XXIII. It shall be lawful for any Master or Owner of a Ship or his Agent to enter into Agreements with Lascars or Natives of the Territories of the *East India* Company, binding them to proceed to any Port or Ports in the United Kingdom, either as Seamen or as Passengers, and there to enter into a further Agreement to serve as Seamen in any Ship which may happen to be there, and to be bound to any Port in the Territories of the *East India* Company; provided, that every such original Agreement shall be made in such Form, and shall contain such Provisions, and shall be executed in such Manner, and under such Conditions for securing the Return of such Lascars or Natives to their own Country, and for other Purposes, as the Governor General of *India* in Council, or the Governors of the respective Presidencies in which the original Agreement is made, in Council may direct; and if any Lascar or other Person who has bound himself by any such original Agreement is, on arriving in the United Kingdom, required to enter into a further Agreement to serve as a Seaman in any Ship bound to any Port in the Territories of the *East India* Company, and if it is certified by some Officer appointed for that Purpose by the *East India* Company that such further Agreement is a proper Agreement in all respects for such Lascar or other Person to enter into, and is in accordance with the original Agreement, and that the Ship to which such further Agreement relates is in all respects a proper Ship for such Lascar or other Person to serve in, and that there is not, in the Opinion of such Officer, any Objection to the full Performance of the said original Agreement, such Lascar or other Person shall be deemed to be engaged under such further Agreement, and to serve as a Seaman in the Ship to which it relates, and shall thereupon be deemed to be for all Purposes One of the Crew of the Ship; and for every Lascar or other Person in respect of whom such Certificate is applied for, the Person applying for the same shall pay to such Officer as aforesaid such Fee as the *East India* Company may appoint, not exceeding Ten Shillings.

Contracts may be made with Natives in India, under certain Conditions, binding them to go to the United Kingdom, and then to serve in other Ships back to India or elsewhere.

XXIV. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to repeal or affect any Provisions contained in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, or Thirty-fourth Sections of the Act of the Fourth Year of King *George* the Fourth, Chapter Eighty, or in the Sixteenth Section of the Act of the Eighteenth Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter One hundred and twenty.

Saving of former Enactments.

CAP. XCII.

An Act for appropriating the Corps of the Prebend or Portion of *Netherhall Ledbury* in the Diocese and County of *Hereford*, and for constituting the Living of *Ledbury* a Rectory with Cure of Souls, and for augmenting the Endowments thereof. [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS there are in the Diocese and County of *Hereford* Two Prebends or Portions of a Prebend respectively, called the Prebend of *Overhall* and the Prebend of *Netherhall, Ledbury*, founded in the Cathedral Church of *Hereford*, and in the Gift or Patronage of the Bishop of *Hereford*, the respective Prebendaries or Portionists whereof had the alternate Right of Patronage or Presentation of or to the Vicarage and Parish Church of *Ledbury:* And whereas the said Vicarage was formerly endowed with a certain Portion of Tithes, which was commuted in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, under the Acts of Parliament for the Commutation of Tithes in *England* and *Wales*, for a yearly Rentcharge of Four hundred and sixty Pounds Two Shillings, variable according to the Provisions of the said Acts, and payable to the Vicar for the Time being of the said Vicarage, and the sole Cure of Souls in the said Parish of *Ledbury* has been for many Years past and still is exercised by the said Vicar for the Time being: And whereas at the Time of the passing of the Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter One hundred and thirteen, the Prebend or Portion of *Overhall* had by the Death of the Reverend *Henry Stonhouse Vigor*, late Prebendary or Portionist thereof, become and was then vacant, and by virtue of such Act all the Lands, Tithes, and other Hereditaments, and all other Emoluments and Endowments belonging thereto, (excepting

