CHAPTER 52.

An Act to regulate the summoning of Grand Juries in Middlesex.

[6th August 1872.]

WHEREAS inconvenience has been found to arise by reason of the unnecessary summoning of grand juries in the county of Middlesex:

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:

Grand jury in Middlesex need not be summoned unless notice has been given of business to be brought before them.

1. From and after the passing of this Act it shall not be necessary to summon a grand jury of Middlesex to come before the Queen at Westminster in any term unless the master of the Crown Office has before the fourth day of that term received notice of some business intended to be brought before them, and it shall be the duty of the said master to give notice to the sheriff accordingly.

CHAPTER 53.

An Act to confirm an Agreement for the purchase by the Metropolitan Board of Works of certain land adjoining Victoria Park, and for the appropriation of such land as part of the same Park. [6th August 1872.]

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament specified in the Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, certain lands described in the articles of agreement set forth in the Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed, adjoining Victoria Park in the county of Middlesex, are under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, who have, under the provisions of the said Acts, power to lease, sell, or exchange all or any part of the said lands:

And whereas the Metropolitan Board of Works are desirous that the said lands should be added to the said Victoria Park, upon the terms and subject to the conditions specified in the said articles of agreement:

And whereas it is expedient that the said articles of agreement, subject to such modifications as are herein-after contained, should be confirmed, and that the Metropolitan Board of Works should be authorised to raise such moneys as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling them to carry into effect the said articles of agreement, subject as aforesaid:

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:

Articles of agreement set forth in Schedule (B.) confirmed.

1. The said articles of agreement dated the third day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and set forth in the Schedule (B.) to this Act annexed, are by this Act confirmed, and such articles of agreement shall be of the same force and have the same effect as if the same were by this Act enacted: Provided always, that the said lands shall, after completion of the purchase thereof, continue vested in Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, instead of being conveyed to the Metropolitan Board of Works or to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, as provided by the said articles of agreement, but the same lands shall become and be part of Victoria Park, under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, instead of being as the said lands now are part of the land revenues of the Crown, under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues; and notwithstanding the provisions of the said agreement, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings shall, from the day herein-after appointed for completion of the purchase, or if the purchase be sooner completed then from such

completion, be entitled to possession of and receipt of any profits arising from the said lands, and the Metropolitan Board of Works shall not be liable to the payment of any taxes, tithe rentcharges, or other outgoings for the same, and the purchase shall be completed on or before the expiration of one calendar month after the passing of this Act, and in case default is made in payment by that day, and in no other event, the Metropolitan Board of Works shall pay to Her Majesty interest thereon at the rate of four pounds per cent., which shall be computed from the expiration of such one calendar month.

As to payment of purchase money and expenses.

2. The Metropolitan Board of Works may, notwithstanding any limit contained in any Act of Parliament, borrow a sufficient sum to pay the sums of twenty thousand four hundred and fifty pounds and one hundred pounds, and any interest on the first-mentioned sum in the recited articles of agreement mentioned, and the said Board may create and issue a sufficient amount of consolidated stock of the said Board for the purpose of raising the said sums of money and interest.

All expenses incurred by the said Board in relation to the purchase by the said articles of agreement provided for shall be deemed to be expenses properly incurred by the Board in the execution of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and shall be defrayed accordingly.

The SCHEDULES to which the foregoing Act refers.

SCHEDULE (A.)

10 Geo. 4. c. 50.
4 & 5 Vict. c. 27.
5 & 6 Vict. c. 20.
14 & 15 Vict. c. 42.
14 & 15 Vict. c. 46.

SCHEDULE (B.)

Articles of Agreement made the 3rd day of May 1872, between the Queen's most Excellent Majesty of the first part, the Honourable Charles Alexander Gore, a Commissioner of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, acting under the powers of the Acts of 10 George 4th, cap. 50, and the 14th and 15th Victoria, cap. 42, of the second part, the Metropolitan Board of Works, herein-after called the Board, of the third part, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings of the fourth part.

1. The said Charles Alexander Gore hereby agrees on behalf of Her Majesty to sell to the Board (subject as herein-after mentioned), and the Board hereby agree to purchase from Her Majesty, for the sum of £20,450, all those four plots of land, containing together 23a. and 3r. or thereabouts, adjoining Victoria Park, in the parishes of St. John, Hackney, St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow, and St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, in the county of Middlesex, which lands are delineated and coloured red, and are numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, and 4, in the plan hereunto annexed.

2. The purchase shall be completed and the purchase money paid on or before the 24th day of June 1872, and in case default is made in payment of the said purchase money by that day, the Board shall pay to Her Majesty interest thereon at the rate of £4 per cent. from the said 24th day of June 1872, until the purchase money is fully paid.

3. The Board shall be entitled to possession of the said land on the 24th day of June next, from which day all taxes, tithe rentcharges, and other outgoings for the same shall be paid by the Board, or by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

4. The Board shall pay to Mr. Connew the sum of £100 in respect of negotiations for a lease of part of the land agreed to be sold.

5. When and so soon as possession of the said land shall have been given to the Metropolitan Board of Works such Board shall transfer possession thereof to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, to the intent that the same land may be added to and made part of Victoria Park, and thenceforth the land shall be laid out and maintained by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings in the same manner as the adjoining land now under their management, and forming Victoria Park.

6. Upon payment of the whole of the purchase money, and of the interest, if any, due thereon, and of the aforesaid sum of £100 to Mr. Connew, a conveyance of the land shall be made by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues in charge of the same to the Board, or to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings by direction of the Board, and such conveyance shall be prepared in duplicate in the Office of Woods at the expense of the Board.

7. No title or abstract of title to the land shall be given or required.

8. This agreement is subject to confirmation by an Act of Parliament, and to the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury. In witness whereof the said Charles Alexander Gore has hereunto set his hand and seal, and the seals of the Metropolitan Board of Works and of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings have been hereunto affixed, the day and year first above mentioned.

C. A. Gore. L.S.

Seal of the Metropn Bd of Works.

Sealed by Order,
John Pollard, Clerk of the Board.

Seal of Commrs of Works.

Signed, sealed, and delivered by the above-named Charles Alexander Gore, in the presence of
J. F. Redgrave.

Office of Woods, &c., London.

CHAPTER 54.

An Act to amend the Public Schools Act, 1868. [6th August 1872.]

WHEREAS by the Public Schools Act, 1871, it is provided, firstly, that all powers by the Public Schools Act, 1868, or any Act amending the same, vested in the new governing bodies of the several schools to which the said Public Schools Act applies shall continue vested in such new governing bodies respectively until the twenty-fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and from and after the said twenty-fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and not before, shall pass to and vest in the Special Commissioners in the said Act named, subject nevertheless as in the said Act mentioned; secondly, that, subject to the provisions of the said Public Schools Act, 1871, all powers conferred on the Special Commissioners by the Public Schools Act, 1868, or any Act amending the same, shall be in force until the twenty-fifth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she think fit, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to continue the same until the twenty-fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three: 34 & 35 Vict. c. 60. 31 & 32 Vict. c. 118.

And whereas it is expedient to postpone for such further time as is herein-after mentioned the transfer to the said Special Commissioners of the powers vested as aforesaid in the said new governing bodies, and to continue for a further time the powers of the said Special Commissioners, and to make certain provisions as to Rugby School: