Short Title.

V. In citing this Act for any Purpose whatsoever it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Duchy of *Lancaster* Lands Act, 1855."

SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

X.

These Presents witness, That in consideration of the Sum of paid to *A.B.* the Receiver General of the Revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster, or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies, on behalf of Her Majesty, by *C.D.* as appears by the Receipt of the said Receiver General or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies, endorsed on these Presents, Her said Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Chancellor and Council of Her said Duchy, doth by these presents grant and convey unto the said *C.D.* and his Heirs all [*describing Premises*], to have and to hold the same unto the said *C.D.* his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

In witness

Y.

These Presents witness, That in consideration of the Sum of Pounds paid to *A.B.* of by *C.D.* the Receiver General of the Revenues of the Duchy of Lancaster, or his sufficient Deputy or Deputies, on behalf of Her Majesty, he the said *A.B.* doth by these Presents convey and assure unto the said *C.D.* his Heirs and Assigns, all [*describing Premises*], to have and to hold the same unto the said *C.D.* his Heirs and Assigns, to the Use of Her said Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in right of Her said Duchy.

In witness

CAP. LIX.

An Act to facilitate Inquiries of Commissioners of Endowed Schools in *Ireland*. [23d *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, on the Address of the Commons in Parliament assembled, to issue Her Majesty's Commission, dated the Fourteenth Day of *November* in the Eighteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, to *Charles William Fitzgerald* Esquire (commonly called Marquis of *Kildare*), *Charles Graves* Doctor of Divinity, *Robert Andrews* Doctor of Laws, One of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, *Henry George Hughes* Esquire, One of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law, and *Archibald John Stephens* Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and thereby authorized and appointed them Her Majesty's Commissioners to inquire into the Endowments, Funds, and actual Condition of all Schools endowed for the Purposes of Education in *Ireland*, and the Nature and Extent of the Instruction given in such Schools, and to report their Opinions thereon; and for the Assistance of the said Commissioners, *William Neilson Handcock* Esquire was appointed Secretary to the said Commission: And whereas Difficulties have been encountered in the Prosecution of the said Inquiries, and it is expedient that the said Commissioners should have Authority conferred upon them, as herein-after expressed, to carry out the Objects of the said Commission, and that One or more Assistant Commissioners should be appointed to act under the said Commissioners and in their Aid:' 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:

I. In

Construction of Terms.

I. In the Construction of this Act the following Words and Expressions shall, if not inconsistent with the Context, have the Meaning herein-after assigned to them; (that is to say,)

The Word "Commissioners" shall mean the said Commissioners named in the said Commission, or any Three of them;

"Endowed Schools" or "Schools" shall mean and include all Schools of Royal Foundation in *Ireland*, the Schools on the Foundation of *Erasmus Smith*, the Charter Schools and Diocesan Schools, and all Schools endowed on charitable or public Foundations in *Ireland*;

"Endowments" shall mean and include the Estates, Lands, Funds, and annual or other Income given, granted, or applied for the Establishment or Support of such Schools, or for the Purposes of Education therein;

And "Lord Lieutenant" shall mean the Chief Governor or Chief Governors of *Ireland* for the Time being.

Commissioners to meet and to inquire into the Endowments and State of all Schools, &c.

II. The Commissioners, so soon as conveniently may be, shall meet from Time to Time at some convenient Place, and examine and inquire into the State, Condition, and Management of all Endowed Schools in *Ireland*, and the Nature and Extent of the Instruction given therein, and also into the Nature, Amount, and annual or other Value of the Endowments of such Schools respectively, and the annual Income derived from such Endowments, and how the same has been applied, and into such other Matters connected with such Schools, and the System of Education pursued therein, as to the Commissioners shall seem expedient.

Power to Commissioners to repair to Schools, examine Witnesses, and call for Documents.

III. The Commissioners, or any One or more of them, may repair to any School or to any other Place, and there to summon and examine, on Oath or otherwise, all and every Person or Persons touching any Matters which they are empowered or directed by this Act to examine or inquire into, and to call for Vouchers, Books, Deeds, Evidences, Maps, and all other Documents, and to examine and inquire into all Matters which to the Commissioners shall seem necessary and proper; and the Commissioners are hereby respectively empowered to administer an Oath to any Person who shall be so examined by or before them.

Penalty on Persons refusing to attend to be examined or to produce Documents.

IV. If any Person having Charge of any Document relating to any of the aforesaid Endowed Schools or holding any Situation in connexion therewith, or having the Disposition, Control, or Management of any Money, Lands, or other Property for the Establishment or Support of any such Schools or the Purposes of Education therein, shall be summoned to appear before the Commissioners or any One or more of them, for the Purpose of being examined, or to produce any Documents before them, shall refuse to appear or to be examined by the Commissioners or any Three of them, or shall refuse to answer such Questions as shall be propounded by the Commissioners, or any of them, touching any Matter or Thing which they are empowered or directed by this Act to examine into, or shall refuse or neglect to attend before such Commissioners from Day to Day, when required so to do, or to produce such Records, Deeds, Parchments, Books, Papers, or Writings, or any of them, without good and sufficient Cause, to be allowed by the Commissioners, every such Person shall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every such Refusal, Neglect, or Omission, to be recovered by Action in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record, or by Civil Bill in the Court of any Assistant Barrister, by any Person who shall sue for the same.

Power to Commissioners to make Report to Her Majesty, and suggest Plans of Improvement of Schools.

V. The Commissioners may from Time to Time, as often as they shall think proper, and as often as they shall be required so to do by the Lord Lieutenant, make a Report in Writing under their Hands and Seals, or the Hands and Seals of any Three of them, to Her Majesty of all Matters arising upon such Examinations and Inquiries which shall appear to the Commissioners necessary or proper so to be reported, and shall in like Manner report and suggest to Her Majesty such Plans for the Improvement of Education in such Schools and the better Management of their Endowments, and for the better regulating, managing, and governing such Schools, and for the general Promotion, in connexion with said Schools, of Academical Education in *Ireland*, as shall appear to the Commissioners to be expedient and practicable.

Appointment of Assistant Commissioners.

VI. The Lord Lieutenant may, on the Requisition of the Commissioners, appoint One or more but not exceeding Four Assistants to the Commissioners, to be called Assistant Commissioners;

missioners; and the Commissioners may from Time to Time remove such Assistant Commissioners, and the Lord Lieutenant may, on the Requisition of the Commissioners, appoint others in their Place; and the Remuneration to be paid to such Assistant Commissioners, in addition to their Travelling Expenses, shall be such Sum as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall appoint, not exceeding the Sum of Two hundred Pounds for each Assistant Commissioner to be paid out of such Aids or Supplies as may be from Time to Time provided and appropriated by Parliament for the Purpose.

Duties of Assistant Commissioners.

VII. It shall be the Duty of the Assistant Commissioners to act in aid of the Commissioners, and under their Directions, in execution of the Objects of this Act, and for that Purpose to visit and inspect such of the Endowed Schools in *Ireland* as the Commissioners shall direct, and to examine into the Endowments and State and Condition of such Schools, and to report thereon to the Commissioners; and such Assistant Commissioners shall have and enjoy the same Rights and Powers as the Commissioners or any of them might or would have had if they had visited the Schools in Person.

This Act not to affect Powers of Commissioners.

VIII. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to abridge, lessen, or affect the Powers of the Commissioners under and by virtue of Her Majesty's said Commission.

CAP. LX.

An Act for excepting Gold Wedding Rings from the Operation of the Act of the last Session relating to the Standard of Gold and Silver Wares, and from the Exemptions contained in other Acts relating to Gold Wares.

[23d *July* 1855.]

17 & 18 Vict. c. 96.

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty the now Queen, intituled *An Act for allowing Gold Wares to be manufactured at a lower Standard than that now allowed by Law, and to amend the Law relating to the assaying of Gold and Silver Wares*, whereby it is, amongst other things, enacted, that if any of the Gold Wares which by any Statute now in force are not liable to be assayed and marked shall nevertheless be assayed and marked as of One of the Standards authorized by Law, such Wares shall not by reason thereof be chargeable with the Duty now levied on Gold Plate: And whereas by certain Statutes now in force no Gold Rings, except Mourning Rings, are liable to be assayed and marked, but Gold Wedding Rings have nevertheless been assayed and marked: And whereas it is expedient that Gold Wedding Rings should be made liable to the Provisions of the Statutes now in force relating to the assaying and marking of Gold Plate:' 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:

Gold Wedding Rings to be assayed and marked.

I. From and after the passing of this Act, Gold Wedding Rings shall be assayed and marked in like Manner as Gold Plate not exempted is required by the Statutes now in force to be assayed and marked, and all the Provisions of the Statutes relating to the Manufacture or Sale of Gold Plate shall apply to Gold Wedding Rings, anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sect. 3. of 17 & 18 Vict. c. 96. repealed.

II. The Third Section of the Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, herein recited, is hereby repealed so far as the same might affect Gold Wedding Rings.

Certain Companies, &c. authorized to assay and mark Gold Wares indemnified.

III. 'And whereas since the coming into operation of the said recited Act certain of the Companies and Corporations authorized to assay and mark Gold Wares have assayed and marked divers Gold Rings of the Standards required by Law before the passing of the said recited Act, and have upon such assaying and marking by their Officers and Servants demanded and received, for the Use of Her Majesty, the same Duty as was payable to Her Majesty in respect of the like Gold Rings when assayed and marked before the passing of the said recited Act: And whereas Doubts have been entertained whether such Demands and Receipts of such Duty were lawful:' Be it enacted, That all such Demands and Receipts of