behalf, otherwise such Persons shall be barred of their Right to recover such Claims, and every or any Part thereof: Provided always, that in case of the Death within the said Month of any Person claiming the Amount of such Bill, Charge, or Claim, the legal Representative of such Person shall send in such Bill, Charge, or Claim within One Month after obtaining Probate or Letters of Administration, or Confirmation as Executor, as the Case may be, or the Right to recover such Claim shall be barred as aforesaid. Right to recover barred.

XVII. Every Candidate shall, by himself or his Agent in that Behalf, within Three Months after the Day of the Declaration of the Election, or within Two Months after any Bill, Charge, or Claim has been sent in by the legal Representative of any deceased Creditor, as herein-before provided, send in to the Election Auditor for Payment all such Bills, Charges, or Claims (except as herein-after excepted) as have been sent in to such Candidate within the One Month herein-before specified from the Day of the Declaration of the Election or after the granting of Probate or Letters of Administration, or Confirmation as Executor, as the Case may be: Provided always, that the Candidate shall, by himself or his Agent as aforesaid, at the Time of his sending in any such Bill, Charge, or Claim, state to the Election Auditor whether he admits the whole Amount of such Bill, Charge, or Claim, or if not the whole then how much thereof, if any, he admits to be correct: Provided also, that in case of the wilful Default of the Candidate, by himself or his Agent as aforesaid, in sending in all such Bills, Charges, or Claims, or in making such Statement at the Time of sending in such Bills, Charges, or Claims, he shall be liable to a Penalty of Twenty Pounds, and to a further Penalty of Ten Pounds for every subsequent Week of wilful Default or Neglect in sending in all such Bills, Charges, or Claims, or in making such Statement, to be recovered by any Person who will sue for the same, together with full Costs of Suit: Provided always, that in case any such Candidate shall be absent from the United Kingdom at the Time of such Election, he shall send in to the Election Auditor for Payment any such Bills, Charges, or Claims as aforesaid within One Month after his Return to the United Kingdom, which shall be of the same Force and Effect as if the same had been sent in as herein provided. Bills, &c. received within One Month to be sent in to Election Auditor.

XVIII. No Payment of any Bill, Charge, or Claim, or of any Money whatever, for or in respect of any Election, or the Expenses thereof, (except as herein excepted,) shall be made by or by the Authority of any Candidate, except by or through such Election Auditor, and any Payment made by or by the Authority of any Candidate otherwise than as herein provided shall be deemed and taken to be an illegal Payment, and upon Proof thereof such Candidate shall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds, with double the Amount of such illegal Payment, and full Costs of Suit, to any Person who will sue for the same: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for any Candidate, by himself or his Agent, to name any Banker through whom alone such Bills, Charges, or Claims, or Money, as aforesaid, shall be paid by the Election Auditor, and in that Case the Election Auditor shall pay such Bills, Charges, and Claims by Cheques drawn on such Banker, to be countersigned by the Candidate, or some Person on his Behalf specially appointed for that Purpose. No Payments to be made except through Election Auditor.

XIX. If the Election Auditor, by the Authority of any Candidate, tenders or offers to pay any Sum in respect of any Bill, Charge, or Claim sent in as herein-before provided, such Tender shall be taken for all Purposes to be the Tender of such Candidate, and may, in any Action or other Proceeding brought against such Candidate to recover the Amount of such Bill, Charge, or Claim, be pleaded as such, or otherwise be made available according to the Proceedings of the Court in which such Action or other Proceeding is brought or carried on; and if such Plea is pleaded, or if it shall be deemed advisable for any other Reason to pay Money into Court in any Action or other Proceeding brought against a Candidate in respect of any Liability alleged to have been incurred by him at such Election, the Election Auditor may, at the Request of the Candidate, and by Leave of any One of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Common Law at *Westminster*, or of any One of the Judges of Her Majesty's Superior Courts at *Dublin*, or of any One of the Judges of the Court of Session in *Scotland*, as the Case may be, pay into Court the Sum required; and such Payment into Court by the Election Auditor shall, for the Purposes of such Action, be deemed Tender and Payment into Court by Election Auditor.

deemed and taken to be and may be pleaded as Payment into Court by the Candidate himself: Provided always, that on any Issue or Hearing in reference to any such Tender or Payment of Money into Court, it shall not be necessary to prove the Appointment of the Election Auditor.

Copy of Judgment and Statement of Payments made in satisfaction to be sent to Auditor.

XX. Nothing in this Act contained (except as herein specially provided) shall be taken to limit the Right of any Creditor to bring any Action or otherwise to proceed against a Candidate for or in respect of any Expenses connected with the Election; and if in any such Action or Proceeding final Judgment be obtained against the Candidate, such Candidate shall forthwith send to the Election Auditor a Copy or Certificate of such Judgment; and when and as the Monies recovered by the said Judgments, or any Part thereof, shall be paid or satisfied by such Candidate, or shall be obtained under or by virtue of any Execution, the said Candidate shall thereupon forward to the Election Auditor a Statement of the Monies so paid or obtained in respect of such Judgment.

Consent of Auditor necessary before settling Action.

XXI. No Candidate shall be allowed to compound or settle any Action or other Proceeding brought against him in respect of any Expenses alleged to have been incurred by him in or about the Election, or to confess Judgment in such Action or Proceeding, without the Consent of the Election Auditor.

Candidate to pay personal Expenses and Expenses of advertising.

XXII. The personal Expenses of any Candidate, and the Expenses of advertising in Newspapers with reference to any Election, shall be defrayed by the Candidate himself, or by his Authority, but a full and true Account of the Sums so paid in respect of the said Advertisements shall, as soon as conveniently may be, be made out to the best of his Ability, and rendered to such Election Auditor by such Candidate, and the Amount of such Account shall be included in the general Account of the Expenses incurred at any Election to be made out and kept by such Election Auditor as herein-after provided.

Refreshments to Voters on the Days of Nomination or polling declared illegal.

XXIII. 'And whereas Doubts have also arisen as to whether the giving of Refreshment 'to Voters on the Day of Nomination or Day of polling be or be not according to Law, 'and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed:' Be it declared and enacted, That the giving or causing to be given to any Voter on the Day of Nomination or Day of polling, on account of such Voter having polled or being about to poll, any Meat, Drink, or Entertainment by way of Refreshment, or any Money or Ticket to enable such Voter to obtain Refreshment, shall be deemed an illegal Act, and the Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings for each Offence, to any Person who shall sue for the same, together with full Costs of Suit.

No Person to pay Expenses of Elections, except to Candidate or Election Auditor.

XXIV. No Person shall pay or agree to pay any Expenses of any Election, or any Sum of Money whatever, in order or with a view to procure or promote the Election of any Person to serve in Parliament, save to the Candidate at such Election, or to or under the Authority of the Election Auditor, other than as excepted and allowed by this Act; and every Person who shall pay or agree to pay any such Expenses or Money as aforesaid, save as aforesaid, shall become liable to a Penalty of Fifty Pounds, and of double the Money so paid or agreed to be paid, to be recovered in an Action of Debt by any one who shall sue for the same: Provided, that if upon the Trial of any Action to recover any such Penalty or Penalties it shall appear to the Judge who shall try the same that any such Payment shall have been made or agreed to be made without any corrupt or improper Intention, such Judge may, if he shall think fit, reduce such Penalty or Penalties to any Sum not less than Forty Shillings, and may also, if he shall think fit, direct that the Plaintiff shall not be entitled to Costs of such Action: Provided also, that no Expenses of or relating to the Registration of Electors, and no Subscriptions or Contributions *bonâ fide* made to or for any public or charitable Purpose, shall be deemed Election Expenses within the Meaning of this Act: Provided also, that in any Action to recover any Penalty under this Act it shall be lawful to the Court in which such Action shall be brought, or any Judge thereof, if they or he shall think fit, to order that the Plaintiff in such Action shall give Security for Costs, or that all Proceedings therein shall be stayed.

