Friendly Societies to be entitled to Benefits of recited Acts.

Society legally established under any Act of Parliament relating to Friendly Societies, shall be entitled to all the Benefits and Advantages conferred by the said recited Acts; provided that the Premiums payable in respect of such Insurances shall not be made for shorter Periods than Three Months.

Provisions of 16 & 17 Vict. c. 91. to continue in force and be applicable to Duties granted by 17 & 18 Vict. c. 24. and 18 & 19 Vict. c. 20.

II. The said Act shall continue in force until the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and shall be applicable, with respect to the Rate of Duty of One Shilling and Twopence for every Twenty Shillings granted by the Act of the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Twenty-four, and to the additional Rate of Duty of Twopence for every Twenty Shillings granted by the Act of the present Session of Parliament, Chapter Twenty, in like Manner as to the Rate or Duty of Sevenpence for every Twenty Shillings granted by the Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Thirty-four.

CAP. XXXVI.

An Act to repeal the Stamp Duties payable on Matriculation and Degrees in the University of *Oxford*. 26th *June* 1855.]

17 & 18 Vict. c. 81.

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament (Chapter Eighty-one) 'to make further Provision for the good Government and Extension of the University 'of *Oxford*, of the Colleges therein, and of the College of *Saint Mary Winchester*," it was 'enacted, that the Stamp Duties then payable on Matriculations and Degrees should be 'abolished so soon as Provision should have been made by the University, to the Satisfaction 'of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in lieu of the Monies theretofore voted 'annually by Parliament: And whereas by a Statute of the said University, adopted by 'Convocation on the Thirty-first Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, 'Provision has been made for the Payment out of the University Chest of the Salaries and 'Allowances to certain Professors of the said University, mentioned in the Schedule to this 'Act (being the same Salaries and Allowances as were theretofore annually voted by 'Parliament to the same Professors), and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury 'are satisfied that such Statute is a due Provision in lieu of the Monies theretofore voted 'annually by Parliament, as intended by said Act:' 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:

Stamp Duties on Matriculation and Degrees in Oxford repealed.

I. All Stamp Duties payable under the Act of the Fifty-fifth Year of King *George* the Third, Chapter One hundred and eighty-four, or under any other Act of Parliament, on the Admission or Matriculation of any Person in the said University of *Oxford*, and on the Admission of any Person to any Degree in the said University (whether conferred in the ordinary Course of the University or otherwise), or for the Registry or Entry of any such Admission, shall from and after the said Thirty-first Day of *May* cease to be payable.

Salaries payable under University Statute not to be discontinued without Consent of the Treasury.

II. No Salary or Allowance payable under the said Statute of the said University to any Professor mentioned in the Schedule to this Act shall be discontinued or reduced without the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE.

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To the Professor of Mineralogy	100
To the Professor of Geology	100
To the Professor of Experimental Philosophy	100
To the Professor of Chemistry	100
To the Professor of Modern History	371
To the Professor of Botany	182