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 the said Act shall continue in force until the First Day of *October* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Recited Act further continued.

CAP. LXVII.

An Act to facilitate the Purchase of Common, Commonable, and other Rights by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance. [31st *July* 1854.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that greater Facilities should be given to the Principal 'Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance to purchase Common, Commonable, and other 'Rights:' 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:

Principal Officers of Ordnance may avail themselves of certain Powers contained in 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. as to extinguishing Rights of Commons, &c.

I. It shall be lawful for the Principal Officers for the Time being of Her Majesty's Ordnance (if they shall think proper so to do) to use and avail themselves of all the Powers and Provisions contained in the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, for the Purpose of ascertaining, making, and paying Compensation for and extinguishing all Rights of Common, Commonable, and other Rights in, over, or affecting any Lands the Soil of which has at any Time been or shall hereafter be purchased or taken by the said Principal Officers, under the Act of the Fifth and Sixth *Victoria*, Chapter Ninety-four, and for such Purpose the Principal Officers for the Time being of Her Majesty's Ordnance shall be deemed and taken to be Promoters of an Undertaking within the Meaning of the said Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and all the Powers and Provisions of the last-mentioned Act may, if necessary, be treated as if they had been contained in the said Act of the Fifth and Sixth *Victoria*, Chapter Ninety-four, for the Purpose of being used or made available by the said Principal Officers for the Time being: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the Powers and Authorities of the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance for the Time being under the last-mentioned Statute.

Power of Valuer appointed under Inclosure Act to cease on Purchase of Common Rights by Ordnance.

II. And in case the said Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Board of Ordnance shall have purchased or shall hereafter purchase any Land, and the Common, Commonable, and other Rights in and over the same, and a Valuer shall have been appointed in the Matter of any Inclosure Proceeding in respect of such Lands under the Provisions of "The Acts for the Inclosure, Exchange, and Improvement of Land," the Duties and Powers of such Valuer in relation to the Land so purchased shall, upon Payment of the Purchase Money for such Common, Commonable, and other Rights over the same, cease and determine, and the Inclosure Commissioners for *England* and *Wales* shall, by an Order under their Seal, award such Amount of Compensation to such Valuer as they shall deem just to be paid by the said Principal Officers, and such Valuer shall be bound to accept the same as a full Compensation for his Services in the Matter of the said Inclosure, so far as respects the Land, and Common, Commonable, and other Rights so purchased.

Purchase may be made although Inclosure Proceedings pending.

III. Any Purchase of the Soil of any Lands, or of any Common, Commonable, or other Rights in or over the same, which shall be made under the Provisions of any Act of Parliament, shall be valid in Law to all Intents and Purposes, although at the Time of such Purchase Proceedings for an Inclosure of such Lands were or shall be proceeding.

CAP. LXVIII.

An Act to provide for the Application of certain Stock purchased with Monies which arose from the Sale of Part of the Land Revenues of the Crown in *Ireland*. [31st *July* 1854.]

'WHEREAS there is now standing in the Names of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's 'Treasury Forty-one thousand one hundred and seventy-six Pounds and Tenpence 'Three Pounds Five Shillings *per Centum* Bank Annuities in the Books of the Governor

'and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, purchased with Monies which arose from the Sales 'of certain Quitrents and other Hereditaments, Part of the Possessions and Land Revenues 'of the Crown in *Ireland*, such Sales having been made under the Authority of any Act 'passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Third Year of the Reign of His late 'Majesty King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Sixty-three, by which Act it was provided that no 'Part of the Stock, Funds, or Annuities to be purchased with the Monies to arise from any 'Sale thereby authorized should at any Time be transferred or transferable without the 'Authority of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said Forty-one thousand 'one hundred and seventy-six Pounds and Tenpence Three Pounds Five Shillings *per* '*Centum* Bank Annuities should be applied 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:

Stock purchased with Monies arising from Sales of Crown Estates in Ireland under 3 G. 4. c. 63. to be applicable to same Purposes as Monies arising from Sales in Ireland under 10 G. 4. c. 50.

I. The said Forty-one thousand one hundred and seventy-six Pounds and Tenpence Three Pounds Five Shillings *per Centum* Bank Annuities so as aforesaid standing in the Names of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in the Books of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* shall be applicable to the same Purposes and be transferable in the same Manner in all respects as if the same Annuities had been purchased with Monies arising from Sales of Portions of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown in *Ireland* made in pursuance of the Powers contained in an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His said Majesty King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Fifty, and by which said last-mentioned Act Monies arising from the Sales made in pursuance thereof are authorized to be invested in the Purchase of Lands and Hereditaments to become Part of the Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown.

CAP. LXIX.

An Act to indemnify Local Boards of Health as regards rating for the Repair of Highways, under the Public Health Act, 1848. [31st *July* 1854.]

'WHEREAS Doubts have arisen, under the Provisions of the Public Health Act, 1848, 'whether the Money requisite for the Repair of Highways in Districts under the 'Public Health Act, 1848, should be raised by Highway Rates or by General District 'Rates; and it is expedient to indemnify Local Boards of Health who have repaired High-'ways out of Rates the legal Applicability of which to the Purpose of such Repair is 'doubtful:' 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—

Highway Rate not to be deemed invalid.

I. No Highway Rate made before the passing of this Act by any Local Board of Health shall, nor shall the Application thereof, be deemed invalid or illegal by reason of such Rate having been made or applied, wholly or in part, for defraying any Expenses in relation to the Highways within the Limits of the District of such Local Board; and any such Rate, so far as the same has not been levied and collected and applied before the passing of this Act, may be levied and collected, and may be applied, wholly or in part (as the Case may be), for or towards the defraying of such Expenses as aforesaid, and such Local Board, and all Persons acting under their Authority, are hereby released and indemnified from and against all Proceedings whatsoever on account of the making, levying, and collecting of any such Rate, or the Application thereof for defraying any such Expenses as aforesaid.

Short Title.

II. In citing this Act in any other Act of Parliament, or in any Proceeding, Instrument, or Document whatsoever, it shall be sufficient to use the Words and Figures "Local Boards "Highway Repair Indemnity Act, 1854."