CAP. XCIV.

An Act for the uniform Administration of Intestates Estates. [29th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that throughout *England* and *Wales* One uniform Rule 'should prevail concerning the Distribution of the Personal Estate of Persons dying 'intestate:' 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:

Repeal of Section 4. of 22 & 23 Car. 2. c. 10. and Part of Section 18. of 11 G. 1. c. 18., save with respect to Estates of Persons who have died before 31st Dec. 1856.

Special Customs concerning the Distribution of Personal Estates of Intestates in certain Places to cease.

I. That from and after the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, Section Four of the Act passed in the Session holden in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Years of King *Charles* the Second (Chapter Ten), "for the better settling of Intestate Estates," and also so much of Section Eighteen of the Act of the Eleventh Year of King *George* the First, Chapter Eighteen, "for regulating Elections within the City of *London*, and for preserving the Peace, good Order, and Government of the said City," as preserves the Custom of *London* in the Case of Persons dying intestate, shall be repealed, save only with respect to the Distribution of the Personal Estate of Persons who may have died on or before the said Thirty-first Day of *December*; and the special Customs concerning the Distribution of the Personal Estate of Intestates observed in the City of *London*, or in relation to the Citizens and Freemen of such City, and in the Province of *York*, and certain other Places, shall, with reference to all Persons dying on or after the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, wholly cease and determine, and the Distribution of the Personal Estate of all Persons so dying shall take place as if such Customs had never existed, and as if the Rules for the Distribution of the Personal Estate of Intestates generally prevalent in the Province of *Canterbury* had prevailed throughout *England* and *Wales*, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

CAP. XCV.

An Act to give to the University of *Oxford* and to Colleges in the said University, and to the College of *Saint Mary of Winchester* near *Winchester*, Power to sell and exchange Lands, under certain Conditions. [29th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that the University of *Oxford* and the Colleges in that 'University, and the College of *Saint Mary of Winchester* near *Winchester*, 'should have Power, under certain Conditions, of selling and exchanging their Lands or 'Hereditaments: And whereas no Provision for that Purpose was made by the "*Oxford* 'University Act, 1854:"' 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:

Colleges in the University of Oxford may sell and exchange Lands under certain Conditions.

I. It shall be lawful for the said University and for any College in the said University respectively, and for the College of *Saint Mary of Winchester* near *Winchester*, with the Consent of the Church Estates Commissioners, to sell any Estate in Lands or Hereditaments vested in such University or in such College, as the Case may be, or to exchange any Estate in Lands or Hereditaments for any other Lands or Hereditaments, or either of them, and upon any such Exchange to receive or pay any Money by way of Equality of Exchange; and all Monies which on any such Sale or Exchange shall be received by or become payable to or for the Benefit of such University or College shall be paid into the Bank of *England* for the Benefit of such University or College, to such Account as the said Church Estates Commissioners shall appoint in that Behalf, and the Receipt of the said Church Estates Commissioners shall be an effectual Discharge to any Purchaser for any Money therein expressed to be received, and shall be Evidence of their Consent as aforesaid; and all Monies so paid into the Bank of *England* shall be applied in Payment for Equality of Exchange as aforesaid, or shall be laid out by such University or such College, with such Consent as aforesaid, in the Purchase of the

absolute Estate of Freehold in other Lands and Hereditaments, or either of them, to be conveyed to the Use or for the Benefit of such University or College; and such Lands and Hereditaments, and any Lands and Hereditaments received in Exchange by such University or College, shall be held by the University or College, as the Case may be, upon the like Trusts and for the like Purposes as the Lands and Hereditaments sold or given in Exchange by such University or College respectively; and the Monies from Time to Time remaining unapplied for the Purposes aforesaid shall be invested by and in the Names of the said Church Estates Commissioners in the Purchase of Government Stocks, Funds, or Securities, which the said Church Estates Commissioners shall hold in trust for such University or College, and the said Church Estates Commissioners may sell and dispose of the same for the Purpose of effecting any such Purchase of Lands and Hereditaments, or either of them, as aforesaid, or of paying Money for Equality of Exchange as aforesaid, as Occasion may require; and in the meantime the Interest, Dividends, and annual Proceeds of such Monies, Stocks, Funds, and Securities shall be paid to such University or College, to be applied to the same Purposes as the annual Income was applicable which arose out of those Lands and Hereditaments from the Sale or Exchange of which the Money invested in such Stocks, Funds, or Securities was produced: Provided that, except as herein-after mentioned, nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any Estate of the University or any College in Reversion in Lands or Hereditaments expectant upon any Lease for Lives, or for a Term of Years determinable upon any Life or Lives, or for a Term of Years whereof more than Seven shall be unexpired, on which a Rent less than Three Fourths of the clear yearly Value of such Lands or Hereditaments shall have been reserved.

Act to extend to Lands held in trust for special Endowments.

II. The Powers and Provisions of this Act in relation to any Estate of Land and Hereditaments vested in the said University and in any College of such University respectively, and in the College of *Saint Mary of Winchester* near *Winchester*, shall extend and be applicable, not only to any Estate in Lands or Hereditaments so vested as the Property or for the general Purposes of such University or such College respectively, but also to any such Estate so vested which may be held in trust for any special Endowment or other Purpose connected with such University or College.

Colleges may accept Surrenders from Lessees in consideration of annual Payments, and may sell and exchange to or with such Lessees.

III. Provided also, That for faciliting such Transactions by way of Sale and Exchange between Colleges and their Lessees it shall be lawful for any College in the said University, and for the College of *Saint Mary of Winchester* near *Winchester*, with the Consent of the said Church Estates Commissioners, upon accepting the Surrender of the whole or any Part of the Lands or Hereditaments comprised in any Lease for Years or for Lives, to covenant or agree to pay to the Person so surrendering during the Residue then unexpired of the Term, or so long as such Lease, but for such Surrender, would have continued, an annual Sum equal to the Difference between the Rent reserved by such Lease, or (if Part only of the Land or Hereditaments comprised therein be surrendered) a proportional Part of such Rent, and the estimated annual Value of the Lands or Hereditaments so surrendered; and it shall also be lawful for such College upon accepting such Surrender as aforesaid, and with such Consent as aforesaid, to contract with the Lessee or Person so surrendering for the Sale or Exchange to or with such Lessee or Person of the Lands or Hereditaments comprised in the Surrender, such Lands and Hereditaments being for the Purpose of such Sale or Exchange valued as if in the Possession of such College discharged of such Lease, and to convey the same in pursuance of such Contract accordingly.

CAP. XCVI.

An Act for amending the Law of Marriage in *Scotland*. [29th *July* 1856.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law touching Marriages in *Scotland*:' 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:

I. After