Candidates and Agents may make Payments

XXV. Any Candidate, and his Agents by him appointed in Writing according to the Provisions of this Act, may, at any Time before the Day of Nomination, pay any lawful

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and reasonable Expenses in respect of the Election which he or they shall *bonâ fide* believe fit and proper to be paid in ready Money, and the Payment of which cannot conveniently be postponed: Provided that the Candidate and his Agents shall, upon or before the Day of Nomination make out to the best of his Ability, and deliver to the Election Auditor, a full, true, and particular Account of all such Payments, with the Names of the Persons to whom they have been made, signed by such Candidate or his Agents respectively, and no Payment so made shall be a legal Payment within this Act unless such Account thereof shall be duly rendered to the Election Auditor.

before Day of Election.

XXVI. The Election Auditor shall, as soon as he conveniently can make out a full and true Account of all the Expenses incurred at the Election, specifying therein every Sum of Money paid to him or paid by him or by his Authority, on behalf of each Candidate, and of all Sums claimed, although the same shall not have been allowed or paid, and every Sum which has been paid into Court as aforesaid or recovered by Judgment against such Candidate, and to whom, by Name, such Payment was made, and for what particular Debt or Liability; and the Election Auditor shall include in such general Account the Amount of the Sums paid by each Candidate for Advertisements, and he shall specify therein the total Amount of Expenses incurred by each Candidate; and the Account, when so made out, shall be duly signed by him: Provided always, that, if it shall be found necessary, the Election Auditor may from Time to Time make out a supplementary Account or Accounts, which shall be made and abstracted in the Manner herein provided with reference to the first general Account.

Account of Election Expenses to be made out by Election Auditor.

XXVII. The Election Auditor shall keep all Accounts which shall come to his Hands in some fit and convenient Place, and shall, at all reasonable and convenient Times, submit the same to the Inspection of the Candidates and their Agents, and permit them to take Copies of the same, or of any Part thereof, upon Request, and when such general Account as aforesaid shall be so made out and signed by him, he shall keep the same in some fit and convenient Place; and such general Accounts shall be open to the Inspection of any Person, and Copies thereof or of any Part thereof shall be furnished to any Person at all reasonable and convenient Times, upon Request, such Person paying a Fee, at the Rate of One Shilling for every Two hundred Words, to a Copying Clerk, for the same; and when the Election Auditor shall have concluded the Business of any Election he shall deliver over all Accounts in his Hands to the Clerk of the Peace in Counties, and to the Town Clerk or other Officer performing any of the Duties of Town Clerk in Cities and Boroughs, and to the Sheriff Clerk in Counties in *Scotland*, who shall allow them to be inspected by any Person, on the Payment of One Shilling, and shall furnish Copies of the same or of any Part thereof on the Payment of a Fee, at the Rate of One Shilling for every Two hundred Words, to the Copying Clerk, provided always, that for any Copy so furnished the Fee shall in no Instance be less than One Shilling, and shall deliver over to the Candidates respectively the Balance of all Monies, if any, and all Vouchers in his hands, except any Vouchers appertaining personally to himself.

Election Auditor to keep Accounts in some convenient Place which shall be open to Inspection.

XXVIII. The Election Auditor shall also, as soon as he conveniently can, insert or cause to be inserted an Abstract of such Account, signed by him, in some Newspaper published or circulating in the County or Place where such Election is held; and such Abstract of Account shall specify the Amount of each of such Bills, Charges, or Claims admitted to be correct, or claimed and objected to, and the Names of the Parties to whom the same shall have been paid or are due, or by whom the same have been claimed respectively.

Election Auditor to publish Abstract of such Accounts.

XXIX. In case the Person appointed to act as Election Auditor should, before his Duties herein mentioned are completed, die, resign, or become incapable of acting as such Election Auditor, it shall be lawful for the Returning Officer for the Time being to appoint some fit and proper Person to act as such Election Auditor in the Room of the Person originally appointed as aforesaid for the Remainder of the then current Year of such Appointment; and the Returning Officer shall give public Notice of such Appointment in the County, City, or Borough.

Returning Officer to appoint new Election Auditor in case of Death, &c.

Monies, &c. to be handed over to new Election Auditor.