'Rights of Patronage,) became vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, for 'the Purposes of the said Act, and the alternate Right of Presentation to the said Vicarage, 'theretofore belonging to the said last-mentioned Prebendary or Portionist, devolved upon 'the Bishop of *Hereford*: And whereas in the Year One thousand eight hundred and two 'the Reverend *James Watts*, Clerk, was collated, or presented by the then Bishop of *Hereford*, 'to the Prebend of *Netherhall*, and was thereupon duly installed Prebendary thereof; and 'the Vicarage of the said Parish of *Ledbury* having in the Year One thousand eight hundred 'and ten become vacant, the said *James Watts*, in virtue of the alternate Right of Presentation 'which thereupon accrued in Turn to him as such Prebendary or Portionist of *Netherhall*, 'presented himself to and was duly instituted and inducted Vicar of the said Vicarage, and he 'thenceforth continued Prebendary or Portionist of the said last-mentioned Prebend or 'Portion, and also Vicar of the said Vicarage, and enjoyed the Profits and Emoluments 'thereof respectively, to the Time of his Death: And whereas the said *James Watts* 'died in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and thereupon the alternate 'Right of Presentation to the said Vicarage, theretofore belonging to the Prebend of '*Netherhall*, also devolved, by Force of the said Act, upon the Bishop of *Hereford*, and 'shortly afterwards the Reverend *James George Watts*, Son of the said *James Watts*, was 'collated by the Bishop of *Hereford* to the said Vicarage, and he was thereupon duly 'inducted to and is now the Vicar or Incumbent of the said Vicarage: And whereas upon 'the Decease of the said *James Watts* all the Estates and Endowments, excepting Rights of 'Patronage, belonging to the said Prebend or Portion of *Netherhall* (subject to the Term 'and Interest then unexpired therein under a certain Indenture of Lease dated the 'Fifteenth *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and made between the 'said *James Watts*, therein described as Portionist and Prebendary of the Portion or Prebend 'called *Netherhall* in the Parish Church of *Ledbury* in the County of *Hereford*, of the one 'Part, and *Philip John Miles* Esquire, of the other Part, for Three Lives,) were considered 'to have become vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners by virtue of the said Act, 'as being the Estates of a Prebend not residentiary; but a Claim has since been set up to the 'said last-mentioned Prebend or Portion by the said *James George Watts*, as Vicar of the said 'Vicarage, on the Ground, as he contends, that the same Prebend or Portion was a Rectory 'without Cure of Souls, and having been held by the said *James Watts*, deceased, together 'with the said Vicarage, for the Period of Twenty Years last past before the passing of the 'said Act, the same Rectory and Vicarage had under the Provisions of the said Act become 'permanently united, and do now constitute a Rectory with Cure of Souls; and the Rents 'which had become payable upon the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* One thousand eight 'hundred and fifty-two in respect of the last-mentioned Prebend or Portion since the Death 'of the said *James Watts*, amounting to Eighty-four Pounds, have been paid into the Court 'of Queen's Bench, under a Judge's Order in an Action of Ejectment: And whereas, in order 'to avoid the Costs of Litigation in regard to the Claim of the said *James George Watts*, 'which is resisted on the Part of the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, a Proposal has been 'agreed upon by the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and the said *James George Watts*, 'with the Consent of the Right Reverend *Renn Dickson*, Bishop of *Hereford*, that the said 'Parish of *Ledbury* should be and be considered or be made a Rectory with Cure of Souls, 'in the Patronage of the Bishop of *Hereford* for the Time being, and that the said *James* '*George Watts* should, without further Collation, Induction, or Institution thereto, become 'and be the Rector thereof, and that in addition to the Tithes Rentcharge and other Profits 'and Emoluments belonging to the said Vicarage to be annexed to the said Rectory, the 'said Rectory should be endowed in the Manner herein-after in this Act provided, and, 'subject thereto, that the whole of the Lands, Tithes, and other Hereditaments (excepting 'Rights of Patronage), and all other Emoluments and Endowments belonging to the said 'Prebend or Portion of *Netherhall*, subject to the said Lease, should remain or become 'vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the Purposes of the said Acts:' But, inasmuch as the aforesaid Objects cannot be carried into effect without the Aid and Authority of Parliament, may it therefore please 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:

I. The

Parish and Parish Church of Ledbury to become a Rectory with Cure of Souls.

