CHAPTER 14.

An Act to repeal the Acts relating to the Harbour of Portpatrick in Scotland, and to vest the Lighthouse of Portpatrick in the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses. [15th May 1873.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the first year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for improving and completing the harbour of Portpatrick in Scotland, so as to render the same a more fit situation for His Majesty's packets," commissioners were appointed to act in the execution of the said Act, and to construct and maintain a fit and proper harbour at Portpatrick for affording suitable accommodation to His Majesty's packets on the station between Portpatrick and Donaghadee: 1 G. 4. c. 112.

And whereas in pursuance of certain of the provisions of the Harbours Transfer Act, 1862, the said harbour of Portpatrick and all breakwaters, piers, jetties, quays, wharves, lighthouses, roads, approaches, works, and buildings belonging thereto, and the ground and soil thereof, and all lands and hereditaments acquired for the purposes thereof, so far as on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three the same were vested in the Admiralty or in any commissioner for the execution of any Act for any estate or interest, but not further or otherwise, were transferred to and became vested in the Board of Trade in trust for Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, for the public service:

And whereas the said port and harbour are no longer used by Her Majesty's packets, and the Board of Trade have therefore ceased to act with respect to the said port and harbour of Portpatrick under the provisions of the recited Acts, and it is therefore expedient that the said provisions should be repealed, and that provisions such as are in this Act contained should be made:

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:

Enactments in schedule repealed.

1. The enactments specified in the first and second columns of the schedule to this Act annexed shall, to the extent specified in the third column of the said schedule, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Board of Trade freed from all liability in respect of harbour, &c.

2. The Board of Trade shall be and are by this Act absolutely freed and released from all liabilities whatsoever (if any) under the enactments by this Act repealed, or any of them, or otherwise howsoever in relation to the making, maintaining, and preserving the port and harbour of Portpatrick, and of all piers, quays, wharves, jetties, works, erections, and buildings in connexion therewith, and in relation to the navigation or use of the said port and harbour, and in relation to the making, amending, widening, turning, altering, or enlarging of any roads, ways, passages, and other conveniences in connexion with the said harbour, and in relation to all matters and things necessary or proper for the improving, completing, and maintaining of the said port and harbour, and the execution of the purposes of the said enactments, or any of them.

Confirmation of acts of Board of Trade previous to Act.

3. All sales by the Board of Trade before the passing of this Act of lands vested in the said Board, under any of the enactments by this Act repealed, and all conveyances of the same made before the passing of this Act, and all matters or things done before the passing of this Act by the Board of Trade in relation to the said port and harbour of Portpatrick, or any works connected therewith, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be good, valid, and effectual and binding upon all parties.

Lighthouse, &c. to be vested in the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses.

4. From and after the passing of this Act, the lighthouse of Portpatrick, and the light-keepers dwelling house, with the land, buildings, and appurtenances thereunto respectively belonging, and all the fixtures, apparatus, and furniture connected therewith, shall be transferred to and vested in the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses; and the maintenance, control, and management of the said lighthouse shall thenceforth be in the said Commissioners in the same way as are the several lighthouses now belonging to them.

SCHEDULE.

Date of Act.	Title.	Portions of Act repealed.
1 Geo. 4. c. 112. -	An Act for improving and completing the harbour of Portpatrick in Scotland, so as to render the same a more fit situation for His Majesty's packets.	The whole Act.
24 & 25 Vict. c. 106. -	An Act to enable the Admiralty to close the harbour of Portpatrick during the execution of certain works in such harbour sanctioned by Parliament.	The whole Act.
25 & 26 Vict. c. 69. -	An Act for transferring from the Admiralty to the Board of Trade certain powers and duties relative to harbours and navigation under local and other Acts, and for other purposes.	So much of section 17, and of the Schedule, as relates to Portpatrick Harbour.

CHAPTER 15.

An Act to amend the New Zealand Roads, &c. Loan Act, 1870.

[15th May 1873.]

33 & 34 Vict. c. 40.

WHEREAS by the New Zealand (Roads, &c.) Loan Act, 1870, (in this Act referred to as the principal Act) the Treasury were authorised to guarantee the payment of a loan not exceeding one million pounds, raised by the Government of New Zealand for the purposes therein mentioned, and it was provided that the Treasury should not give any guarantee unless and until provision had been made, as therein mentioned, for securing the payment of the principal, interest, and sinking fund of the said loan:

And whereas by the last paragraph of section three of the principal Act it was enacted as follows:

33 & 34 Vict. c. 40. s. 3.

"The Treasury shall not guarantee in any one year a larger sum than two hundred "thousand pounds, and the Treasury before guaranteeing any portion of the loan after "the first shall satisfy themselves that the portion of the loan already raised has been "or is in the course of being spent for the purposes mentioned in this Act:"

And whereas the said loan is a portion of a loan of much larger amount, which the Government of New Zealand are authorised to raise for the purposes mentioned in the above Act, and of which the residue will not be guaranteed by the Treasury, and a considerable portion of such loan has been actually raised without such guarantee, and part thereof to the amount of upwards of eight hundred thousand pounds has been actually expended for the purposes mentioned in the principal Act:

And whereas the Government of New Zealand have represented to the Treasury that the relaxation of the conditions of the above-recited enactment in section three of the principal Act would enable them to raise the said loan on better terms, and thus carry into effect at less cost the purposes of the principal Act:

And whereas it is expedient to substitute for the above-recited enactment of section three of the principal Act, such enactment as herein-after mentioned:

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; (that is to say,)

Amendment of sect. 3 of 33 & 34 Vict. c. 40.

1. The last paragraph of section three of the principal Act (which paragraph is above recited) is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof be it enacted as follows:

The Treasury shall not after the passing of this Act give any further guarantee under the principal Act unless and until the Treasury are satisfied that the portion of the loan