for such Court, if it see fit, to appoint the Evidence of the Witnesses examined in the course of such Proof to be taken down by a Writer skilled in Shorthand Writing, to whom the Oath De fideli administratione officii shall be administered; and the said Shorthand Writer shall afterwards, and within such Time as may be fixed by the Court, write out in full the Evidence so taken down by him in Shorthand; and the extended Notes, so written out, certified by the Moderator and Clerk of Court to be correct, shall be the Record of the oral Evidence in the Cause: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent any Church Court, if it see fit, from taking down and recording the Evidence adduced in any Cause, according to the Form hitherto in use.

CAP. XLVIII.

An Act to repeal the Act of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Sixty-six, for punishing Mutiny and Desertion of Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the *East India* Company, and for regulating in such Service the Payment of Regimental Debts and the Distribution of the Effects of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service. [13th *July* 1863.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that the Officers and Soldiers of Her Majesty's *European* 'Forces in *India* should from henceforth be subject to the Provisions of such Acts 'for the Punishment of Mutiny and Desertion as may from Time to Time be passed for 'the Government of Her Majesty's General Forces: And whereas Provision has been 'made in that Behalf in the Act "for punishing Mutiny and Desertion, and for the better 'Payment of the Army and their Quarters," which has been passed in the present Session 'of Parliament:' 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:

26 & 27 Vict. c. 8.

20 & 21 Vict. c. 66. repealed.

1. The Act passed in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Years of Her Majesty, for punishing Mutiny and Desertion of Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the *East India* Company, and for regulating in such Service the Payment of Regimental Debts, and the Distribution of the Effects of Officers and Soldiers dying in the Service, is hereby repealed.

Offences against repealed Act, and Articles of War made under it, and all existing Proceedings, continued.

2. All Crimes and Offences which shall have been committed against the said Act hereby repealed, or against any of the Articles of War made and established by virtue of the same, may be inquired of and punished in like Manner as if they had been committed against the said Mutiny Act of this present Session, and every Warrant or Order for holding any Court-martial under the said repealed Act shall remain in full Force, and all Proceedings of Courts-martial convened and held under any such Warrant or Order shall be still continued: Provided always, that no Person shall be liable to be tried or punished for any Offence against the said repealed Act, or any Articles of War made in pursuance thereof, which shall appear to have been committed more than Three Years before the Date of the Warrant or Order for such Trial, unless the Person accused, by reason of his having absented himself, or of some other manifest Impediment, shall not have been amenable to Justice, within that Period, in which Case such Person shall be liable to be tried at any Time not exceeding Two Years after the Impediment shall have ceased.

Not to affect Provisions of 7 & 8 Vict. c. 28.

3. Nothing in this Act, or in the said Mutiny Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, shall affect the Provisions of an Act passed in the Seventh Year of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to remove Doubts as to the Power of appointing, convening, and confirming the Sentences of Courts-martial in the* East Indies, and all the Provisions thereof shall remain in force, unless and except they may be in any respect inapplicable.

Commencement of Act.

4. This Act shall commence and take effect from and after the First Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, or from and after any earlier Day whereon the said

said Mutiny Act passed in the present Session of Parliament may become and be in full Force in *India*, and from and after such Day as aforesaid the Articles of War made by Her Majesty in pursuance of the said repealed Act shall cease and determine; provided nevertheless, that full Effect shall be given to the Provisions herein-before contained respecting the Punishment of Offences against the said repealed Act and otherwise as herein-before is mentioned, and that, so far as may be necessary to give full Effect to such Provisions, the said repealed Act, and the Articles of War made in pursuance of the same, shall be deemed to be in full Force.

Not to affect certain Matters, &c. as to Native Indian Officers and Soldiers.

5. Nothing in this Act contained shall in any Manner prejudice or affect any Articles of War or other Matters made, enacted, or in force, or which may hereafter be made, enacted, or in force, under the Authority of the Government of *India*, respecting Officers or Soldiers or Followers in Her Majesty's *Indian* Army, being Natives of *India*.

CAP. XLIX.

An Act giving Power to sell and dispose of Lands, Parcel of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and to purchase other Lands to be annexed thereto, and to regulate future Grants of Leases of the Possessions of the said Duchy; and for other Purposes. [13th *July* 1863.]

'WHEREAS by the original Constitution of the Duchy of *Cornwall* the Possessions thereof were so settled and limited that they should at no Time be in anywise separated or alienated therefrom: And whereas an Act was passed in the Second Session of Parliament held in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Two, by which the Power to make Leases and Grants of the Possessions of the said Duchy, upon the Terms and Conditions in that Act specified, was given or confirmed to His Royal Highness *Albert Edward* Prince of *Wales* and Duke of *Cornwall*: And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-five, certain Powers of selling and exchanging Lands and enfranchising Copyholds, Parcel of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, and for purchasing other Lands, were conferred on the Council of His Royal Highness during His Minority: And whereas it is expedient with a view to the Consolidation and more advantageous Management of the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall* that the Possessor for the Time being of the said Duchy should, subject to the Restrictions herein-after mentioned, have Power to make sale and dispose of the Possessions of the said Duchy, and to grant Leases thereof, and that certain Regulations regarding Leases of the Possessions of the said Duchy should be established by Law in the Manner herein-after appearing:' 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:

5 & 6 Vict. c. 2.

7 & 8 Vict. c. 65.

5 & 6 Vict. c. 2. and Sect. 4 of 11 & 12 Vict. c. 83. repealed.

1. The said Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Two, and the Fourth Section of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Eleventh and Twelfth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Eighty-three, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

Establishing a Seal to be called "The Seal of the Duchy of Cornwall."

2. There shall be a Seal, to be called "The Seal of the Duchy of *Cornwall*," which shall be held from Time to Time by the Personage for the Time being entitled to the Possessions of the Duchy of *Cornwall*, or by some Person lawfully appointed to be the Keeper thereof.

Power of Sale and Enfranchisement.

3. It shall be lawful for the Duke of *Cornwall*, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, at any Time or Times hereafter, within a Period of Thirty-one Years from the passing of this Act, to dispose of, either by way of absolute Sale, or for a limited Period, or by way of Enfranchisement of any Copyhold or Customary Tenements, to any Person any Part of the