and six of the said Act of the Eighth and Ninth Years of Her Majesty shall extend to Offences against this Act; and this Act, so far as the same amends or affects the Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853, shall be read and construed therewith as One Act.

CAP. CVI.

An Act to suspend the making of Lists and the Ballots for the Militia of the United Kingdom. [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to suspend for a further Period the Ballots for the Militia 'of the United Kingdom:' 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:

Meetings relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom, and Ballots for such Militia suspended.

I. All General and Subdivision Meetings relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom, and all Proceedings relating to procuring any Returns, or preparing or making out Lists of such Militia or any Part thereof, for the Purpose of a Ballot, or relating to balloting for any Militiamen or supplying any Vacancies in such Militia by Ballot, as are or may be directed or authorized by or under any Act of Parliament now in force, shall cease and remain suspended until the First Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Proceedings may be had during such Suspension by Order in Council.

II. Provided always, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any Order in Council to direct that any Proceedings shall be had at any Time before the Expiration of such Period as aforesaid, either for the giving of Notices and making Returns and preparing Lists, and also for the proceeding to ballot and enrol Men for the filling up Vacancies in the Militia, as Her Majesty shall deem expedient; and upon the issuing of any such Order all such Proceedings shall be had for carrying into execution all the Provisions of the Acts in force in the United Kingdom relating to the giving Notices for and Returns for Lists, and for the balloting and enrolling of Men to supply any Vacancies in the Militia, and holding General and Subdivision Meetings for such Purpose, at such Times respectively as shall be expressed in any such Order in Council, or by any Directions given in pursuance thereof to Lord Lieutenants, or Deputy Lieutenants acting for Lord Lieutenants, of the several Counties, Shires, Cities, and Places in the United Kingdom; and all the Provisions of the several Acts in force in the United Kingdom relating to the Militia shall, upon any such Order and Direction given in pursuance thereof, become and be in full Force and be carried into execution at the Period specified in such Order or Direction as aforesaid, with all such Penalties and Forfeitures for any Neglect thereof, as fully as if such Periods had been fixed in the Acts relating to such Militia.

Not to extend to prevent the holding of certain Meetings relating to the Militia.

III. Provided also, That nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent the holding before the Expiration of such Period as aforesaid of such General or other Meetings relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom as may be called in *Great Britain* under the Authority of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or in *Ireland* under the Authority of the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of *Ireland*, or of any Meeting which may be called for the Purpose of altering, enlarging, or providing any Place for the Reception of the Arms, Accoutrements, Clothing, or other Stores belonging to the Militia.

CAP. CVII.

An Act to authorize the Commissioners of the Treasury to make Arrangements concerning a certain Loan advanced by way of Relief to the Island of *Tobago*. [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session holden in the Eleventh and Twelfth 'Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Twenty-two, ("for granting Relief to the Island 'of *Tobago*, and for aiding the Colonies of *British Guiana* and *Trinidad* in raising Money 'for

11 & 12 Vict. c. 22.

'for the Promotion of Immigration of Free Labourers,") the Commissioners of Her 'Majesty's Treasury were authorized, in manner therein mentioned, to lend Exchequer 'Bills for any Sum not exceeding Fifty thousand Pounds for the Service of the Island 'of *Antigua*, and any Sums not exceeding in the whole Fifty thousand Pounds for the 'Relief of the Island of *Tobago*, on the Credit of the Revenues and Public Property 'thereof, as soon as the said Commissioners should be satisfied that Repayment of the 'several Sums to be advanced (with Interest thereon at the yearly Rate of Four Pounds by 'the Hundred) was duly secured to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners by some Act or 'Acts passed or to be passed by the Legislature of the said Island: And whereas the 'Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury accordingly advanced the Sum of Twenty 'thousand Pounds to the Island of *Tobago*, being the Proportion required of the said Sum 'of Fifty thousand Pounds, the Repayment thereof, with Interest, having been secured by 'the Legislature of the said Island, as required by the said Act, and out of the Sums so 'advanced Advances were made, under the Authority of the said Legislature, to Persons 'who had suffered Losses by a Hurricane in the said Island: And whereas it is expedient 'that the Commissioners of the Treasury should be empowered to extend the Time for the 'Repayment of the Principal Monies remaining owing on the said Securities, and to reduce 'the Interest payable thereunder, as 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:

Power to the Treasury to extend the Time of Repayment of Loan to Tobago, and to reduce Interest to 3*l.* 5*s.* per Cent.

I. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to grant such Extension of the Period for Payment of the Principal Monies owing by the said Island of *Tobago* in respect of the said Loan, and to accept Payment thereof by such Instalments and at such Times as the said Commissioners in their Discretion may think proper and fix, and to accept Interest upon the Principal Monies remaining unpaid after the yearly Rate of Three Pounds Five Shillings *per Centum*, instead of the said yearly Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum*, upon being satisfied that an Act has been passed by the Legislature of such Island for securing on the Credit of the Revenue or public Property thereof the punctual Payment of the Instalments of Principal Monies, with Interest as aforesaid, at the Times and in manner fixed by the said Commissioners, and also for securing to the Persons indebted in respect of the Advances made out of the said Loan to the Sufferers in the said Island Advantages corresponding with those granted to such Legislatures under this Act.

Corresponding Advantages being secured to the private Borrowers.

In case of Default of Payment at the Times fixed under this Act, the Rate of Interest and Instalments originally agreed upon may be required.

II. Provided always, That in case of Default in Payment of any of the Instalments of Principal Monies which may become payable from the said Island under such Extension of Time, or of the said reduced Interest, at the Times fixed by the said Commissioners of the Treasury, it shall be lawful for such Commissioners to require from the Island, in case of such Default, Payment of Interest at the yearly Rate of Four Pounds *per Centum* on the Principal Monies remaining due, and also Payment of such Principal Monies by such Instalments as were made payable by the Securities originally given by the Legislature of such Island; and such Interest and Instalments of Principal Monies which may be so required to be paid shall thereupon become payable accordingly.

CAP. CVIII.

An Act to amend the Law for the Inspection of Coal Mines in *Great Britain*.

[14th *August* 1855.]

13 & 14 Vict. c. 100.

'WHEREAS an Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the Thirteenth and 'Fourteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred, was passed "for Inspec- '"tion of Coal Mines in *Great Britain*:"" And whereas, with a view to the Safety of the 'Persons employed in such Mines, it is expedient that further Provision be made for the 'Inspection and Regulation thereof:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent