2. No minister who has solemnized any of the said marriages shall be liable to any ecclesiastical censure, or to any other proceedings or penalties whatsoever, by reason of his having so solemnized the same respectively. Minister officiating not liable to censure.

3. The registers of the marriages so solemnized, or copies of such registers, shall be received in all courts of law and equity as evidence of such marriages respectively, in the same manner as registers of marriages in parish churches, or copies thereof, are by law receivable in evidence. Registers of such marriages to be evidence.

CHAPTER 18.

An Act to appoint additional Commissioners for executing the Acts for granting a Land Tax and other rates and taxes. [30th June 1874.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to appoint Commissioners for "carrying into execution several Acts granting an aid to His Majesty by a land tax to "be raised in Great Britain, and continuing to his Majesty certain duties on personal "estates, offices, and pensions in England:" 7 & 8 G. 4. c. 75. 9 G. 4. c. 38. 2 & 3 W. 4. c. 127. 3 & 4 W. 4. c. 95. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 80. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 57. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 79. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 62. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 111. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 46. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 101. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 59. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 51. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 64.

And whereas several Acts have since been passed appointing additional Commissioners for carrying those Acts into execution:

And whereas it is expedient to appoint additional persons to put into execution the several Acts for granting an aid to Her Majesty by a land tax in Great Britain, and several other Acts for continuing or granting to Her Majesty rates and taxes:

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:

1. The several and respective persons named in a schedule signed by and deposited with the Clerk of the House of Commons shall and may and are hereby empowered and authorised (being duly qualified) to put in execution the said Acts, and all the clauses, powers, matters, and things whatsoever therein contained, as Commissioners in and for the several and respective counties, shires, and places in England and Wales in the said schedule severally and respectively mentioned and expressed, as fully and effectually as if they had been named with the other Commissioners in the said recited Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth; and on the passing of this Act the said schedule shall be printed in the London Gazette, which shall be sufficient evidence of such schedule for all purposes whatsoever. Persons named in a schedule signed by the Clerk of the House of Commons to be additional Commissioners.

CHAPTER 19.

An Act to amend "The Stamp Act, 1870," in regard to the Stamp Duty payable by Advocates in Scotland on admission as Barristers in England or Ireland, and by Barristers in England or Ireland on admission as Advocates in Scotland. [30th June 1874.]

WHEREAS by "The Stamp Act, 1870," it was enacted that the stamp duty payable on admission as an advocate in Scotland shall be fifty pounds, and that the stamp duty payable on admission in England or Ireland of any person to the degree of barrister-at-law if he has been previously duly admitted to the said degree in Ireland or in England, as the case may be, shall be ten pounds, and in any other case fifty pounds; and it is provided by section thirty-one of the said Act that ten pounds of the duty of fifty pounds 33 & 34 Vict. c. 97.

payable on admission to the degree of a barrister-at-law in Ireland of a person not previously admitted to that degree in England, and also ten pounds payable for duty on the like admission of a person who has been previously admitted to the said degree in England, shall be paid by the Receiver General of Inland Revenue to the Treasurer of the Society of King's Inn, Dublin, to be applied by him according to the directions of the said society, so that no more than fifty pounds is in any case paid to Exchequer by a person on admission to the said degree in England and afterwards in Ireland, or in Ireland and afterwards in England; and it is just that no more should be paid to Exchequer on admission as an advocate in Scotland, and afterwards to the degree aforesaid in England or Ireland, or on admission to the degree aforesaid in England or Ireland, and afterwards as an advocate in Scotland:

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:

Stamp duties to be paid on admission of an advocate to be a barrister, and vice versâ.

1. No stamp duty shall be payable on admission in England to the degree of barrister-at-law of a person previously duly admitted as an advocate in Scotland, or on admission as an advocate in Scotland of a person previously duly admitted to the degree of barrister-at-law in England, and the stamp duty payable on admission as an advocate in Scotland of a person previously duly admitted to the degree of barrister-at-law in Ireland shall be ten pounds, and the stamp duty payable on admission in Ireland to the degree of barrister-at-law of a person previously duly admitted as an advocate in Scotland shall be ten pounds.

Distinct accounts to be kept of moneys payable to King's Inns, Dublin. 33 & 34 Vict. c. 97. s. 31.

2. A distinct account shall be kept of the moneys payable for duty on the admission to the degree of barrister-at-law in Ireland of persons previously duly admitted as advocates in Scotland, and such moneys shall be paid over by the Receiver General of Inland Revenue to the Treasurer of the Society of King's Inns, in Dublin, to be applied by him according to the directions of the said society.

CHAPTER 20.

An Act to provide for the Exemption of Churches and Chapels in Scotland from Local Rates and Assessment. [30th June 1874.]

WHEREAS by the Act of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter sixty-two, it is provided that no person shall be rated or be liable to be rated for or to pay any poor rates for or in respect of any church, chapel, meeting-house, or premises in Scotland exclusively appropriated to public religious worship; and that no person shall be liable to any such rates because such church, chapel, meeting-house, or other premises, or any room belonging thereto, or any part thereof, may be used for Sunday or infant schools, or for the charitable education of the poor:

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:

Churches, chapels, &c. not liable to local rates and assessments.

1. No assessment or rate under any general or local Act of Parliament for any county, burgh, parochial or other local purpose whatsoever, shall be assessed or levied upon or in respect of any church, chapel, meeting-house, or premises in Scotland exclusively appropriated to public religious worship, or upon or in respect of any ground exclusively appropriated as burial ground: Provided also, that such exemption shall continue although such church, chapel, meeting-house, or other premises, or any room belonging thereto, or any part thereof, may be used for Sunday or infant schools, or for the charitable education of the poor.