CHAP. 68.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Militia of the United Kingdom. [9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS under the Acts in force concerning the Militia of the United Kingdom the Militia can be drawn out and embodied in England and Scotland respectively only in case of actual invasion or of imminent danger of invasion, or in case of rebellion or insurrection, or in case of a state of war existing between Her Majesty and a foreign power; and in Ireland only in case of actual invasion, rebellion, or insurrection, or of immediate danger thereof, or in case of a state of war existing between Her Majesty and a foreign power:

And whereas under the Acts aforesaid additional Militia can be raised only in case of actual invasion or imminent, danger thereof:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the aforesaid Acts as herein-after mentioned:

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:

Amendment of the Acts relating to the Militia in cases of emergency.

1. In case of imminent national danger or of great emergency, the occasion being first communicated to Parliament, if Parliament be then sitting, or declared by proclamation in pursuance of an Order of Her Majesty in Council if Parliament be not then sitting, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty and for the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors of Ireland respectively to cause the whole or any part of the respective Militias of England, Scotland, and Ireland to be drawn out and embodied, or to cause additional Militia to be raised for England, Scotland, or Ireland in the manner by the said Acts authorised in the cases mentioned in the said Acts; and all the provisions of the said Acts and of any Acts amending the said Acts applicable to the drawing-out, embodying, and raising such respective Militias, and to such Militias when so drawn out, embodied, and raised, shall apply in the case of the Militias to be drawn out, embodied, or raised in pursuance of the provisions of this Act; but this Act shall not apply to any man enlisted under any of the said Acts without his own consent.

Parliament to be summoned within ten days.

2. Whenever in pursuance of the provision of this Act Her Majesty causes any Militia to be drawn out, embodied, or raised as aforesaid, if Parliament be then separated by such adjournment or prorogation as will not expire within ten days, a proclamation shall be issued for the meeting of Parliament within ten days, and Parliament shall accordingly meet and sit upon such day as may be appointed by such proclamation, and shall continue to sit and act in like manner as if it had stood adjourned or prorogued to such day.

CHAP. 69.

An Act for further promoting the revision of the Statute Law by repealing certain enactments that have ceased to be in force or are consolidated by certain Acts of the present Session. [9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS the enactments described in the schedule to this Act have ceased to be in force, or on the commencement of Acts of the present session relating to the National Debt and to Forgery will cease to be in force, and, with a view to the revision of the Statute Law, and particularly to the preparation of the revised edition of the Statutes now in progress, it is expedient that the same enactments be expressly repealed:

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: