'of the said Islands the Payment of some of the Instalments of the Principal Money remaining due on the Securities given by the said Legislatures has been suspended: 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:

Treasury authorized to extend the Time of Repayment of Loans to Antigua, Nevis, and Montserrat, and to reduce Interest to 3*l.* 5*s.* per Cent.; corresponding Advantages being secured to the private Borrowers.

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 Islands of *Antigua*, *Nevis*, and *Montserrat* respectively in respect of the said Loans, and to accept Payment thereof by such Instalments and at such Times as the said Commissioners in their Discretion may think proper and fix in the Case of each of the said Islands, 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 Acts have been passed by the Legislatures of such Islands respectively 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 Loans to the Sufferers in the said Islands Advantages corresponding with those granted to such Legislatures under this Act.

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 any of the said Islands 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 so in 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. LXXII.

### An Act for legalizing and preserving the restored Standards of Weights and Measures. [30th *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS by an Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-four, "for ascertaining and establishing Uniformity of Weights and 'Measures," it was enacted, that from and after the First Day of *May* One thousand 'eight hundred and twenty-five the straight Line or Distance between the Centres of the 'Two Points in the Gold Studs in a certain straight Brass Rod then in the Custody of 'the Clerk of the House of Commons should be the original and genuine Standard of that 'Measure of Length or lineal Extension called a Yard, and that the same straight Line 'or Distance between the Centres of the said Two Points in the said Gold Studs in the 'said Brass Rod, the Brass being at the Temperature of Sixty-two Degrees by Fahrenheit's 'Thermometer, should be the "Imperial Standard Yard;" and that from and after the 'First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five the Standard Brass 'Weight of One Pound Troy Weight made in the Year One thousand seven hundred and 'fifty-eight, then in the Custody of the Clerk of the House of Commons, should be 'and the same was thereby declared to be the original and genuine Standard Measure 'of Weight, and that such Brass Weight should be the "Imperial Standard Troy 'Pound," and should be and the same was thereby declared to be the Unit or only 5 G. 4. c. 74.

'Standard Measure of Weight from which all other Weights should be derived, computed, 'and ascertained, and that One Twelfth Part of the said Troy Pound should be an 'Ounce, and that One Twentieth Part of such Ounce should be a Pennyweight, and that 'One Twenty fourth Part of such Pennyweight should be a Grain, so that Five thousand 'seven hundred and sixty such Grains should be a Troy Pound, and that Seven thousand 'such Grains should be and they were thereby declared to be a Pound Avoirdupois: And 'whereas by the said Act Provision was made for restoring the said Imperial Standard 'Yard and the said Imperial Standard Troy Pound respectively, in case of Loss, Destruction, 'Defacement, or other Injury, by Reference to the Length of a Pendulum and to the 'Weight of a Cubic Inch of Water respectively: And whereas the said Imperial Standard 'Yard and Standard Pound Troy were destroyed in the Fire at the Houses of Parliament: 'And whereas by the Researches of scientific Men Doubts were thrown on the Accuracy 'of the Methods provided by the said Act for the Restoration of the said Standards: And 'whereas there exist Bars and Weights which had been accurately compared with the said 'Standard Yard and Standard Pound Troy so destroyed as aforesaid, which afforded 'sufficient Means for restoring such original Standards: And whereas scientific Men 'acting for that Purpose under the Direction of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury 'have constructed a Standard of Length equivalent to the Imperial Standard Yard 'so destroyed, and Four accurate Copies of the Standard so constructed, and it having been 'deemed expedient that the Standard for Reference as a Measure of Weight should be 'a Pound Avoirdupois, there has been constructed in like Manner a Pound Weight 'Avoirdupois equivalent to the Pound Avoirdupois of Seven thousand such Grains as are 'mentioned in the said recited Act, and Four accurate Copies of the said Pound Avoirdupois 'so constructed: And whereas the Form adopted for the Standard of Length and for all the 'Copies thereof is that of a solid square Bar Thirty-eight Inches long and One Inch square 'in transverse Section, the Bar being of Bronze or Gun Metal; near to each End a 'cylindrical Hole is sunk (the Distance between the Centres of the Two Holes being Thirty-'six Inches) to the Depth of Half an Inch; at the Bottom of this Hole is inserted in a 'smaller Hole a Gold Plug or Pin about One Tenth of an Inch in Diameter, and upon the 'Surface of this Pin there are cut Three fine Lines at Intervals of about the One Hundredth 'Part of an Inch transverse to the Axis of the Bar, and Two Lines at nearly the same 'Interval parallel to the Axis of the Bar; the Measure of Length is given by the Interval 'between the Middle transversal Line at one End and the Middle transversal Line at the 'other End, the Part of each Line which is employed being the Point Midway between the 'longitudinal Lines; and the said Points are herein referred to as the Centres of the said Gold 'Plugs or Pins: And whereas the Standard Pound Avoirdupois so constructed as aforesaid, 'and the Copies thereof, are of Platinum, the Form being that of a Cylinder nearly 1·35 Inch 'in Height and 1·15 Inch in Diameter, with a Groove or Channel round it whose Middle is 'about 0·34 Inch below the Top of the Cylinder, for Insertion of the Points of the Ivory 'Fork by which it is to be lifted; the Edges are carefully rounded off: And whereas the 'Standard of Length so constructed as aforesaid, the Bronze Bar, being marked "Copper '" 16 oz., Tin 2½, Zinc 1. Mr. Baily's Metal. No. 1. Standard Yard at 62°·00 Fahrenheit. Cast 'in 1845. Troughton & Simms, London," and the said Standard of Weight marked P.S. '1844, 1 lb., have respectively been deposited in the Office of the Exchequer at *Westminster*, 'and One of the said Copies of the said Standard of Length, the Bronze Bar, being marked '"Copper 16 oz., Tin 2½, Zinc 1. Mr. Baily's Metal. No. 2. Standard Yard at 61°·94 '"Fahrenheit. Cast in 1845. Troughton & Simms, London," and One of the said Copies 'of the Standard of Weight marked No. 1, P.C. 1844, 1 lb., have been deposited at the 'Royal Mint; and One other of the said Copies of the Standard of Length, the Bronze 'Bar, being marked "Copper 16 oz., Tin 2½, Zinc 1. Mr. Baily's Metal. No. 3. Standard '"Yard at 62°·10 Fahrenheit. Cast in 1845. Troughton & Simms, London," and One 'other of the said Copies of the Standard of Weight marked No 2. P.C. 1844. 1 lb., 'have been delivered to the Royal Society of *London*; and One other of the said Copies 'of the Standard of Length, the Bronze Bar, being marked "Copper 16 oz., Tin 2½, '"Zinc 1. Mr. Baily's Metal. No. 5. Standard Yard at 62°·16 Fahrenheit. Cast in 1845. '"Troughton & Simms, London," and One other of the said Copies of the Standard of 'Weight marked No. 3. P.C. 1844, 1 lb., have been deposited in the Royal Observatory of '*Greenwich*;

'*Greenwich*; and the other of the said Copies of the Standard of Length, the Bronze Bar, 'being marked "Copper 16 oz., Tin 2½, Zinc 1. Mr. Baily's Metal. No. 4. Standard Yard '"at 61°·98 Fahrenheit. Cast in 1845. Troughton & Simms, London," and the other of 'the said Copies of the Standard of Weight marked No. 4. P.C. 1844, 1 lb., have been 'immured in the Cill of the Recess on the East Side of the lower Waiting Hall in the New 'Palace at *Westminster:* And whereas it is expedient to legalize the Standards so con-'structed and to provide for the Preservation thereof:' 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:

5 G. 4. ss. 3. & 5. c.74. repealed.

I. So much of the said Act of the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth as relates to the Restoration of the Imperial Standard Yard and of the Standard Troy Pound respectively, in case of Loss, Destruction, Defacement, or other Injury, shall be repealed.

Restored Standard Yard established.

II. The straight Line or Distance between the Centres of the Two Gold Plugs or Pins in the Bronze Bar deposited in the Office of the Exchequer as aforesaid shall be the genuine Standard of that Measure of Length called a Yard, and the said straight Line or Distance between the Centres of the said Gold Plugs or Pins in the said Bronze Bar (the Bronze being at the Temperature of Sixty-two Degrees by *Fahrenheit's* Thermometer) shall be and be deemed to be the Imperial Standard Yard.

Standard Pound avoirdupois.

III. The said Weight of Platinum marked P.S. 1844, 1 lb., deposited in the Office of the Exchequer as aforesaid, shall be the legal and genuine Standard Measure of Weight, and shall be and be denominated the Imperial Standard Pound Avoirdupois, and shall be deemed to be the only Standard Measure of Weight from which all other Weights and other Measures having Reference to Weight shall be derived, computed, and ascertained, and One equal Seven Thousandth Part of such Pound Avoirdupois shall be a Grain, and Five thousand seven hundred and sixty such Grains shall be and be deemed to be a Pound Troy.

Provisions of 5 G. 4. c. 74. not hereby repealed, &c. to remain in force.

IV. All the Provisions of the said Act of the Fifth Year of King *George* the Fourth now in force, and not hereby repealed, and all other Enactments now in force in relation to Weights and Measures, shall continue in force and be applicable to the Standards of Weight and Measure hereby established, as if the same Standards had been established by the said Act of King *George* the Fourth instead of the Standard Yard and Standard Pound Troy so destroyed as aforesaid, and as if the Pound Troy of Five thousand seven hundred and sixty Grains had been established as a derivative Standard computed with reference to the Pound Avoirdupois.

Copies of the old Standards to continue to be legal.

V. All Weights and Measures, and Copies of Weights and Measures, which have been compared and verified or authenticated according to Law as Copies of the Imperial Standard Weights and Measures, shall remain and be legal Weights and Measures for the same Time, for the same Purposes, and in like Manner as if this Act had not been passed.

Weights and Measures hereafter verified to be deemed legal.

VI. All Weights and Measures which shall be hereafter verified and authenticated by Comparison with the said Imperial Standards of Weight and Measure, in such Manner as Her Majesty shall by any Orders in Council from Time to Time direct and appoint, shall be deemed and taken to be legal Secondary Weights and Measures.

Provision for Restoration of Standards in case of Loss, &c.

VII. If at any Time hereafter the said Imperial Standard Yard and Standard Pound Avoirdupois respectively, or either of them, be lost, or in any Manner destroyed, defaced, or otherwise injured, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may cause the same to be restored by Reference to or Adoption of any of the Copies so deposited as aforesaid, or such of them as may remain available for that Purpose.