now or 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. VIII.

An Act to continue Appointments under the Act for consolidating the Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and for completing Proceedings under the Tithe Commutation Acts. [21st *March* 1857.]

14 & 15 Vict. c. 53.

'WHEREAS under an Act of the Session holden in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Fifty-three,) "to consolidate and continue the "Copyhold and Inclosure Commissions, and to provide for the Completion of Proceedings "under the Tithe Commutation Acts," certain Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers as therein mentioned were limited to continue for Two Years next after the Day of the passing of that Act, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and no Commissioner or other Officer or Person appointed or continued under that Act was to hold his Office for a longer Period than Two Years next after the Day of the passing of that Act, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas by the Acts of the Session holden in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter One hundred and twenty-four, and of the Session holden in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Fifty-two, the said Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers have been continued, and the Period limited for the holding of Office under the said first-mentioned Act has been extended until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the said Powers of the said first-mentioned Act should be continued, and that the said Period thereby limited should be extended 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: The Powers of appointing Commissioners and other Officers limited to continue as aforesaid by the said Act of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of Her Majesty shall be further continued until the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and the Period limited for the holding of Office under the said Act shall in like Manner be extended until the said First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and thenceforth until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

16 & 17 Vict. c. 124. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 52.

Powers of Appointment of Commissioners, &c. under 14 & 15 Vict. c. 53. continued.

CAP. IX.

An Act for settling and securing an Annuity on the Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre*, in consideration of his eminent Services. [21st *March* 1857.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

'WHEREAS the Commons of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* did, by an humble Address to Your Majesty, pray Your Majesty that you would be graciously pleased to confer some signal Mark of Your Royal Favour upon the Right

'Honourable

'Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre*, Speaker of the House of Commons, for his great and 'eminent Services performed to his Country during the long and important Period in 'which he had with such distinguished Ability and Integrity presided in the Chair of the 'House, and did assure Your Majesty that whatever Expense Your Majesty should think 'proper to be incurred upon that Account, the said House would make good the same: 'And whereas Your Majesty in answer to the said Address was graciously pleased to 'declare that Your Majesty was desirous, in compliance with the Wishes of Your faithful 'Commons, to confer upon the said Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre* some signal 'Mark of Your Royal Favour, but as the same could not be effectually granted and secured 'without the Concurrence of Parliament, Your Majesty recommended to the House of 'Commons the Adoption of such Measures as might be necessary for the Accomplishment of 'that Purpose: Now we, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of 'the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in Parliament assembled, have 'resolved that the annual Sum of Four thousand Pounds net be granted to Your Majesty 'out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, the 'said Annuity to commence upon and take effect from the Day on which the Right 'Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre* shall cease to hold the Office of Speaker of the House 'of Commons, to be settled in the most beneficial Manner upon and to continue during the 'Life of him the Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre;* and do 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:

An Annuity of 4,000*l.* to be paid to the Right Honourable C. S. Lefevre.

I. One Annuity of Four thousand Pounds shall be payable out of and charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* (after paying or reserving sufficient to pay all such Sums of Money as have been directed by former Acts of Parliament to be paid out of the same, but with Preference to all other Payments which shall or may hereafter be charged upon or payable out of the said Fund), and the same shall from Time to Time be paid quarterly, free and clear of all Taxes and Deductions whatsoever, except Income Tax, to the said Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre* during his natural Life, which said Annuity shall commence and take effect upon the Day upon which he the said Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre* shall cease to hold the Office of Speaker of the House of Commons, the First Payment to be computed from the said Day until the ensuing Quarter Day, and from thenceforth shall be paid at the Four usual Days of Payment in the Year, (that is to say,) the Fifth Day of *July*, the Tenth Day of *October*, the Fifth Day of *January*, and the Fifth Day of *April*, by equal Portions.

Treasury to direct Payment of the Annuity.

II. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury are hereby authorized and required by Warrant or Warrants under their Hands to direct the Payment of the said Annuity according to the Provisions herein-before contained.

Time at which the Rt. Hon. C. S. Lefevre deemed to have ceased to hold the Office of Speaker.

III. Provided, that for the Purposes of this Act, and also of the Act of the Session holden in the Second and Third Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and five, the said Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre* shall be deemed to have ceased to hold the Office of Speaker of the House of Commons upon the Day of the Dissolution of this present Parliament.

One Half of the Annuity to abate in case he should hereafter hold Office.

IV. Provided also, that One Half of the said Annuity shall abate and be suspended during any Period in which the said Right Honourable *Charles Shaw Lefevre* may hereafter hold any Place, Office, or Employment under Her Majesty of equal or greater Amount in Salary, Profits, or Emolument than the Amount of such Annuity.