CAP. LXXV.

An Act to continue certain temporary Provisions concerning Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in *England*. [30th *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Tenth and Eleventh Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Law as to Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in* England, by which it was enacted, that certain of the Provisions therein contained should continue until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and, if Parliament were then sitting, until the End of the then Session of Parliament; and such Provisions have been continued by sundry Acts until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said Provisions should be further continued:' 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, That the said Provisions of the said Act shall continue until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 98. Certain Provisions of recited Act further continued.

CAP. LXXVI.

An Act to continue an Act of the Fifth and Sixth Years of Her present Majesty for amending the Law relative to Private Lunatic Asylums in *Ireland*. [30th *July* 1855.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending until the First Day of August One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, the Law relating to Private Lunatic Asylums in* Ireland: And whereas by the Fifty-first Section of the said Act it was provided, that the said Act should be and remain in force until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer: And whereas by an Act of the Ninth and Tenth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter Seventy-nine, and an Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter Forty-six, the said first-recited Act was further continued till the Thirty-first Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said first-recited Act should be further continued:' 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, That the said first-recited Act shall be and remain in force until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and sixty, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 123. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 79. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 46. Recited Act continued.

CAP. LXXVII.

An Act to give Effect to a Convention between Her Majesty and the United States of *America*. [30th *July*, 1855.]

'WHEREAS a Convention was concluded between Her Majesty and the United States of *America*, and signed at *London* on the Eighth of *February* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, of which the Ratifications were exchanged at *London* on the

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'Twenty-sixth of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three: And by the said 'Convention it was agreed that all Claims on the Part of Corporations, Companies, or private 'Individuals, Subjects of Her Majesty, upon the Government of the United States, and 'all Claims on the Part of Corporations, Companies, or private Individuals, Citizens of the 'United States, upon the Government of Her Majesty, which might have been presented 'to either Government for its Interposition with the other since the Signature of the Treaty 'of Peace and Friendship concluded between *Great Britain* and the United States of 'America at *Ghent* on the Twenty-fourth of *December* One thousand eight hundred and 'fourteen, and which yet remained unsettled, as well as any other such Claims which might be 'presented within the Time specified therein-after, should be referred to Two Commissioners, 'to be appointed in the following Manner, that is to say, One Commissioner should be named 'by Her Majesty, and One by the President of the United States; and it was thereby pro-'vided, that the Commissioners should, before proceeding to any other Business, name some 'Third Person to act as an Arbitrator or Umpire in any Case or Cases on which they might 'themselves differ in Opinion: And by the said Convention Her Majesty and the President 'of the United States of *America* solemnly and sincerely engaged to consider the Decision of 'the Commissioners conjointly, or of the Arbitrator or Umpire, as the Case might be, as 'absolutely final and conclusive upon each Claim decided upon by them or him respectively, 'and to give full Effect to such Decision without any Objection, Evasion, or Delay whatsoever: 'And it was thereby stipulated, that every Claim should be presented to the Commissioners 'within Six Months from the Day of their First Meeting, unless in any Case where Reasons 'for Delay should be established to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners, or of the 'Arbitrator or Umpire in the event of the Commissioners differing in Opinion thereupon, 'and then and in any such Case the Period for presenting the Claim might be extended to 'any Time not exceeding Three Months longer; and that the Commissioners should be 'bound to examine and decide upon every Claim within One Year from the Day of their 'First Meeting; and that all Sums of Money which might be awarded by the Commissioners, 'or by the Arbitrator or Umpire, on account of any Claim, should be paid by the one 'Government to the other, as the Case might be, within Twelve Months after the Date of 'the Decision, without Interest, and without any Deductions save as specified therein-after '(as to Expenses): And the High Contracting Parties engaged to consider the Result of 'the Proceedings of the Commission as a full, perfect, and final Settlement of every Claim 'upon either Government, arising out of any Transaction of a Date prior to the Exchange 'of the Ratifications of that Convention; and further engaged that every such Claim, 'whether or not the same might have been presented to the Notice of, made, preferred, or 'laid before the said Commission, should, from and after the Conclusion of the Proceedings 'of the said Commission, be considered and treated as finally settled, barred, and thenceforth 'inadmissible: And it was thereby provided that the whole Expenses of the Commission, 'including contingent Expenses, should be defrayed by a rateable Deduction on the Amount 'of the Sums awarded by the Commission; provided always, that such Deduction should 'not exceed the Rate of Five *per Cent.* on the Sums so awarded; the Deficiency, if any, 'should be defrayed in Moieties by the Two Governments: And whereas, by another 'Convention between Her Majesty and the said President, signed at *Washington* on the 'Seventeenth of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, it was agreed that the Time 'limited by the first-mentioned Convention for the Termination of the Commission should 'be extended for a Period not exceeding Four Months from the Fifteenth of *September* then 'next, should such Extension be deemed necessary by the Commissioners, or the Umpire; 'And whereas Commissioners were named by the High Contracting Parties in pursuance of 'the said first-mentioned Convention, and such Commissioners appointed a Third Person to 'act as an Arbitrator or Umpire, as provided by such Convention, and the Claims presented 'to the said Commissioners were, within the extended Period authorized in this Behalf as 'aforesaid, examined and decided upon by the Commissioners, or, in the Cases in which the 'Commissioners differed, by the said Arbitrator or Umpire: And whereas by such Decisions 'several Sums, amounting in the whole to Two hundred and seventy-seven thousand one 'hundred and two Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents, or, at the relative Value of Exchange as 'established by the Commissioners, Fifty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-two Pounds 'Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence Sterling, were awarded to Subjects of Her Majesty in

