shall at the passing of this Act be legally entitled to the same, as if this Act had never been passed.

General Issue. VII. In case any Action, Suit, Bill of Indictment, or Information shall after the passing of this Act be brought, carried on, or prosecuted against any Person or Persons hereby meant or intended to be indemnified, recapacitated, or restored, for or on account of any Forfeiture, Penalty, Incapacity, or Disability whatsoever incurred or to be incurred by any such Neglect or Omission, such Person or Persons may plead the General Issue, and upon their Defence give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence upon any Trial to be had thereupon.

CAP. LXXIV.

An Act to continue the Act to facilitate the Management and Improvement of Episcopal and Capitular Estates in *England*. [29th *July* 1856.]

14 & 15 Vict. c. 104. 17 & 18 Vict. c. 116. 'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Fourteenth and 'Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and four, to facilitate the 'Management and Improvement of Episcopal and Capitular Estates in *England*, which Act 'was limited in Duration to Three Years from the End of the then Session of Parliament, 'and by the Act of the Session holden in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Years of Her 'Majesty, Chapter One hundred and Sixteen, the firstly herein mentioned Act was 'amended, and as so amended was continued for Two Years from the End of the then 'Session of Parliament: and whereas it is expedient further to continue the said firstly-'mentioned Act as so amended:' 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:

Act continued. I. The firstly herein mentioned Act, as amended as aforesaid, shall continue in force for One Year from the End of the present Session of Parliament.

CAP. LXXV.

An Act for the further Alteration and Amendment of the Laws and Duties of Customs. [29th *July* 1856.]

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:

Free Goods. I. The Duties of Customs chargeable on the Goods, Wares, and Merchandise next hereafter mentioned, imported into the United Kingdom, shall cease and determine on and after the Sixth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six:

Bichromate of Potash:

Metal of any sort, old, and fit only to be re-manufactured.

New Duties. II. And in lieu of the Duties of Customs now chargeable on the Articles next hereinafter mentioned, imported into the United Kingdom, the following Duties of Customs shall be charged on and after the said Sixth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six:

		£	s.	d.
Beer, Spruce, the Barrel		1	0	0
Musical Instruments; viz., Instruments of Brass, Copper, or of any other Metal, and Parts of such	the lb.	0	0	9
Vinegar	the Gallon	0	0	3

III. Every

Penalty on Persons cutting adrift Boats belonging to the Customs.

III. Every Person who shall wilfully cut away, cast adrift, remove, alter, deface, sink, or destroy, or in any other Way injure or conceal, any Boat, Buoy, Rope, or Mark in the Charge of or used by any Person for the Prevention of Smuggling, or in or for the Use of the Service of the Customs, shall for every such Offence forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds.

18 & 19 Vict. c. 96. s. 22. to include Bailiff, &c. in Channel Islands.

IV. The Bailiff or Chief Magistrate of *Guernsey* and *Jersey*, and the Judge and Magistrates of *Alderney*, shall have the same powers as are by Section Twenty-two of "The Supplemental Customs Consolidation Act, 1855," extended to Jurats of the *Channel Islands*.

Subsistence Allowance to poor Prisoners, and Payment of Gaol Fees in Channel Islands.

V. The Commissioners of Customs may, out of any Money in their Hands voted by Parliament, allow and pay for the necessary Subsistence of any poor Person confined in any Prison in the *Channel Islands*, under or by virtue of any Process for the Recovery of any Duties, Penalties, or Forfeitures under this or any other Act relating to the Customs, such weekly or daily Sum as by the Regulations of the Prison in which such poor Person may be confined is required for the Maintenance of poor Insolvent Debtors, and also such Gaol Fees as are properly payable in respect of any Prisoner or Defendant at the Suit of the Crown for any Offence against the Laws relating to the Customs.

Commissioners of Customs may invest certain surplus Monies in their Hands, and apply Proceeds to Payment of Compensations.

VI. 'Whereas by an Act of the Second and Third Years of the Reign of King *William* 'the Fourth, Chapter Ninety, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three 'or more of them, are empowered to grant to certain Inspectors and Meters of Coals in the 'City of *Dublin* entitled to certain Fees and Payments a Compensation for the Loss of the 'same, not exceeding in Amount to any one of them the respective Sums set forth in the 'Schedule to that Act: And whereas by the said Act the Sum of Fourpence was, with Power 'from Time to Time to reduce the same, imposed upon every Ton of Coals imported into the 'Port of *Dublin*, to provide a Fund for Payment of such Compensation, and the same has 'been reduced to One Halfpenny *per* Ton: And whereas it is expedient to provide for the 'Disposal of the same and any further surplus Monies arising from such Fund during the 'Existence of the Persons so entitled to such Compensation: And whereas it is expedient, 'with a view to the Abolition of the said Tolls at the earliest possible Period, to provide for 'the Disposal of any Sums now in hand, and any further surplus Monies arising from the 'Collection of such Tolls, in the Purchase of Government Annuities on the Lives of the 'Persons entitled to Compensation under the said Act, and apply the same in satisfaction 'thereof, whereupon the said Tolls may cease:' Be it enacted, That the Commissioners of Customs out of any such surplus Monies now in their Hands, or which may hereafter from Time to Time come to their Hands by virtue of the said Act, may invest the same in the Purchase of Government Annuities, and pay and apply such Annuities to the Use and Benefit of such Persons as may during their Lives respectively be entitled to receive the Compensation Allowances granted under and by virtue of the said Act.

Costs awarded to be paid to Crown to be received by Collector of Customs.

VII. All Sums, including Justices Clerks Fees, awarded to be paid as Costs to or for Her Majesty by any Justice in respect of any Proceedings for the Recovery of any Duty, Penalty, or Forfeiture under any Act relating to the Customs or to Trade or Navigation, shall be paid over to the Collector of Customs at the Port where any such Proceedings may be instituted, who shall account for the same in such Manner as the Commissioners of Customs may direct.

Fees payable to Justices Clerks for Investigations under "Merchant Shipping Act, 1854."

VIII. There shall be payable to Justices Clerks, in respect of formal Investigations into Wrecks, under the Provisions of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854," held at the Instance of the Solicitor for the Customs, by Direction of the Board of Trade, or at the Request of any Officer of Customs or Coast Guard, the several Sums specified in the Table of Fees to this Act annexed.

Act to be registered.

IX. This Act shall be registered in the Royal Courts of *Guernsey* and *Jersey* respectively, and the said Royal Courts respectively shall have full Power and Authority and are hereby required to register the same.

Commencement of Act.

X. This Act shall be deemed to commence and come into operation from and after the Fifth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

TABLE

TABLE of FEES referred to in the foregoing Act.

	£	s.	d.
Taking Instructions to hold Investigation - - -	0	3	4
Convening Justices - - - - -	0	5	0
Summons (and Duplicate) to Witness - - each	0	3	0
For Officer or Person employed to serve Summons each Service	0	2	6
Taking down Examination of Witness in Writing - per Folio	0	0	8
Copy of Evidence (when required) - - per Folio	0	0	2
Drawing Report to Board of Trade - - - per Folio	0	1	0
Fair Copy - - - - - per Folio	0	0	4
Attending Justices for their Approval and Signature -	0	3	4
Letter to Board of Trade with Report - - -	0	3	6

CAP. LXXVI.

An Act to continue for a limited Time the Exemption of certain Charities from the Operation of the Charitable Trusts Acts. [29th *July* 1856.]

16 & 17 Vict. c. 137.

18 & 19 Vict. c. 124.

'WHEREAS by the Charitable Trusts Act, 1853, it was provided that such Act should not for the Period of Two Years from the passing thereof extend or be in any Manner applied to Charities or Institutions the Funds or Income of which were applicable exclusively for the Benefit of Persons of the Roman Catholic Persuasion, and which were under the Superintendence or Control of Persons of that Persuasion: And whereas by the Charitable Trusts Amendment Act, 1855, such Charities or Institutions as aforesaid were exempted in like Manner from the Operation of the said Amendment Act, and the Exemption so extended was continued until the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six: And whereas it is expedient that such Exemption should be continued 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:

Exemption continued until 1st September 1857.

I. The said Acts shall not, until the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, extend or be in any Manner applied to the Charities or Institutions aforesaid.

CAP. LXXVII.

An Act to amend the Law and Practice of the Court of Chancery in *Ireland* in relation to the Appointment of Receivers over Real Estate, and to expedite the Sale of Estates in the said Court. [29th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS the levying of Charges upon Real Estate through the Medium of Receivers appointed by the Court of Chancery in *Ireland* is productive of Injury and Inconvenience, and is often attended with Expense wholly disproportionate to any Benefits derived therefrom; and it is expedient to diminish the Necessity for appointing Receivers by giving to the Court increased Facilities for the Sale of Real Estate, and that the Court should in all Cases of Applications to appoint Receivers have a Discretion to refuse or postpone the Appointment as herein-after is provided:' Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and