CAP. CX.

An Act to amend the Lunacy Acts in relation to the building of Asylums for Pauper Lunatics. [28th *July* 1863.]

16 & 17 Vict. c. 97.

'WHEREAS by "The Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853," the Justices of every County and Borough are required to provide an Asylum for the Reception of their Pauper Lunatics, but Power is given to Two or more Counties and Boroughs to unite together for the Purpose of providing an Asylum for their common Use: And whereas by the said Act County is defined to include a County of a City or County of a Town, and Borough is defined to mean every Borough, Town, and City Corporate having a Quarter Sessions, Recorder, and Clerk of the Peace: And whereas by "The Lunacy Acts Amendment Act, 1862," it is provided that the Word "County" shall not, except in the Case of the City of *London*, mean a County of a City or County of a Town: And whereas certain Counties of Towns have Quarter Sessions, but such Quarter Sessions are not held by a Recorder: And whereas at the Date of the passing of the last-mentioned Act certain Agreements were pending for the Union, with a view to a common Asylum, of certain Counties, including Counties of Towns: And whereas it is expedient to confirm such Agreements in certain Cases, notwithstanding that by virtue of the last-mentioned Act a County of a Town is no longer included under the Term "County," and is by such Exclusion rendered incapable of carrying into effect such Agreement:' 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:

Confirmation of certain Agreements between Counties.

1. Where, in pursuance of "The Lunatic Asylums Act, 1853," an Agreement for providing a common Asylum has been duly entered into between divers Counties, properly so called, and such Agreement has been afterwards varied by the Admission as a Party thereto of a County of a City or County of a Town, the original Agreement shall be binding on the Counties originally Parties thereto, in the same Manner as if no Variation of such Agreement had been made.

Explantion of Section 8. of 25 & 26 Vict. c. 86.

2. 'Whereas by the Eighth Section of "The Lunacy Acts Amendment Act, 1862," it is provided to the Effect that it shall be lawful for the Visitors of any Asylum, and the Guardians of any Parish or Union within the District for which the Asylum has been provided, to make Arrangements, subject to such Approval as therein mentioned, for the Reception and Care in the Workhouse of the Parish or Union of a limited Number of chronic Lunatics to be selected as therein mentioned: And whereas Doubts are entertained whether the Expression "chronic Lunatics" therein mentioned includes Lunatics chargeable to Parishes or Unions other than the Parish or Union into the Workhouse of which they are proposed to be received:' Now it is hereby declared, That the Words "chronic Lunatics" in the said Section include chronic Lunatics chargeable to other Parishes or Unions, as well as chronic Lunatics chargeable to the Parish or Union into the Workhouse of which they are proposed to be received.

Short Title.

3. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The Lunacy Acts Amendment Act, 1863."

CAP. CXI.

An Act to amend The Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society Winding-up Act, 1861. [28th *July* 1863.]

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:

1. Not-

1. Notwithstanding anything in The Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society Winding-up Act, 1861, contained, from Time to Time, on the Death or Resignation, after the passing of this Act, of any One of the Persons referred to in the said Act as the present Trustees of the Naval Medical Supplemental Fund Society, or of any Person appointed a Trustee of the Society as herein-after provided, the Vacancy caused thereby in the Office of Trustee shall be filled up by the Appointment in Writing by the Lord High Admiral or the First Lord of the Admiralty (as the Case may be) of another Person to be a Trustee of the Society; and immediately on every such Appointment all Stocks and Funds belonging to the Society shall be so transferred as to vest in the Body of Trustees of the Society for the Time being; and the Persons appointed or chosen under the said Act shall henceforth be deemed and called the Managers of the Society, and shall not be deemed or called Trustees of the Society. Appointment of new Trustees of Society by First Lord of Admiralty on Vacancies.

2. Section Eight of the said Act shall be repealed, and the following Provision shall take effect in lieu thereof: Repeal of Section 8. of former Act, and Substitution of new Provision.

The Managers of the Society for the Time being, on the joint Direction in Writing of the Lord High Admiral or the First Lord of the Admiralty (as the Case may be) and the Secretary to the Admiralty, (such Direction being given, if it seems fit, on the Recommendation in Writing of the Managers of the Society for the Time being, or of any Two or more of them, but not otherwise,) shall, with and out of the General Fund in the said Act mentioned, purchase from Time to Time of and from the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt any such Life Annuities of not less than Twenty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence each as may be payable out of the Funds of the Society (being the Amount of Annuity now legally payable to the respective Persons entitled thereto), and after providing for all such Annuities as aforesaid shall, on such joint Direction as aforesaid, (such Direction being given, if it seems fit, on such Recommendation as aforesaid, but not otherwise,) when and so soon as the General Fund shall be sufficient for the Purpose, apply the same in the Purchase of and from the said Commissioners, or any Life Assurance Company in *London* or *Westminster* which may have been established for Twenty-five Years or upwards, such and so many Reversionary Life Annuities as would or might have become payable if the said Act had not been passed.

3. Sections Nine and Ten of the said Act shall be construed as if the last foregoing Provision of this Act were substituted in the said Act for Section Eight thereof. Construction of Sections 9. and 10. of former Act.

CAP. CXII.

An Act to regulate the Exercise of Powers under Special Acts for the Construction and Maintenance of Telegraphs. [28th *July* 1863.]

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:

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited as The Telegraph Act, 1863. Short Title.

2. This Act shall apply— Application of this Act to all future Telegraph Companies, and also, subject to certain Exceptions, to all existing Telegraph Companies.

(1.) To every Company to be hereafter authorized by Special Act of Parliament to construct and maintain Telegraphs:

(2.) To every Company so authorized before the passing of this Act by any such Special Act, notwithstanding anything in any such Special Act contained,—but so that, except as herein-after expressly provided, nothing in this Act shall give to any Owner, Lessee, or Occupier of Land, or other Person, or to any Body, as against any such Company as last aforesaid, in respect of anything lawfully