CHAPTER 26.

An Act to apply the sum of Twelve million Pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four. [16th June 1873.]

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, towards making good the supply which we have cheerfully granted to Your Majesty in this session of Parliament, have resolved to grant unto Your Majesty the sum herein-after mentioned; and do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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:

Issue of 12,000,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1874.

1. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being may issue out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and apply towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, the sum of twelve million pounds.

Power to Treasury to borrow from time to time.

2. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time on the credit of the said sum, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of twelve million pounds, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed, with interest not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund at any period not later than the next succeeding quarter to that in which the said sums were borrowed.

Any sums so borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall form part of the said Consolidated Fund, and be available in any manner in which such fund is available.

CHAPTER 27.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Juries in Ireland. [16th June 1873.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the laws relating to juries in Ireland:

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:

Exempted persons.

1. Any person who cannot read and write the English language, or who from lunacy, imbecility of mind, deafness, blindness, or other permanent infirmity shall be unfit to serve as a juror, shall be absolutely freed and exempted from being returned and from serving on any jury, inquest, or inquiry whatsoever.

Qualification of jurors in counties at large.

2. With respect to the property qualifications of jurors in counties at large, from and after the passing of this Act, and until the eleventh day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, the following provisions shall be in force and have effect; that is to say,

(1.) The property qualification of jurors for each county at large mentioned in the first schedule to this Act shall be the net annual value fixed for such county in the said first schedule, instead of the net annual value originally fixed for such county in the fourth schedule to the Juries Act (Ireland), 1871.