Meeting of Parliament, an Account up to the Thirty-first *December* then next preceding of the total Sums (if any) which shall from Time to Time be issued and applied by virtue of this Act for paying and satisfying any Interest so agreed to be guaranteed by Her Majesty, and any Charge for Management of the said Loan, and also of the total Sums, if any, which may have been repaid in respect of any Advances for Payment of such Interest under the Act.

CAP. C.

An Act to amend the Law concerning the Qualification of Officers of the Militia. [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS the Qualifications now required in the Case of Persons to be appointed 'Officers in the Militia are different in the different Parts of the United Kingdom, 'and it is expedient that the Law as to such Qualifications should be made uniform:' 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:

Property Qualifications for Officers of certain Ranks in the Militia.

I. Every Person who has been or who shall hereafter be appointed an Officer of the Militia of any of the Ranks following shall be in possession of an Estate for his own Life, or for the Life of another, or for some greater Estate, in Land or Heritages in the United Kingdom of the yearly Value herein-after mentioned in connexion with such respective Rank, or shall be Heir Apparent of some Person who shall be in possession of a like Estate in like Property of the like yearly Value:

Rank.	Yearly Value required for the Qualification.
Colonel - - - -	£600 yearly Value.
Lieutenant-Colonel - - -	£400 yearly Value.
Major - - - - -	£300 yearly Value
Captain - - -	£200 yearly Value.

Provided always, that as to Appointments to the Rank of Major and Captain respectively any Son of any Person who shall be in the Possession or who was at the Time of his Death in the Possession of such an Estate in Lands or Heritages of such yearly Value as would be a Qualification for such respective Rank shall be deemed qualified.

The Income of Personal Estate in possession of the Officer to be deemed equivalent to the yearly Value of Land.

II. Provided also, That for the Purposes of the Qualification aforesaid a clear yearly Income arising from any Personal Estate within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, of or to which Personal Estate or the clear yearly Income thereof any Person appointed an Officer of the Militia is possessed or entitled, at Law or in Equity, for his own Use and Benefit, in possession, for his own Life, or for the Life of another, or for some greater Estate or Interest, shall be deemed an Equivalent to an Estate in Land or Heritages of a yearly Value of the same Amount with such yearly Income, and such yearly Income from Personal Estate shall be admitted in whole or in part of any such Qualification accordingly; and no other Property Qualification than herein expressed shall be required in the Case of any Person appointed an Officer of the Militia.

Persons holding certain Military Ranks may be appointed to certain Ranks in the Militia without Property Qualifications.

III. Provided also, That any Person, being a Commissioned Officer in any of Her Majesty's other Forces or in the Forces of the *East India* Company, who has served Five Years in such Forces, may, without any Property Qualification, be appointed a Captain of the Militia; and any Person holding or having held the Rank of Captain or any higher Rank in Her Majesty's other Forces or in the Forces of the *East India* Company may, without any Property Qualification, be appointed a Captain or Major of the Militia; and any Person holding or having held the Rank of Major or any higher Rank in any of the said Forces may, without any such Qualification, be appointed a Lieutenant Colonel or Colonel

Colonel of the Militia; and any Person who shall have been qualified to receive and shall have received a Commission of Major or Lieutenant Colonel in the Militia shall be qualified to receive and hold a Commission of higher Rank in the Militia.

Existing Enactments to extend to Qualifications under this Act.

IV. The Enactments concerning the Delivery of Descriptions of Property Qualifications, and other Provisions and Penalties having reference to the Qualifications now required by Law, shall be applicable with reference to the Qualifications required by this Act.

Exceptions for the Militia of London and Edinburgh.

V. Such of the Provisions of this Act as regulate the Amount and Nature of the Property Qualifications of Officers of the Militia shall not extend to the Militia of the City of *London* or the Militia of the City of *Edinburgh* and its Liberties.

Extent of the Act.

VI. Except as herein-before excepted, the Provisions of this Act shall extend and apply to the Militia raised in the several Parts of the United Kingdom, and to the Corps of Miners of *Cornwall* and *Devon*.

CAP. CI.

An Act for the more effectual Execution of the Convention between Her Majesty and the *French* Government concerning the Fisheries in the Seas between the *British* Islands and *France*. [14th *August* 1855.]

Convention between Her Majesty and the King of the French, dated 2d August 1839.

'WHEREAS a Convention was concluded between Her Majesty and the King of the *French* on the Second Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, defining the Limits of the Oyster Fishery between the Island of *Jersey* and the neighbouring Coast of *France*, and also defining the Limits of the exclusive Rights of Fishery on all other Parts of the Coasts of the *British* Islands and *France*: And whereas, pursuant to the said Convention, certain Articles, being Regulations for the Guidance of the Fishermen of the Two Countries in the Seas lying between the Coasts of the United Kingdom and those of *France*, were agreed upon by Commissioners authorized in that Behalf, and were approved and confirmed on the Part of Her Majesty and of the *French* Government: And whereas by the said Articles it was provided that Oyster-fishing should open on the First of *September* and should close on the Thirtieth of *April*, and that from the First of *May* to the Thirty-first of *August* no Boat should have on board any Dredge or other Implement whatsoever for catching Oysters: And whereas an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Sixth and Seventh Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Seventy-nine), to carry into effect the said Convention, and it was thereby enacted that the said Articles (which were set forth in the Schedule to the same Act) should be binding upon all Persons, and should have the Force of Law: And whereas it is expedient that more effectual Provision should be made for enforcing the Regulations established pursuant to the said Convention as aforesaid:' 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:

6 & 7 Vict. c. 79.

Oysters and Dredges found on board Fishing Vessels from 1st May to 31st August may be seized.

I. It shall be lawful for any Officer or Petty Officer belonging to Her Majesty's Navy or Revenue Service, or such Officers and Men of the Coast-guard Stations as may be thereunto authorized by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, or such Persons as may be appointed, under the Provisions of the said Act, by the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council appointed for Trade and Foreign Plantations, when they go on board any *British* Vessel employed in fishing, to examine whether the Regulations of the said Act have been complied with, to seize, and throw overboard or destroy any Oysters found on board such Vessel, at any Time from the First Day of *May* to the Thirty-first Day of *August* in any Year, as well as to seize and dispose of in manner provided by the "Customs Consolidation Act, 1853," all Dredges and other Implements for catching Oysters found on board such Vessel; and it shall also be lawful for such Officers, Petty Officers, and Men, and such Persons as aforesaid respectively, to seize and dispose of in like Manner all Dredges and other Implements for catching Oysters found sunk in or floating upon the Seas at any such Time as aforesaid.