XXX. All Monies, Bills, Papers, and Documents of and relating to the Election which were in the Hands or under the Control of the Election Auditor going out of Office, dying, resigning, or becoming incapable of acting as aforesaid, except Receipts or Vouchers for Payments actually made by such Election Auditor, shall be handed over and transferred to the new Election Auditor appointed as herein-before mentioned; and such new Election Auditor shall in all respects, or as near thereto as may be, have the same Powers and act in the same Way as if he had been originally appointed previous to the Election: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for such new Election Auditor, at all reasonable Times, to have Access to and take Copies of or Extracts from the Receipts or Vouchers above excepted.

Appointment and Notification of Agents.

XXXI. Every Candidate shall, before or at the Nomination, or as soon after as conveniently may be, declare to the Election Auditor in Writing the Name or Names of his Agent or Agents for Election Expenses, who shall be appointed in Writing, and that he has not appointed and will not appoint any other Agent without in like Manner declaring the same to the Election Auditor, and no other than such Agents shall have Authority to expend any Money or incur any Expenses of or relating to the Election, in the Name or on the Behalf of the Candidate; and such Agents may pay any of the current Expenses of the Election necessary to be paid in ready Money, provided that such Agents shall make out, to the best of their Ability, and render, from Time to Time, true and particular Accounts to the Election Auditor of all such Payments; and every such Agent shall, as soon as conveniently may be after his Appointment as aforesaid, make and sign the following Declaration:

'I [*A. B.*], being appointed an Agent for Election Expenses by [*X. Y.*], a Candidate at this Election, do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare, That I have not knowingly made, authorized, or sanctioned, and that I will not knowingly make, authorize, or sanction, any Payment on account of this Election, otherwise than through the Election Auditor, save as excepted and allowed by "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854."'

Nomination of absent Candidates Expenses.

XXXII. In case any Person shall be proposed and seconded at any Election in his Absence, and without his previous Authority, it shall be lawful to the Persons proposing and seconding such Person to pay and agree to pay the lawful Expenses of the Election of such Person; and such Proposer and Seconder having agreed to pay such lawful Expenses shall become liable to pay the Fees hereby made payable to the Election Auditor, and pay any of the lawful Expenses of such Election, in like Manner and upon the same Terms and Conditions as herein provided concerning Agents for Election Expenses appointed in Writing by the Candidates.

Payments before passing of Act.

XXXIII. If any Candidate at any Election, or any Member hereafter returned to serve in Parliament, shall before the passing of this Act have paid any Money for or in respect of any Election hereafter to be held, or any Expenses thereof, such Person shall, to the best of his Ability, deliver a full, true, and particular Account of such Payment or Payments to the Election Auditor.

Election Auditor how paid.

XXXIV. Every such Election Auditor shall be paid and be entitled to receive, by way of Remuneration to him for his Services in and about the Election, the Sum of Ten Pounds from each Candidate at the Election, as and by way of First Fee; and a further Commission, at the Rate of Two Pounds *per Centum*, from each Candidate upon every Payment made by him for or in respect of any Bill, Charge, or Claim sent in to such Election Auditor as herein-before provided; and the reasonable Expenses incurred by the Election Auditor in the Business of the Election and the Performance of his Duties pursuant to this Act shall form Part of the Election Expenses, and shall be paid rateably and proportionably by the Candidates respectively.

In Actions for Penalties, Parties, &c. to be competent Witnesses.

XXXV. On the Trial of any Action for Recovery of any pecuniary Penalty under this Act, the Parties to such Action, and the Husbands and Wives to such Parties respectively, shall be competent and compellable to give Evidence in the same Manner as Parties, and their Husbands and Wives, are competent and compellable to give Evidence in Actions and Suits under the Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Ninety-nine, and "The Evidence Amendment Act, 1853," but subject to and with the Exceptions contained in such several Acts: Provided always, that any such Evidence shall not thereafter be used in any Indictment or Criminal Proceeding under this Act against the Party giving it.

XXXVI. If

XXXVI. If any Candidate at an Election for any County, City, or Borough shall be declared by any Election Committee guilty, by himself or his Agents, of Bribery, Treating, or undue Influence at such Election, such Candidate shall be incapable of being elected or sitting in Parliament for such County, City, or Borough during the Parliament then in existence. Candidate declared guilty of Bribery incapable of being elected during existing Parliament.

XXXVII. In citing this Act in any Instrument, Document, or Proceeding, or for any Purpose whatsoever, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854." Short Title.

XXXVIII. Throughout this Act, in the Construction thereof, except there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction, the Word "County" shall extend to and mean any County, Riding, Parts, or Division of a County, Stewartry, or combined Counties respectively, returning a Member or Members to serve in Parliament; and the Words "City or Borough" shall mean any University, City, Borough, Town Corporate, County of a City, County of a Town, Cinque Port, District of Burghs, or other Place or Combination of Places, (not being a County as herein-before defined) returning a Member or Members to serve in Parliament; and the Word "Election" shall mean the Election of any Member or Members to serve in Parliament; and the Words "Returning Officer" shall apply to any Person or Persons to whom, by virtue of his or their Office, under any Law, Custom, or Statute, the Execution of any Writ or Precept doth or shall belong for the Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament, by whatever Name or Title such Person or Persons may be called; and the Words "Revising Barrister" shall extend to and include an Assistant Barrister and Chairman presiding in any Court held for the Revision of the Lists of Voters, or his Deputy in *Ireland*, and a Sheriff or Sheriff's Court of Appeal in *Scotland*, and every other Person whose Duty it may be to hold a Court for the Revision and Correction of the Lists or Registers of Voters in any Part of the United Kingdom; and the Word "Voter" shall mean any Person who has or claims to have a Right to vote in the Election of a Member or Members to serve in Parliament; and the Words "Candidate at an Election" shall include all Persons elected as Members to serve in Parliament at such Election, and all Persons nominated as Candidates, or who shall have declared themselves Candidates at or before such Election; and the Words "Personal Expenses," as used herein with respect to the Expenditure of any Candidate in relation to any Election, shall include the reasonable Travelling Expenses of such Candidate, and the reasonable Expenses of his living at Hotels or elsewhere for the Purposes of and in relation to such Election. Interpretation of Terms.

XXXIX. This Act shall continue in force for One Year next after the passing thereof, and thenceforth to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. Duration of Act.

The SCHEDULE A. above referred to.

Date of Act.	Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
7 W. 3. c. 4. A.D. 1695.	An Act for preventing Charge and Expense in Elections of Members to serve in Parliament.	The whole Act.
2 G. 2. c. 24. A.D. 1729.	An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Election of Members to serve in Parliament.	All the Act, except the 3d Section, prescribing the Oath to be taken by Returning Officers, and except so far as the Penalties and Provisions of the said Act are applicable to the false taking of such Oath, and the Neglect to take the same.

Date of Act.	Title of Act.	Extent of Repeal.
16 G. 2. c. 11.	An Act to explain and amend the Laws touching the Elections of Members to serve for the Commons in Parliament for that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, and to restrain the Partiality and regulate the Conduct of Returning Officers at such Elections.	So much of the Act as is contained in the 33d Section.
43 G. 3. c. 74. A.D. 1803.	An Act for further regulating the Administration of the Oath or Affirmation required to be taken by Electors of Members to serve in Parliament by an Act passed in the Second Year of King George the Second, intituled "An Act for the more "effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption in the Election of Members to serve "in Parliament."	The whole Act.
49 G. 3. c. 118. A.D. 1809.	An Act for better securing the Independence and Purity of Parliament, by preventing the procuring or obtaining of Seats in Parliament by corrupt Practices.	The whole Act.
4 G. 4. c. 55. A.D. 1823.	An Act to consolidate and amend the several Acts now in force, so far as the same relate to the Election and Return of Members to serve in Parliament for Counties of Cities and Counties of Towns in Ireland.	So much of the Act as is contained in the 48th, 79th, and 81st Sections.
7 & 8 G. 4. c. 37. A.D. 1827.	An Act to make further Regulations for preventing corrupt Practices at Elections of Members to serve in Parliament, and for diminishing the Expense of such Elections.	The whole Act.
2 & 3 W. 4. c. 65. A.D. 1832.	An Act to amend the Representation of the People of Scotland.	So much of the 26th Section of the Act and the Schedule (K.) thereto annexed as relates to the Oath or Affirmation against Bribery to be put to any registered Voter at any Poll or Election.
2 & 3 W. 4. c. 88. A.D. 1832.	An Act to amend the Representation of the People of Ireland.	So much of the 54th Section of the Act as relates to administering the Oath or Affirmation against Bribery.
5 & 6 Vict. c. 102.	An Act for the better Discovery and Prevention of Bribery and Treating at the Election of Members of Parliament.	So much of the Act as is contained in the 20th and 22d Sections.

SCHEDULE B.

No. 1.—*Proclamation to be used in Counties.*

Election of Knight, *&c.*

THE Sheriff of the County of will, at the Day of now next ensuing, proceed to the Election of a Knight *or* Knights, Member

Member *or* Members [*as the Case may be*] for the County *or* Division of a County [*as the Case may be*], at which Time and Place all Persons entitled to vote at the said Election are requested to give their Attendance.

And take notice, That all Persons who are guilty of Bribery at the said Election will, on Conviction of such Offence, be liable to the Penalties mentioned in that Behalf in "The Corrupt Practices Act, 1854."

And take notice, That all Persons who are guilty of Treating or undue Influence at the said Election will, on Conviction of such Offence, be liable to the Penalties mentioned in that Behalf in "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act, 1854."

Signature of the proper Officer.

No. 2.—*Notice of Election in Boroughs.*

City or Borough of Day of

IN pursuance of a Writ received by me for electing a Burgess *or* Burgesses [*as the Case may be*], to serve in Parliament for the City *or* Borough [*as the Case may be*], I do hereby give Notice, That I shall proceed to Election accordingly on the Day of at o'Clock in , when and where all Persons concerned are to give their Attendance.

And take notice, That all Persons who are guilty of Bribery at the said Election will, on Conviction of such Offence, be liable to the Penalties mentioned in that Behalf in "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act 1854."

And take notice, That all Persons who are guilty of Treating or undue Influence at the said Election will, on Conviction of such Offence, be liable to the Penalties mentioned in that Behalf in "The Corrupt Practices Prevention Act."

Signature of the proper Officer.

CAP. CIII.

An Act to make better Provision for the paving, lighting, draining, cleansing, supplying with Water, and Regulation of Towns in *Ireland*.

[10th *August* 1854.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to make better Provision for the paving, lighting, draining, cleansing, supplying with Water, and Regulation of Towns in *Ireland*, and to extend to such Towns certain Provisions of "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," and of "The Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847," and of certain other Acts herein-after-mentioned:' 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: 10 & 11 Vict. c. 16. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 34.

I. The following Words and Expressions in this Act shall have the Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,) the Word "Town" shall mean and include a City, Town Corporate, Borough, Market Town, or other Town in *Ireland*, containing a Population of One thousand five hundred Inhabitants or upwards, as ascertained by their last Population Returns made pursuant to Act of Parliament; the Expression "the Lord Lieutenant" or "Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*" shall include any other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*; the Word "Justices," as far as it relates to any Town situate in the *Dublin* Metropolitan Police District, shall be construed to mean the Divisional Magistrates of the said Police District; the Word "Person," and Words applying to any Person or Individual, shall apply to and include Corporations; the Word "Householder" shall mean a Male Occupier of a Dwelling House, or of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the prescribed Boundaries of the Town rated to the Relief of the Poor in respect thereof; the Word "Occupier" shall extend to and include an immediate Lessor made liable under this Act to Assessments in Cases of Premises of such small annual Value as herein-after mentioned respectively in that Behalf, and such Word "Occupier" shall not include a Lodger or a Party in the Occupation as Tenant of a furnished House let for a less Period than

Interpretation of Terms in this Act.
"Town."
"Lord Lieutenant."
"Justices."
"Person."
"Householder."
"Occupier."