I. The Parish and Parish Church of *Ledbury* in the Diocese and County of *Hereford* shall henceforth be and be deemed a Rectory with Cure of Souls in the Gift or Patronage of the Bishop of *Hereford* for the Time being, and the said *James George Watts* shall, without further Collation, Presentation, Institution, or Induction, be and be deemed the Rector of the said Rectory, and the Freehold of the Parish Church and Burial Ground of *Ledbury* aforesaid shall henceforth and for ever hereafter be vested in the said *James George Watts* as such Rector, and his Successors Rectors thereof for the Time being.

Tithe Rentcharge and other Emoluments of Vicarage to remain vested in the Rector for the Time being;

II. The Rentcharge of Four hundred and sixty Pounds Two Shillings, awarded or agreed to be paid, under the Act for the Commutation of Tithes in *England* and *Wales*, to the Vicar of the said Vicarage, in lieu of the Tithes theretofore belonging to the said Vicarage, and also all Mortuaries, *Easter* Offerings, Surplice Fees, and all other Fees, Profits, and Emoluments heretofore payable to or enjoyed by the Vicar for the Time being of the said Vicarage, shall henceforth belong and be paid to the said *James George Watts* as Rector, and his Successors Rectors for the Time being of the said Rectory.

also Lands and Tithe Rentcharge specified in Schedule;

subject to Payment of 30*l.* per Annum to Minister of District of Wellington Heath in Ledbury.

III. The several Closes or Parcels of Land and Tithes Rentscharge mentioned and specified in the Schedule to this Act (being Parcel of the late Prebend or Portion of *Netherhall*,) freed and discharged from the yearly Pension of Sixteen Bushels of Wheat and Sixteen Bushels of Oats payable to the Vicar for the Time being of the said Parish Church of *Ledbury*, and from the Land Tax in respect of the said Land, which has been redeemed, and Tithe Rentcharge, shall, from and immediately after the Expiration or other sooner Determination of the Term, Estate, and Interest granted therein by the said Indenture of Lease of the Fifteenth of *January* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, (but without conferring any Right to any Portion of the Rent reserved by the said Lease during the Continuance thereof,) belong to and be permanently annexed to the said Rectory, and be held and enjoyed by the Rector thereof for the Time being for ever hereafter, by way of Augmentation of the said Rectory; but subject, nevertheless, and charged to and with the keeping in due State of Repair the North Side of the Chancel of the Parish Church of *Ledbury*, and also to and with the Payment of the yearly Sum of Thirty Pounds to the Minister or Curate for the Time being of the District of *Wellington Heath* in *Ledbury*, by half-yearly Payments to be made on the First Day of *June* and the First Day of *December* in each Year, the first of such half-yearly Payments or a proportionate Part thereof to be made on such One of the said Days as shall happen next after the Expiration or sooner Determination of the said Lease.

Until Determination of Lease, Ecclesiastical Commissioners to pay annual Sum to the Rector;

charged with the annual Payment of 30*l.*

IV. In the meantime, until the Expiration or sooner Determination of the said Lease, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall, out of their Common Fund, pay to the said *James George Watts* as Rector, and his Successors Rectors for the Time being of the said Rectory, an annual Sum of Two hundred and thirty Pounds, clear of all Deductions, other than on account of Property or Income Tax, by equal half-yearly Payments, to be made on the First Day of *May* and the First Day of *November* in each Year, such Payment to be considered to have commenced and taken effect from the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and also a proportionate Part of the said annual Sum in respect of the Number of Days which shall have elapsed of the current Half Year in which the said Lease shall expire or be determined, and such annual Sum and proportionate Part to be by way of Augmentation of the said Rectory, in lieu of the said Parcels of Land and Tithes Rentscharge mentioned in the said Schedule, until the same shall fall into the Possession and Receipt of the said Rector, and to be charged with the Payment of the like annual Sum of Thirty Pounds as from the said First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three to the Minister or Curate for the Time being of the said District of *Wellington Heath*, and on the like Days as are in this Act before mentioned in respect to the Payment of the said annual Sum of Two hundred and thirty Pounds.

