CAP. VIII.

An Act for raising the Sum of Seventeen millions one hundred and eighty-three thousand Pounds by Exchequer Bills for the Service of the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five. [16th *March* 1855.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, towards raising the necessary Supplies which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this Session of Parliament, have resolved to give and grant unto Your Majesty the Sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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 Treasury to raise 17,183,000*l.* by Exchequer Bills in like Manner as is prescribed by 48 G. 3. c. 1. 4 & 5 W. 4. c. 15. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 66.

I. It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* at any Time or Times, to cause any Number of Exchequer Bills to be made out at the Receipt of the Exchequer at *Westminster* for any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Seventeen millions one hundred and eighty-three thousand Pounds, in like Manner as is prescribed in an Act passed in the Forty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, Chapter One, and in another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Fifteen, and in another Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-six.

The Clauses, &c. in recited Acts extended to this Act.

II. All and every the Clauses, Provisoes, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Disabilities contained in the said Acts shall be applied and extended to the Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the said several Clauses or Provisoes had been particularly repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

The Treasury to issue and apply the Money raised.

III. It shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to issue and apply from Time to Time all such Sums of Money as shall be raised by Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act to such Services as shall then have been voted by the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* in this present Session of Parliament.

Bills how to be charged and paid.

IV. The Principal Sum or Sums of Money to be contained in such Exchequer Bills shall be charged upon and shall be paid out of any Supplies to be granted in the next Session of Parliament.

Interest on Bills.

V. The Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance of this Act shall bear Date on the Days on which the same shall be respectively issued, and shall bear an Interest not exceeding the Rate of Threepence Halfpenny *per Centum per Diem* in respect of the whole of the Monies respectively contained therein, payable out of any Aids or Supplies in the Bank of *England* standing to the Credit of the Exchequer.

Bills charged on Supplies to be current in Payment of Public Revenue after Twelve Calendar Months from their Dates.

VI. All the Exchequer Bills to be made out by virtue of this Act, or so many of them as shall from Time to Time remain undischarged and uncancelled, shall, after Twelve Calendar Months from their respective Dates, be taken and shall pass and be current to all the Receivers and Collectors in *Great Britain* of the Customs, Excise, or any Revenue, Supply, Aid, or Tax whatsoever already granted or payable, or which shall hereafter be granted or payable, to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and also at the Bank of *England* to the Account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, from the said Receivers or Collectors, or from any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate whatsoever, making any Payment there to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, upon any Account whatever.

Bank of England may advance

VII. It shall be lawful for the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* to advance or lend to Her Majesty, upon the Credit of the Exchequer Bills to be made out in pursuance

17,183,000*l.* on the Credit of Bills, notwithstanding 5 & 6 W. & M. c. 20.

pursuance of this Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Seventeen millions one hundred and eighty-three thousand Pounds; anything in an Act passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Chapter Twenty, or in any subsequent Act, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

CAP. IX.

An Act to suspend the Decline of the Customs Duties on Tea from and after the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five. [16th *March* 1855.]

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:

In lieu of Duties made payable by 16 & 17 Vict. c. 106. the following to be levied.

I. In lieu of the several Duties of Customs made payable on Tea by the Act of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter One hundred and six, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the following Duties thereon; that is to say,

	s.	*d.*
From and after the passing of this Act until the Expiration of Twelve Months from the Fifth Day of *April* inclusive, which shall first happen after the Date of a definitive Treaty of Peace with *Russia* - - - - the lb.	1	6
From thence until the Expiration of the ensuing Twelve Months - the lb.	1	3
And thenceafter - - - - - - - - - the lb.	1	0

Without any Allowance for Draft.

Short Title.

II. In citing this Act in other Acts or legal Instruments it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Tea Duties Decline Suspension Act, 1855."

CAP. X.

An Act to enable a Third Principal Secretary and a Third Under Secretary of State to sit in the House of Commons. [16th *March* 1855.]

6 Anne, c. 7. 22 G. 3. c. 82.

'WHEREAS under the Provisions of an Act of the Sixth Year of Queen *Anne*, Chapter Seven, and of an Act of the Twenty-second Year of King *George* the Third, Chapter Eighty-two, not more than Two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State are capable of sitting as Members of the House of Commons at the same Time, and by reason of the said Act of the Twenty-second Year of King *George* the Third, and of an Act of the Fifteenth Year of King *George* the Second, Chapter Twenty-two, Doubts are entertained whether more than Two of the Under Secretaries to the Principal Secretaries of State are capable of sitting as such Members: And whereas it would be for the Advantage of the Public Service that Three of such Principal Secretaries and Three of such Under Secretaries should be capable of sitting at the same Time in the House of Commons:' 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, That any Three of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being, and any Three of the Under Secretaries for the Time being to Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, may sit and vote as Members of the House of Commons, anything in the said Acts or in any other Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding; but not more than Three such Principal Secretaries and not more than Three such Under Secretaries shall sit as Members of the House of Commons at the same Time.

15 G. 2. c. 22.

Power to any Three of the Principal Secretaries and any Three of the Under Secretaries of State to sit in the House of Commons.