FORM (B.)

Form of Mortgage Debenture.

The Company.

Mortgage Debenture No.

By virtue of "The Mortgage Debenture Act, 1865," we the company in consideration of £ paid to us by *A.B.* of do hereby charge all the registered securities of the company with the payment to the said *A.B.*, his executors, administrators, and assigns, of the sum of £ and interest thereon at the rate of per cent. per annum, which sum of £ is to be paid and payable to the said *A.B.*, his executors, administrators, and assigns, at the [*place*] on the day of (*or* on the expiration of six calendar months from the leaving at the registered office of the company of a notice in writing from the said *A.B.*, his executors, administrators, or assigns, requiring such payment, or on the expiration of six calendar months from the day succeeding the posting of a registered letter containing notice in writing from the company of their intention to repay the said sum of £), with interest on the same at the rate of per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly at said place on every day of and day of and we hereby undertake to pay said sum of £ and interest at the rate aforesaid as above mentioned.

Given under our common seal, this day of

A.B., Director.
C.D., Director.

Countersigned, *G.F.*, Secretary.

Registered

CHAP. 21.

An Act to disfranchise the Boroughs of Bridgwater and Beverley.

[4th July 1870.]

WHEREAS representations were made to Her Majesty, in joint addresses of both Houses of Parliament, to the effect that the judges selected in pursuance of The Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of the petitions complaining of undue elections and returns for the boroughs of Bridgwater and Beverley at the elections of members to serve in Parliament, respectively held for the said boroughs in the month of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, had respectively reported to the House of Commons, as to the said borough of Bridgwater that there was reason to believe that bribery extensively prevailed at the said election, and as to the said borough of Beverley that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said election:

And whereas, in pursuance of such representations, Commissioners were appointed under two several commissions, both dated the twenty-third day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such bribery and corrupt practices, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, intituled "An "Act to provide for the more effectual inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at "elections for members to serve in Parliament:"

And whereas the Commissioners so appointed reported to Her Majesty:

(1.) As respects the said borough of Bridgwater, that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed at the said election held in the said month of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and at every preceding election for the borough of Bridgwater into which they had inquired, up to and inclusive of the earliest in date, that is to say, the general election held in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one:

(2.) As respects the said borough of Beverley, that corrupt practices had prevailed in Beverley at the election of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven,

and that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed in Beverley at the election of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and at the elections of the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and the said election of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight:

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:

Disfranchisement of Bridgwater and Beverley.

1. That from and after the passing of this Act the boroughs of Bridgwater and Beverley shall respectively cease to return any member or members to serve in Parliament.

Persons reported guilty of bribery in Bridgwater disqualified as voters for the western division of Somerset in respect of qualification arising in said borough.

2. Whereas the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in the said borough of Bridgwater, by their second report, dated the twentieth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, reported to Her Majesty that the persons named in the schedules marked (Y.) and (Z.) annexed to their said report had been guilty of giving or receiving bribes at the said election in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight: Be it enacted, that none of the persons so named in the said schedules shall have the right of voting for the western division of the county of Somerset in respect of a qualification situated within the said borough of Bridgwater.

Persons reported guilty of bribery in Beverley disqualified as voters for the east riding of Yorkshire in respect of qualification arising in said borough.

3. Whereas the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in the borough of Beverley, by their report, dated the twenty-ninth day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy, reported to Her Majesty that certain persons named in the schedule annexed to their said report had been guilty of bribery, in either giving or receiving bribes, at the said election in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight or elections indicated in such schedule: Be it enacted, that none of the persons so named in the said schedule, except Luke Hind, as having been so guilty of bribery at the said election held in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight shall have the right of voting for the east riding of Yorkshire in respect of a qualification situated within the said borough of Beverley.

When to be adjudged guilty of bribery.

4. No person against whom any criminal proceeding has been instituted by the Attorney General for such bribery shall be subject to any disqualification under this Act until he shall be or have been adjudged guilty of such bribery.

Copies of reports printed by Queen's Printer to be evidence.

5. Any copy of either of the said reports by the said Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in either of the said boroughs of Bridgwater or Beverley, with the schedules thereunto annexed, purporting to be printed by the Queen's Printer, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be sufficient evidence of either of the said reports, and of the schedules annexed thereto.

CHAP. 22.

An Act to confirm a certain Provisional Order made under an Act of the fifteenth year of Her present Majesty, to facilitate arrangements for the relief of Turnpike Trusts. [4th July 1870.]

14 & 15 Vict. c. 38.

WHEREAS by an Act of the fifteenth year of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-eight, "to "facilitate arrangements for the relief of Turnpike Trusts, and to make certain pro- "visions respecting exemptions from Tolls," herein-after referred to as the Principal Act, power is given to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State to make provisional orders for reducing the rate of interest and for extinguishing the arrears of interest on