Graduates in Medicine of the University of London indemnified for having acted without having obtained Authority from Universities of Oxford or Cambridge.

II. 'And whereas it is apprehended that divers Graduates in Medicine of the said 'University of *London* are or may become exposed to divers Forfeitures, Pains, or 'Penalties by reason of their having practised Physic in all or some or one of its Branches, 'or of their having done Acts as or under the Description of Physicians, or Practitioners of 'Physic, in all or some or one of its Branches, without any other Qualification for so doing 'than their having studied for and obtained the Medical Degrees of the last-mentioned 'University, and in particular it is apprehended that under the Act passed in the Session 'of Parliament held in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of the Reign of Her present 'Majesty, Chapter Ninety-six, and the Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853, any Graduate of the 'University of *London* practising as a Physician, if not otherwise answering to the 'Definition of a Physician set forth in the Interpretation Clauses to such Acts, who may 'have signed any Certificates under those Acts or either of them, in which he shall have 'been described as a Physician, is liable to be indicted for a Misdemeanor:' Be it enacted, That all such Graduates in Medicine of the said University of *London* who have so practised Physic, or have so done any such Act, or signed any such Certificate as aforesaid, shall be indemnified, freed, and discharged from all such Forfeitures, Pains, Penalties, and Disabilities as they would or might have been exempt from had they taken their several Degrees at or obtained Authority or Licence to practise from either of the said Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and that all such Acts and Certificates heretofore done or signed by any Graduate in Medicine of the said University of *London* shall be deemed to all Intents and Purposes as valid and effectual as if this Act had passed previously to the doing or signing such Acts and Certificates respectively.

Short Title.

III. This Act may be cited as "The University of *London* Medical Graduates Act, 1854."

CAP. CXV.

An Act to amend the Law relative to the Removal of Prisoners in Custody.

[11th *August* 1854.]

'WHEREAS by the several Acts of Parliament made and passed for regulating Gaols 'and Houses of Correction in *England*, *Wales*, and *Ireland*, and for the better ordering 'of Prisoners, Provision is made for the Custody and Treatment of Debtors as One of the 'Classes of Prisoners to be confined therein: And whereas in some Counties Prisoners 'for Debt and for Contempt of Court are confined in separate Prisons not being Gaols 'within the Meaning of the said Acts for regulating Gaols and Houses of Correction and 'for better ordering of Prisons, and Doubts have arisen whether such Prisoners for Debt 'and Contempt of Court may be lawfully removed to and confined in such last-mentioned 'Gaols, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed, and that the Powers given 'by Law for the Removal of Prisoners in Custody should be enlarged and rendered more 'generally applicable;' 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:

If Common Gaol be adapted for Reception of Debtors as a Class, they may be removed thereto.

I. From and after the passing of this Act, when the Common Gaol for any County in *England*, *Wales*, or *Ireland* shall be adapted for Debtors as a Class of Prisoners to be confined therein, it shall be lawful for the Sheriff of such County, or any other Person having Custody of Persons for Debt within any County, to remove to such Common Gaol all Prisoners in his Custody for Debt or Contempt of Court from any Prison in which they may be confined, and such Common Gaol shall be deemed the legal Place of Custody for such Debtors, and no such Removal shall be deemed or taken to be an Escape.

No such Removal to take place till after Certificate by Inspector of Prisons.

II. Provided always, That no such Removal shall take place until One of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Prisons, acting for the County in which such Common Gaol is situate, on the Application of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for such County in Quarter Sessions assembled, shall have signed and transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County a Certificate in the Form or to the Effect in the Schedule to this Act annexed,

annexed, nor until One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State or the Chief Secretary for *Ireland* shall, by Warrant under his Hand, direct and authorize such Removal.

After such Removal Debtors may be sent to such Gaol.

III. From and after such Removal as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Sheriff of the County to send to and confine in such Common Gaol all future Prisoners for Debt or for Contempt of Court, which Common Gaol shall be deemed the legal Place for their Confinement, any Local Act or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Where Governor of Common Gaol appointed by other Authority than Sheriff it shall be lawful for him to give Security.

IV. 'And whereas in some Counties in *England* and *Wales* the Keeper or Governor of 'the Common Gaol is by Usage or under some legal Authority appointed by the Justices 'in Quarter Session assembled, and in *Ireland* by Boards of Superintendence and not by 'the Sheriff:' Be it enacted, That in all Cases in which the Keeper of any Common Gaol (in which Debtors are or under this Act may be confined) shall be appointed by any Authority other than that of the Sheriff, it shall and may be lawful for the Keeper so appointed to give Security by Bond or otherwise to the Sheriff for the Time being for the safe keeping of all such Debtors as may be placed in his Custody, and such Bond or other Security may be made and given to such Sheriff for the Time being, and shall and may be prosecuted by such Sheriff in case of Default of such Keeper.

Sheriff not relieved from present Obligations.

V. Provided nevertheless, That, except as aforesaid, nothing herein contained shall tend to relieve the Sheriff of any County from the Duty of keeping the Common Gaol in the same Manner as is now by Law required from him.

Present Powers for disposing of unnecessary Prisons not disturbed.

VI. All the Powers and Provisions of the several Acts of Parliament in force authorizing the Disposal of unnecessary Prisons shall and may be exercised and applied for the Sale and Disposition of any Prison rendered unnecessary by this Act having been carried into effect in any County, in the same Manner as if such last-mentioned Prison were a Gaol or Prison within the Words or Meaning of the said several Acts of Parliament or any of them.

Allowances to Keepers of Gaols to be continued where superseded by this Act.

VII. 'Whereas by the Act Fifty-five *George* the Third, Chapter Fifty, Section Two, the 'Justices of the Peace in Quarter Sessions are authorized to make Allowances to certain 'Gaolers by way of Compensation for Fees abolished by that Act: And whereas by the 'Act Seventh and Eighth *Victoria*, Chapter Ninety-six, Section Seventy, it is enacted, 'that every Keeper or other Officer of any Debtors Prison whose Emoluments should be 'diminished by that Act might make Claim for Compensation, and the Commissioners of 'Her Majesty's Treasury were thereby authorized to award a gross or yearly Sum in 'respect thereof:' Be it enacted, That the Justices of the Peace assembled in Quarter Sessions may order and direct that the Allowance (or such Part thereof as they may think fit) hitherto made to the Keeper of any Gaol which may become unnecessary by virtue of the Provisions of this Act may be continued for and during the Life of such Keeper, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may continue the Allowance (or such Part thereof as they may think fit) hitherto made to the Keeper of any such Gaol for and during the Life of such Keeper.

SCHEDULE.

Form of Certificate.

I hereby certify, that I have inspected
The new Common Gaol
or
The Alterations and Additions made to the Common Gaol
} of the County of
and particularly that Portion of the Building which it is proposed to appropriate for the Custody of Debtors; and I further certify, that the same is in a fit and proper State for the Reception of such Prisoners as are or may be confined in Prison for Debt or Contempt of Court within the Jurisdiction of the Sheriff of the said County.