II. So much of an Act passed in the Second and Third Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and fifteen, as enacts that Her Majesty's Subjects professing the Roman Catholic Religion, in respect to their Places for Religious Worship, shall be subject to the same Laws as the Protestant Dissenters are subject to, and so much of an Act passed in the Ninth and Tenth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter Fifty-nine, as enacts that Her Majesty's Subjects professing the Jewish Religion, in respect to their Places for Religious Worship, shall be subject to the same Laws as Protestant Dissenters are subject to, shall be respectively read as applicable to the Laws to which Protestant Dissenters in *England* are subject for the Time being after the passing of this Act.

Construction of certain Parts of 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 115. and 9 & 10 Vict. c. 59. as to Places of Worship of Roman Catholics and Jews.

CAP. LXXXVII.

An Act to amend the Act for the better Care and Reformation of Youthful Offenders, and the Act to render Reformatory and Industrial Schools in *Scotland* more available for the Benefit of Vagrant Children.

[14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act of the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Eighty-six, "for the better Care and Reformation of Youthful Offenders in *Great Britain*," so far as respects the Provision thereby made for charging the Parent or Step-Parent of an Offender in certain Cases with Payments towards his Maintenance or Support:' 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:

17 & 18 Vict. c. 86.

I. Sections Five and Six of the said Act shall be repealed.

Sects. 5. & 6. repealed.

II. In every Case in which any Juvenile Offender shall be detained in a Reformatory School under the said Act, the Parent or Step-Parent, if of sufficient Ability, shall be liable to contribute to his Support and Maintenance a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings a Week; and it shall be lawful in *England* and *Wales* for any Two Justices of the Peace, upon the Complaint of any Person authorized by One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to take Proceedings in that Behalf, to summon the Parent or Step-Parent, as the Case may be, and examine into his or her Ability, and (if on Consideration of all the Circumstances of the Case they think fit) to make an Order upon him or her for such weekly Payment, not exceeding Five Shillings *per* Week, as they shall think reasonable, during the whole or any Part of the Detention of such Juvenile Offender in such Reformatory School, such Payment to be made at such Times as by such Order may be directed to the Person so authorized to take Proceedings as aforesaid, or to such Person as the Secretary of State may from Time to Time appoint to receive the same, and by him to be accounted for and paid as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct.

Provision for enforcing Contribution by Parents to the Maintenance of Juvenile Offenders in Reformatory Schools.

III. In case Default be made for the Space of Fourteen Days in Payment of any Sum of Money which may have become payable by such Parent or Step-Parent under such Order, such Sum of Money shall in every such Case be levied upon the Goods and Chattels of the Defendant by Distress and Sale thereof; and if it shall appear to the said Justices on Confession of Defendants or otherwise, or if it shall be returned to the Warrant of Distress in any such Case that no sufficient Goods of the Party against whom such Warrant shall have been issued can be found, it shall be lawful for the Justice to whom such Return is made, or for any other Justice of the Peace for the same County, Riding, Division, Liberty, City, Borough, or Place, by his Warrant as aforesaid, to commit the Defendant to the House of Correction or Common Gaol for any Term not exceeding Ten Days, unless the Sum to be paid, and all Costs and Charges of the Distress, and of the Commitment and conveying of the Defendant to Prison, (the Amount thereof being ascertained and stated in such Commitment,) shall be sooner paid.

Recovery of Sums ordered to be paid.

Contribution how to be enforced in Scotland.

IV. In *Scotland* an Action for Payment of Sums for the Support and Maintenance of a Juvenile Offender under the said Act shall and may be raised before the Sheriff or any Two Justices of the Peace within the County in which Sentence was passed on the Offender, or in which the Defender in such Action may happen to reside; and such Action shall and may be brought by the Procurator Fiscal of the Sheriff Court of such County, and by no one else; and it shall be lawful for the Sheriff or Justices before whom such Action is brought to inquire into the Circumstances of the Party sued, and to decern for Payment of such weekly Sum not exceeding Five Shillings *per* Week during the Period of Detention of such Offender as he or they shall think fit, or, in his or their Discretion, to dismiss the Action; and such Decree for Payment of a weekly Sum shall be held to be and have all the Effect of a Decree in each Week for Payment of the Sum ordered to be paid for such Week; and the Sums recovered shall be accounted for and paid as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may direct.

Payments may be remitted by Secretary of State or Lord Advocate.

V. It shall be lawful for One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or in *Scotland* for the Lord Advocate, from Time to Time, where such Secretary of State or Lord Advocate shall in his Discretion think fit, to remit all or any Part of any weekly Payment which may have been made payable by any Order under this Act.

In Scotland Justices of Peace to have same Power with Sheriff.

VI. In *Scotland* any Two or more Justices of the Peace shall within the Bounds of their Jurisdiction have the same Powers as are by the said recited Act conferred on any Sheriff, Magistrate of a Burgh, or Police Magistrate.

Powers given to Sheriffs, &c. under 17 & 18 Vict. c. 74. may be exercised by Justices.

VII. 'And whereas by the Act of the last Session of Parliament, Chapter Seventy-four, 'intituled *An Act to render Reformatory and Industrial Schools in* Scotland *more available for* 'the Benefit of Vagrant Children, certain Powers are given to be exercised in *Scotland* by 'Sheriffs or Magistrates:' Be it enacted, That all such Powers may be exercised by any Justice of the Peace in *Scotland* within the Limits of his Jurisdiction; and the Word "Magistrate" as used in the said last-mentioned Act shall be deemed to include the Words "Justice of the Peace."

CAP. LXXXVIII.

An Act to facilitate the Erection of Dwelling Houses for the Working Classes in *Scotland*. [14th *August* 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:

Persons proposing to form Association for erecting or improving Dwelling Houses under Act to apply to Sheriff for his Sanction.

I. When any Four or more Persons associating for the Purpose of erecting new or improving already existing Dwelling Houses for the Working Classes in *Scotland* shall have subscribed the Amount of the whole Capital requisite for carrying out the contemplated Undertaking, and framed a Contract of Copartnery, containing Provisions for the Management of the Affairs of the Association, and Rules for the Upholding and Occupation of the Houses, and for letting and granting Tacks of the same, it shall be lawful for such Persons to present a Petition to the Sheriff, or if within any of the Burghs as to which it is provided in the Third and Fourth of *William* the Fourth, Chapter Seventy-six, that the Dean of Guild elected in the Manner mentioned in the said Act should *ex officio* be a constituent Member of the Town Council, and enjoy the Powers and exercise the Functions theretofore enjoyed and exercised by Deans of Guild, then to such Dean of Guild, praying to have such Contract sanctioned by him and registered as after mentioned, provided that along with such Petition there shall be lodged the Plans and Specifications of the intended Erections or Improvements, and an Estimate of the Cost thereof, including the Cost of the Site and of the Buildings, if any, thereon.

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