Residue of Lands and Profits of Prebend or Portion of Netherhall to vest in Eccle-

V. All other the Lands, Tithes, Tithes Rentscharge, and Hereditaments belonging to or constituting the Corps of the Prebend or Portion of *Netherhall*, whether the same be or be not a Sinecure Rectory, within the Intent and Meaning of the said recited Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her said Majesty's Reign, (save and except Rights of Patronage, and also save and except the Right, from and after the Expiration or other

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siastical Commissioners, and be held as Part of Common Fund, under 3 & 4 Vict. c. 1

sooner Determination of the said Lease, to the said Pieces or Parcels of Land and Tithes Rentscharge, and the redeemed Land Tax in respect thereof, comprised in the Schedule to this Act, and intended to be hereby vested in expectancy in the Rector for the Time being of the said Rectory,) together with, and not by way of Exception, the whole of the Rents, and the Benefit of all the Covenants, Conditions, and Agreements reserved and contained by and in the said Indenture of Lease, and which on the Lessee's or Assignee's Part are or ought to be paid, observed, and performed, including the Right to all Sums paid into Court as aforesaid, and all other Sums now due on account of the said Rent, shall, freed and discharged from the said yearly Pension of Sixteen Bushels of Wheat and Sixteen Bushels of Oats, or any other Payments or Dues, to the Rector or Vicar of the Parish Church of *Ledbury*, from and after the passing of this Act, but subject and without Prejudice to the Term, Estate, and Interest granted by the said Lease, remain and be absolutely vested in the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for *England*, their Successors and Assigns, to be by them held, possessed, and administered for the Purposes and under and according to the Provisions of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majesty's Reign, or any other Act or Acts relating to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners with regard to the Estates of Non-residentiary Prebends.

Powers of Ecclesiastical Commissioners as Reversioners of Property in Lease.

VI. For the Purpose of enabling the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and their Successors, as Reversioners of the Premises comprised in the said Indenture of Lease, to receive and recover the Rents due or to become due under the said Lease, and to exercise all Rights and Remedies in respect thereof, and of the Covenants, Conditions, and Agreements on the Part of the Lessee therein contained, and also of enabling the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, if they shall think fit, to accept a Surrender of the Term, Estate, and Interest of the Lessee in the said Lands and Tithes Rentscharge comprised in the said Schedule hereto, the Reversion of and in the whole of the Premises comprised in or held under the said Lease shall be or be considered to be vested in them the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners during the Remainder of and subject to the Term, Estate, and Interest granted by the said Lease; but so, nevertheless, that in case the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners should accept a Surrender of the said Term, Estate, and Interest in the said Lands and Tithes Rentscharge comprised in the said Schedule, the same shall operate as an Extinguishment of the said Term and Interest therein, for the Benefit of the Rector for the Time being of the said Rectory, so as to accelerate his Right to the Possession and Receipt of the said last-mentioned Lands and Rentscharge; and thereupon the said annual Sum of Two hundred and thirty Pounds herein-before directed to be paid to the Rector for the Time being by the said Commissioners, out of their Common Fund, shall cease, anything herein-before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Style of Act.

VII. For all Purposes of Recital or Reference it shall be sufficient in all Cases to mention this Act as "The Rectory of *Ledbury* Act, 1855."

The SCHEDULE.

