" advances of money out of the Consolidated Fund for carrying on Public Works and " Fisheries, and for the Employment of the Poor; for the purposes of the Public Works " (Manufacturing Districts) Acts, 1863, 1864; and to amend the Acts authorising " Advances for Public Works."

Moneys so issued to be applied exclusively to school loans.

3. All moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund in pursuance of this Act shall be placed to the account at the Bank of England of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and shall be at the disposal of the Public Works Loan Commissioners, to be applied by them exclusively to the purposes of school loans; and all enactments for the time being in force for the regulation of the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and the moneys at their disposal, and the accounts thereof, and their securities, and the proceedings thereon, shall, so far as such enactments are consistent with this Act, apply in the case of the moneys issued out of the Consolidated Fund in pursuance of this Act.

Power to raise money for issues or to replace issues out of the Consolidated Fund.

4. For the purpose of raising money to meet any sum to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund in pursuance of this Act, or to replace any sum which has been so issued, or any portion thereof, the Treasury may from time to time, as they think fit, raise any sum or sums, not exceeding in the whole one million five hundred thousand pounds, by the issue of Exchequer bonds or Exchequer bills, or by otherwise borrowing the same on the credit of the charge created by this Act on the Consolidated Fund, or by all of such means, and the sums so raised shall be placed to the credit of the account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and form part of the Consolidated Fund: Provided that the amount raised in pursuance of this section in any one financial year shall not exceed the total amount of the sums issued out of the Consolidated Fund in pursuance of this Act during that year.

The principal moneys borrowed in pursuance of this section (otherwise than by the issue of Exchequer bonds), and all interest from time to time due thereon, or on Exchequer bonds issued under this section (not exceeding the rate of four per cent. per annum) shall be charged upon and be payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom or out of the growing produce thereof.

The principal moneys of any Exchequer bonds issued under this section shall be paid out of such moneys as may be provided by Parliament for that purpose.

Investment by National Debt Commissioners in securities under Act.

5. The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt may from time to time invest any moneys in their hands available for investment in Government securities in any of the securities created under the authority of this Act.

Interpretation of terms.

6. In this Act,—

The term the "Treasury" means the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

The term "financial year" means the year ending the thirty-first day of March.

CHAPTER 10.

An Act to apply the sum of thirteen 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-five. [21st May 1874.]

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 13,000,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1875.

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-five, the sum of thirteen 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 thirteen 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 11.

An Act for altering the shooting season for Grouse and certain other Game Birds in Ireland. [21st May 1874.]

37 G. 3. c. 21. (I.)

WHEREAS under an Act of the Parliament of Ireland, of the thirty-seventh year of the reign of King George the Third, (chapter twenty-one,) intituled "An Act to amend the Game Laws," the shooting season in Ireland for moor game and grouse begins on the twentieth day of August, and it is expedient that the law in Ireland be in that respect altered:

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:

Grouse season to begin on 12th Aug. in Ireland.

1. The said Act of the Parliament of Ireland shall be read and have effect as if with respect to moor game and grouse the twelfth day of August had been mentioned throughout that Act instead of the twentieth day of August.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as The Game Birds (Ireland) Act, 1874.

CHAPTER 12.

An Act to make provision for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Bengal and Madras Civil Service Annuity Funds, and the Annuity Branch of the Bombay Civil Fund, to the Secretary of State for India in Council. [8th June 1874.]

WHEREAS an institution, known as the Bengal Civil Service Annuity Fund, was established in India, under the authority given by the Court of Directors of the East India Company in a public despatch to the Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal, dated the eighth of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, for the grant of annuities to the civil servants of the said Company, on their