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'respect of their Claims upon the Government of the United States; and several Sums, 'amounting in the whole to Three hundred and twenty-nine thousand seven hundred and 'thirty-four Dollars and Eighteen Cents, or, at the relative Value of Exchange established 'as aforesaid, Sixty-eight thousand one hundred and thirty-one Pounds and Sevenpence 'Halfpenny Sterling, were awarded to Citizens of the United States in respect of their 'Claims upon Her Majesty's Government: And whereas by an Act of the Congress of the 'United States, approved by the President on the Third of *March* One thousand eight 'hundred and fifty-five, the said Sum of Two hundred and seventy-seven thousand one 'hundred and two Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents is to be paid to the duly authorized Agent 'of Her Majesty's Government, deducting therefrom, pursuant to the said Convention, on 'account of the Expenses of the said Commission, such rateable Proportion, not exceeding 'Five *per Cent.* of the whole Amount awarded to both Citizens of the United States and '*British* Subjects, as might be sufficient to pay the said Expenses: And whereas it is 'expedient that the Commissioners of the Treasury should be enabled to cause the Sum 'payable under the said Act of Congress to be distributed among the *British* Subjects 'entitled under the Awards of the said Commissioners and Umpire:' 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:

The Sums payable by the Government of the United States to be divided among the British Subjects whose Claims have been allowed, and to be deemed a final Settlement of the Claims.

I. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall cause the said Sum of Two hundred and seventy-seven thousand one hundred and two Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents, after such Deduction therefrom on account of Expenses of the said Commission as in the said first-recited Convention provided, to be paid and distributed to and among the several Parties to whom the several Sums constituting the said aggregate Sum of Two hundred and seventy-seven thousand one hundred and two Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents were awarded under the said Commission, in proportion to the several Sums so awarded to them respectively, or to their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns; and such Payments shall be deemed to be a full Satisfaction of the Claims of the said several Parties; and all Claims upon the Government of the United States intended to be provided for by the said Convention shall be considered as finally settled and barred.

CAP. LXXVIII.

An Act to reduce certain Duties payable on Stage Carriages, and to amend the Laws relating to Stamp Duties, and to Bonds and Securities to the Inland Revenue. [30th *July* 1855.]

5 & 6 Vict. c. 79.

'WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and 'Sixth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter Seventy-nine, certain Duties contained 'in a Schedule to the said Act were granted and made payable, and amongst others the 'following Duties on Stage Carriages in *Great Britain*, (that is to say,) for and in respect 'of every Mile which any Stage Carriage shall be licensed to travel the Duty of One Penny 'Halfpenny, and for and in respect of every such supplementary Licence for a Stage Carriage 'as described in the said Schedule the Duty of Five Shillings; and it is expedient to reduce 'the said Duties as herein-after mentioned:' 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:

Duties on Stage Carriages and Supplementary Licences reduced.

I. From and after the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five there shall be charged and payable to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the following reduced Duties on Stage Carriages in *Great Britain;* (that is to say,) for and in respect of every Mile which any Stage Carriage shall be licensed to travel One Penny, and for and in respect of every such supplementary Licence as aforesaid the Duty of One Shilling, in