No. on Tithe Commutation Apportionment for the Parish of Ledbury.	Lands.	Cultivation.	Acreage. A.	R.	P.
Part 991	Orchard and Stable - - -	Pasture - -	1	1	15
980	Doghill Orchard - - - - -	Pasture - -	3	0	34
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The several annual Sums belonging to the said Prebend of Ledbury Netherhall, as apportioned by way of Tithe Rentcharge upon certain Lands in the said Parish of Ledbury, and payable, subject to Variation, under the Acts of Parliament passed for the Commutation of Tithes, amounting together to Two hundred and fifty Pounds (being exclusive

exclusive of the Amount of Twenty-three Pounds and Twelve Shillings apportioned on the Estate belonging to such Prebend numbered 166, 160, 1663, 154, 157, 1402, 167, 164, 165, 991, 153, 156, 155, 161, 1434, 1435, 1403, 1404, 1406, 981, 180, 378, 388, 390, 174, 175, 172, 152, 995, 996, 169, 168, 150, 151, 1457, 1681, 376, 980, and 159, and on the Field numbered 1426 on the Plan annexed to the confirmed Tithe Apportionment for the said Parish of Ledbury).

The several annual Sums, amounting to Twenty Pounds Six Shillings and Sixpence, also belonging to the said Prebend, apportioned by way of Rentcharge upon certain Lands in the Parish of Aylton in the said County of Hereford, and payable, subject to Variation, under the said Acts of Parliament passed for the Commutation of Tithes.

CAP. XCIII.

An Act to amend certain Acts relating to the Court of Judicature of *Prince of Wales Island, Singapore,* and *Malacca,* and to the Supreme Courts of Judicature in *India.* [14th *August* 1855.]

'WHEREAS by Letters Patent of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth His said late Majesty ordained that there should be within the Settlement of *Prince of Wales Island, Singapore,* and *Malacca* a Court of Judicature to be holden before the Governor and the Resident Councillor for the Time being of the Station where the Court should be held, as Two of the Judges of the said Court, and before One other Judge called the Recorder of *Prince of Wales Island, Singapore,* and *Malacca:* And whereas by Letters Patent of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth granted under the Powers of the Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of His Reign, Chapter Eighty-three, His said late Majesty granted to the said Court of Judicature the Powers of a Court of Admiralty: And whereas by Letters Patent of Her present Majesty, granted in the present Year of Her Reign, Her said Majesty has ordained that the said Court of Judicature should consist of Two Courts or Divisions, One of which shall be holden within the Stations of *Singapore* and *Malacca* before the Governor or President and the Resident Councillor for the Time being of the Station where the same shall be held, and before One other Judge called the Recorder of *Singapore,* and the other of which Courts or Divisions shall be holden within the Station of *Prince of Wales Island* before the said Governor or President and the Resident Councillor for the Time being of the Station where the same shall be held, and before the other Judge, who shall be called the Recorder of *Prince of Wales Island,* and that all the Powers of the said Court of Judicature shall and may be exercised by each of the said Courts or Divisions, together with various other Provisions concerning the same: And whereas, in consequence of the Alteration made by the last-mentioned Letters Patent in the Constitution of the said Court of Judicature, it is desirable to amend the several Acts of Parliament 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:

Sections 5. 7. 13. 14. and 16. of 6 G. 4. c. 85. to apply to Recorders of Singapore and Prince of Wales Island.

I. The Provisions contained in the Statute of the Sixth Year of *George* the Fourth, Chapter Eighty-five, Sections Five, Seven, Thirteen, Fourteen, and Sixteen, respecting the Recorder of the Court of Judicature of *Prince of Wales Island,* and respecting the Grant of an Allowance to him on Retirement, and respecting the Computation of the Time of Residence in case he shall be appointed a Judge of One of the Supreme Courts in *India,* shall apply to the Recorder of *Singapore* and to the Recorder of *Prince of Wales Island* respectively, and Residence partly as one and partly as the other of such Recorders shall be reckoned as if such Residence had been wholly in the same Capacity: Provided always, that (save and except only in the Case of the present Recorder of *Singapore,* who was appointed to the Office of Recorder of *Prince of Wales Island, Singapore,* and *Malacca* prior to the lastly-recited Letters Patent,) it shall not be lawful to grant to any Recorder of *Singapore* or Recorder of *Prince of Wales Island* any larger retiring Allowance than the Sum of Five hundred Pounds