X. In any and every Action or Suit for Forfeiture, and upon every or any Prosecution for Perjury as aforesaid, the Declaration or Certificate of the Lord High Commissioner, or of his Secretary, or of any such Resident as aforesaid, under their respective Hands and official Seals, shall be received as Evidence in the Law of all Facts and Matters stated in such Declaration or Certificate, without its being necessary for such Lord High Commissioner, Secretary, or Resident to attend in person to prove the same. Evidence.

XI. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to render invalid any Marriage heretofore or hereafter solemnized within the said Islands which Marriage was or shall be valid according to the Laws of the said Islands. Act not to invalidate Marriages otherwise lawful.

XII. The Terms "Lord High Commissioner," "Resident of the Lord High Commissioner," and "Secretary of the Lord High Commissioner," shall include respectively any Person lawfully acting in any of such Capacities. Interpretation of certain Terms.

CAP. LXXXVII.

An Act to remove Doubts as to the Authority of the Senior Member of the Council of the Governor-General of *India* in the Absence of the President.

[13th *August* 1860.]

'WHEREAS Doubts have arisen where the Governor-General of *India* has nominated some Member of his Council to be President of the said Council during his Absence under the Provisions of the Act of the Session holden in the Third and Fourth Years of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter Eighty-five, and the President so appointed is absent owing to Indisposition or other Cause, whether it is competent to the Senior Member of the Council present at the Council to preside and exercise the Powers and Authorities which during the Absence of the Governor-General, where no such President is appointed, such Senior Member is competent to exercise under the Provisions of the Act of the Session holden in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of King *George* the Third, Chapter Seventy-nine, and it is expedient that such Doubts should be removed:' Be it therefore declared and 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: 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 85. 39 & 40 G. 3. c. 79.

I. Whenever a President of the Council of the Governor-General of *India* appointed by the said Governor-General under the Provisions of the said Act of the Third and Fourth Years of King *William* the Fourth is from Indisposition or other Cause absent from any Meeting of the Council (the Governor-General also continuing absent therefrom), it is and shall be deemed to have been lawful for the Senior Member of the Council who is present at such Meeting to preside at the Council, and to exercise the Powers and Authorities which during the Absence of the Governor-General he is competent to exercise under the Provisions of the said Act of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of King *George* the Third where no such President is appointed. During Absence of Governor-General or any President appointed by him, the Senior Member present to preside and act.

CAP. LXXXVIII.

An Act to extend certain Provisions for Admiralty Jurisdiction in the Colonies to Her Majesty's Territories in *India*.

[13th *August* 1860.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session holden in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-six, "to provide for the Prosecution and "Trial in Her Majesty's Colonies of Offences committed within the Jurisdiction of the "Admiralty," 12 & 13 Vict. c. 96.