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

mortgage debts charged or secured on the revenues of turnpike roads, in cases where such revenues are insufficient for the payment in full of the interest charged thereon:

And whereas by the Act of the session of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter forty-six, the Principal Act is extended to turnpike roads the Acts relating to which are continued by any annual Turnpike Acts Continuance Act, although their revenues are not insufficient for such payments as aforesaid: 24 & 25 Vict. c. 46.

And whereas, in pursuance of the Principal Act, and the said Act extending the same, the provisional order referred to in the schedule hereto has been made by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, and there are stated in the said schedule the date of such order, and such particulars relating thereto as are therein specified:

And whereas it is expedient that the said provisional order should be confirmed and made absolute:

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. The provisional order, the date of which is set forth in the first column of the said schedule, is hereby confirmed, and the provisions thereof shall be of the like force and effect as if it had been expressly enacted by Parliament. Provisional order confirmed.

SCHEDULE.

Date of Provisional Order.	TITLE OF LOCAL ACT.	Amount of Principal Debt.	Interest to be reduced to the under-mentioned Rates per Annum.	Dates from which reduced Rate of Interest to commence.
1870. 25 Feb.	3 Wm. 4. c. lxxiv., "An Act for more effectually repairing and otherwise improving the road from Warrington to Wigan in the County Palatine of Lancaster" - - -	£ s. d. 14,469 0 0	One penny per cent.	21 Aug. 1868 (certain arrears extinguished).

CHAP. 23.

An Act to abolish Forfeitures for Treason and Felony, and to otherwise amend the Law relating thereto. [4th July 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to abolish the forfeiture of lands and goods for treason and felony, and to otherwise amend the law relating thereto:

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; (that is to say,)

1. From and after the passing of this Act, no confession, verdict, inquest, conviction, or judgment of or for any treason or felony or felo de se shall cause any attainder or corruption of blood, or any forfeiture or escheat, provided that nothing in this Act shall affect the law of forfeiture consequent upon outlawry. Forfeiture, &c. abolished.

2. Provided nevertheless, that if any person hereafter convicted of treason or felony, for which he shall be sentenced to death, or penal servitude, or any term of imprisonment with hard labour, or exceeding twelve months, shall at the time of such conviction hold Conviction for treason or felony to be a disqualification for offices, &c.