CHAPTER 78.

An Act for the Protection of certain Wild Birds during the Breeding Season.
[10th August 1872.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the protection of certain wild birds of the United Kingdom during the breeding season:

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:

Definition of terms.

1. That the words "wild bird" shall for all the purposes of this Act be deemed to include the birds specified in the schedule to this Act; the word "sheriff" shall include steward and also sheriff substitute and steward substitute.

Season during which certain wild birds shall not be killed.

Penalty.

2. Any person who shall knowingly or with intent kill, wound, or take any wild bird, or shall expose or offer for sale any wild bird recently killed, wounded, or taken, between the fifteenth day of March and the first day of August in any year shall, on conviction of any such offence before any justice or justices of the peace in England or Ireland, or before the sheriff or any justice or justices of the peace in Scotland, for a first offence be reprimanded and discharged on payment of costs and summons, and for every subsequent offence forfeit and pay for every such wild bird so killed, wounded, or taken, or so exposed or offered for sale, such sum of money as including costs of conviction shall not exceed five shillings, as to the said justice, justices, or sheriff shall seem meet, unless he shall prove to the satisfaction of the said justice, justices, or sheriff that the said wild bird was or were bought or received on or before the said fifteenth day of March, or of or from some person or persons residing out of the United Kingdom: Provided nevertheless, that every summons issued under this Act shall specify the kind of wild bird in respect of which an offence has been committed, and that not more than one summons shall be issued for the same offence.

Persons offending against this Act may be required to give their names and abodes.

Penalty for refusing.

3. Where any person shall be found offending against this Act, it shall be lawful for any person to require the person so offending to give his Christian name, surname, and place of abode, and in case the person offending shall, after being so required, refuse to give his real name or place of abode, or give an untrue name or place of abode, he shall be liable, on being convicted of any such offence before a justice of the peace or the sheriff, to forfeit and pay, in addition to the penalties imposed by section two, such sum of money not exceeding ten shillings as to the convicting justice or sheriff shall seem meet.

As to trial of offences committed within the Admiralty jurisdiction.

4. All offences mentioned in this Act, which shall be committed within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty, shall be deemed to be offences of the same nature and liable to the same punishments as if they had been committed upon any land in the United Kingdom, and may be dealt with, inquired of, tried, and determined in any county or place in the United Kingdom, in which the offender shall be apprehended or be in custody, in the same manner in all respects as if they had been actually committed in that county or place; and in any information or conviction for any such offence, the offence may be averred to have been committed "on the high seas," and in Scotland any offence committed against this Act on the sea coast, or at sea beyond the ordinary jurisdiction of any sheriff or justice of the peace, shall be held to have been committed in any county abutting on such sea coast, or adjoining such sea, and may be tried and punished accordingly.

Jurisdiction where offences committed on boundary waters.

5. Where any offence under this Act is committed in or upon any waters forming the boundary between any two counties, districts of quarter sessions or petty sessions, such offence may be prosecuted before any justice or justices of the peace or sheriff in either of such counties or districts.

SCHEDULE.

Avocet.	Nuthatch.	Stonechat.
Bittern.	Owl.	Stonehatch.
Blackcap.	Oxbird.	Summer Snipe.
Chiffchaff.	Pewit.	Swallow.
Coot.	Phalerope.	Swan.
Creeper.	Pipit.	Swift.
Crossbill.	Plover.	Teal.
Cuckoo.	Ploverspage.	Thicknee.
Curlew.	Pochard.	Titmouse, Long-tailed.
Dotterel.	Purre.	Titmouse, Bearded.
Dunbird.	Quail.	Wagtail.
Dunlin.	Redpoll.	Warbler (Dartford).
Flycatcher.	Redshank.	Warbler (Reed).
Godwit.	Redstart.	Warbler (Sedge).
Golden-crested Wren.	Robin Redbreast.	Whaup.
Goldfinch.	Ruff and Reeve.	Wheatear.
Greenshank.	Sanderling.	Whinchat.
Hawfinch or Grosbeak.	Sand Grouse.	Whimbrell.
Hedgesparrow.	Sandpiper.	Widgeon.
Kingfisher.	Sealark.	Woodcock.
Landrail.	Shoveller.	Wild Duck.
Lapwing.	Siskin.	Woodlark.
Mallard.	Snipe.	Woodpecker.
Martin.	Spoonbill.	Woodwren.
Moor (or Water) Hen.	Stint.	Wren.
Nightingale.	Stonecurlew.	Wryneck.
Nightjar.		

CHAPTER 79.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Public Health. [10th August 1872.]

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:

Preliminary.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Public Health Act, 1872. Short title.

2. This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland, nor, except in so far as is by this Act expressly provided, to the Metropolis. Application of Act.

Sanitary Authorities.

3. From and after the passing of this Act England shall be divided into sanitary districts to be called respectively— Urban and rural sanitary districts.

(1.) Urban sanitary districts; and
(2.) Rural sanitary districts;

and such urban and rural sanitary districts shall respectively be subject to the jurisdiction of local authorities, in this Act called urban sanitary authorities and rural sanitary authorities, invested with the powers in this Act mentioned.