CHAPTER 24.

An Act to empower the Public Works Loan Commissioners to advance a sum of money, by way of loan, for the improvement of the Harbour of Colombo in the colony of Ceylon. [30th June 1874.]

32 & 33 Vict. c. 105.

WHEREAS by the Harbour of Galle Loan Act, 1869, the Public Works Loan Commissioners were empowered to advance to the Government of the colony of Ceylon a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand pounds for the improvement of the harbour of Galle in that colony:

And whereas no sum has ever been advanced in pursuance of the said Act, and the improvement for which the said loan was authorised has been abandoned:

And whereas the Government of the colony of Ceylon propose to effect improvements in the harbour of Colombo in that colony at the cost of upwards of six hundred thousand pounds, and to raise money for that purpose at the cost of the colony:

And whereas it is expedient to empower the Public Works Loan Commissioners to advance to the Government of Ceylon, for the improvement of the said harbour of Colombo, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand pounds in substitution for the advance authorised by the Harbour of Galle Act, 1869:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Harbour of Colombo Loan Act, 1874."

Power to commissioners to advance money for improving harbour.

2. Subject as herein-after mentioned, the Public Works Loan Commissioners, as specified in the Public Works Loan Act, 1853, and the Acts amending the same, are hereby empowered, out of any moneys for the time being at their disposal for the purpose of loans for harbours, to advance from time to time to the Government of the colony of Ceylon, on the security of the general revenue of that colony, without any further security, a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, to be applied by the said Government in improving the said harbour of Colombo.

Interest on advance, and time of repayment.

3. Any advance from time to time made in pursuance of this Act shall bear interest at the rate of three and a half per cent. per annum, and all the principal so advanced, together with the interest thereon, shall be repaid within thirty-five years from the date of the first advance.

Conditions of advance.

4. No advance shall be made in pursuance of this Act until the Governor and Legislative Council of the colony of Ceylon have made an ordinance providing to the satisfaction of the Treasury,—

(1.) For charging the principal and interest of the advances made in pursuance of this Act on the general revenue of that colony; and

(2.) For raising, either by taxation or by loan, on the credit of the revenue of the said colony such further sums as may be required for completing the improvements of the said harbour of Colombo; and

(3.) For enabling the Governor of the said colony, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, to raise by taxation in the colony such additional sums (if any) as may be required to repay the principal and interest of the said advances; and

(4.) For appropriating the said advances for the purpose of improving the said harbour of Colombo, and for no other purpose; and

(5.) For receiving and giving acknowledgments for the said advances and remitting all sums payable in respect of the principal and interest of the said advances.

5. Every ordinance passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of the colony of Ceylon which in any way impairs the validity or priority of the charge upon the general revenue of that colony created by the said Governor and Legislative Council of the principal or interest of any advances made in pursuance of this Act, shall, so far only as it impairs such validity or priority, be void, unless it contains a suspending clause providing that such Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's pleasure thereon has been publicly signified in the colony of Ceylon.

Alteration of ordinance relating to advances.

6. The Harbour of Galle Loan Act, 1869, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of 32 & 33 Vict. c. 105.

CHAPTER 25.

An Act to remove the Restrictions contained in the British White Herring Fishery Acts in regard to the use of Fir Wood for Herring Barrels.

[30th June 1874.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Acts relating to the British White Herring Fishery:

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:

1. So much of the Act of the fifty-fifth year of the reign of His Majesty George the Third, chapter ninety-four, as prohibits white herrings from being cured, packed, or put up in Great Britain, or on board any vessel or boat employed in the British Herring Fishery, in any barrel or half-barrel made in whole or in part of fir, is hereby repealed; and from and after the passing of this Act white herrings may be cured, packed, or put up in Great Britain, or on board any vessel or boat employed in the British Herring Fishery, in barrels or half-barrels made in whole or in part of fir; provided always, that all barrels or half-barrels made in whole or in part of fir, and the herrings contained therein, shall be subject to the provisions, regulations, penalties, and forfeitures to which barrels or half-barrels made of wood other than fir are or may be subject by the said recited Act or any other Act relating to the British White Herring Fishery, or by any regulations made by the Commissioners of the British White Herring Fishery under authority of the said recited Act, or of any other Act relating to the said fishery; and no one shall be entitled to demand that barrels or half-barrels made in whole or in part of fir shall be branded by the officers of the said Commissioners without the consent of the said Commissioners, and compliance with any regulations to be made by them under this Act; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorised and empowered to make regulations accordingly for the branding of barrels or half-barrels made in whole or in part of fir, and containing herrings, and are further authorised and empowered to revoke and annul or alter or vary any regulation or regulations made by them under this Act for that purpose, and in lieu thereof to make another or other regulations for the same purpose, which shall be of full force; provided always, that before any regulation or regulations made or varied from time to time under the authority of this Act come into operation, the said Commissioners shall cause notice to be given, by publication of the same once in the Edinburgh Gazette, and also by affixing printed copies thereof on some conspicuous place or places at the various herring fishery stations in Scotland, and a printed copy of any regulation, signed by the Secretary of the Commissioners for the time being, shall be evidence of the terms of such regulations, and that the same has been published, reserving to any person having interest the right to prove that the same was not so published.

So much of 55 Geo. 3. c. 94. as prohibits white herrings from being cured, &c. in any barrels made of fir, repealed;

but Crown brand cannot be demanded except under regulations to be made by the Commissioners.