Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes becoming payable on Good Friday *or* Christmas Day, and of an Act passed in the Session holden in the Sixth and Seventh Years of King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for declaring the Law as to the Day on which it is requisite to present for Payment to the Acceptors or Acceptor supra Protest for Honour, or to the Referees or Referee in case of Need, Bills of Exchange which had been dishonoured,* having reference to Days appointed by Royal Proclamation as Days of solemn Fast or Days of Thanksgiving, shall, as respects all Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes payable in the Metropolis, or which may be presented for Payment in the Metropolis, extend and be applicable to the Seventh Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, as if the said Seventh Day of *March* were a Day appointed by Her Majesty's Proclamation for a Day of Thanksgiving.

W. 4. c. 58. with respect to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes payable in the Metropolis on Fast Days, &c. to extend to Bills, &c. payable on the 7th March 1863.

2. Where any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note shall by virtue of this Act be presented for Payment on the Day preceding the said Seventh Day of *March,* and the same shall be paid before Two of the Clock in the Afternoon of the Ninth Day of *March,* no Notarial or other Charges by reason of Nonpayment of such Bill or Note shall be payable by or chargeable against the Person paying such Bill or Note.

Notarial Charges occasioned by this Act not chargeable on Persons paying Bills, &c.

3. For the Purposes of this Act the Metropolis shall mean the Metropolis as defined by an Act passed in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter One hundred and twenty, and intituled *An Act for the better Local Government of the Metropolis.*

Metropolis to be as defined by 18 & 19 Vict. c. 120.

CAP. III.

An Act to extend the Credit for Payment of a Portion of the Excise Duty on Malt. [27th *March* 1863.]

'WHEREAS the Time for Payment of the Duty of Excise on Malt made by Makers of Malt who have given Security in that Behalf is limited by Law to Six Weeks after the making up of the Account or Return of the Duty chargeable, and it is expedient to alter and extend the Time for Payment of a Portion of the said Duty 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:

1. It shall be lawful for any Maker of Malt who has or shall have given such Security as aforesaid, if he shall think fit, and upon giving such Notice as herein-after mentioned, to defer Payment of One Moiety of the Duty of Excise on all Malt made or to be made by him on or after the First Day of *January* and before the First Day of *April,* and of the whole of the Duty of Excise on all Malt made or to be made by him on or after the First Day of *April* and before the Sixteenth Day of *May* in this present Year, or in any subsequent Year, for the Period of Three Months next after the respective Times at which the same would become payable under the Law in force immediately before the passing of this Act: Provided that such Maker of Malt shall give Notice in Writing, signed by him, of his Intention so to defer such Payment to the proper Collector of Excise, on or before the First Day of *April* in this or any subsequent Year; and thereupon there shall be charged and paid, for the Use of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, Interest at the Rate of Three Pounds Five Shillings *per* Hundred Pounds *per Annum,* computed for the Period of Three Months on the respective Amounts of Duty the Payment whereof shall be so deferred as aforesaid.

Credit for Payment of a Portion of the Excise Duty on Malt extended under Conditions herein named.

2. Every Bond or other Security which has or shall have been given or entered into by any Maker of Malt for securing the Payment of the Duty of Excise on Malt under any former Act, and now in force, shall remain and continue in force against the Principal and

Bonds and Securities given by Makers of Malt under

former Acts to continue in force.

and Sureties who shall have made or entered into the same, as a Security for Payment as well of the said Duty according to the Directions of any former Act now in force as of the said Duty and Interest according to the Terms and Conditions of this Act, as if the said Terms and Conditions had been inserted in and made Part of the Condition of such Bond or Security, unless the said Parties or some One of them shall, before the First Day of *April* next after the passing of this Act, give Notice to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue of his Desire to withdraw from such Bond or Security, in which Case the Maltster shall not be entitled to any Credit for Payment of the Duty of Excise on any Malt made by him until he shall have given fresh Security in that Behalf to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners.

Nothing to prejudice immediate Proceedings for Duties considered in danger.

3. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prejudice or affect the Right or Power of the said Commissioners, whenever they shall deem any of the said Duties to be in danger, to require immediate Payment thereof, and in default of Payment the same shall be recoverable forthwith as Duties of Excise due and in arrear.

CAP. IV.

An Act to extend for a further Period the Provisions of the Union Relief Aid Act of the last Session. [27th *March* 1863.]

'WHEREAS by an Act of the last Session of Parliament Provisions were made to enable the Boards of Guardians of certain Unions situate wholly or in part within the Counties of *Lancaster*, *Chester*, or *Derby*, to obtain temporary Aid to meet the extraordinary Demands for Relief therein, which Provisions applied to the Expenditure during the Quarters of the Year ending at *Michaelmas* and *Christmas* last only, and it is necessary that such Provisions should be extended for a further Period:' 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:

Certain Provisions of 25 & 26 Vict. c. 110. extended.

1. That all the Provisions of the said Act which apply to the Expenditure during the Quarters of the Year ending as aforesaid shall be extended and apply to the Expenditure for the Quarters ending respectively at *Lady Day* and *Midsummer Day* next.

Repayment of Sums borrowed.

2. Any Sum borrowed under the Authority of this Act may be repaid by equal annual Instalments not exceeding Fourteen.

As to the Word "Expenditure."

3. The Word "Expenditure," in Section Five of the said Act, shall be construed to include the Amount paid under any Order of Contribution issued by the Poor Law Board pursuant to the said Act or this Act.

Provision as to Cases of Unions situate in more than One County.

4. When the Union applying for Aid under this Act shall extend into Two or more Counties, each of such Counties shall contribute to such Aid; and the Amount required shall be apportioned between such Counties, according to the annual rateable Value of so much of the Union as shall be situate within such Counties respectively; and where the Union required to contribute shall be situate in Two or more Counties, it shall contribute upon the annual rateable Value of so many of the Parishes of the Union as shall be wholly within the County or Counties within which the Union applying for Aid is situate, and the Contribution shall be borne exclusively by such Parishes, and shall be apportioned by the Guardians between such Parishes according to their rateable Values respectively, in Exoneration of the Common Fund of the Union, anything in the said first-mentioned Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

As to Parishes within the Union of Mansfield.

5. The Parishes comprised within the *Mansfield* Union in the County of *Nottingham* shall be exempted from the Operation of Section One of the said Act of the last Session.

6. The