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 The Harbour of Galle Loan Act, 1869, is hereby repealed.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boat employed in the British Herring Fishery, in any barrel or half-barrel made in whole or in part of fir, is hereby repealed; and from and after the passing of this Act white herrings may be cured, packed, or put up in Great Britain, or on board any vessel or boat employed in the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.

Jurisdiction and penalties.

2. All the powers, jurisdictions, and authorities given, created, or conferred by the Acts of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter ninety-two, and the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter seventy-two, or either of them, for carrying into effect the purposes of those Acts respectively, shall, in so far as consistent with the provisions hereof, be held to extend to and be incorporated with this Act; and all forfeitures and penalties imposed by or incurred under the provisions of this Act may be prosecuted, declared, and enforced after the forms and according to the rules and procedure prescribed by the said recited Act of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty chapter ninety-two.

CHAPTER 26.

An Act to make provision respecting the Stamp Duty on Transfers of Stock of the Government of Canada. [30th June 1874.]

WHEREAS certain stock of the Government of Canada, known by the name of Canadian consolidated five per cent. stock, and herein-after referred to as existing Canadian stock, is inscribed in books kept in the United Kingdom, and it is expedient to reduce the stamp duty payable on the transfer of such stock and of other stock of the same Government which may hereafter be so inscribed, and to enable the Government of Canada to compound for the stamp duty on such transfers:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Canadian Stock Stamp Act, 1874."

Stamp duty on Canadian inscribed stock.

2. In lieu of the stamp duty payable on the transfer of stock of the Government of Canada inscribed in books kept in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged on every transfer of such stock, whether on sale or otherwise, a stamp duty of two shillings and sixpence for every full sum of one hundred pounds, and also for any fractional part of one hundred pounds, of the nominal amount of stock transferred.

Composition for stamp on transfers of existing stock.

3. By way of composition for stamp duty chargeable on transfers of existing Canadian stock, the Government of Canada may pay to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue the sum of three thousand six hundred and ninety-one pounds two shillings and sixpence, and from and after such payment transfers of such stock shall be exempted from stamp duty.

Composition for stamp on transfers of future stock.

4. By way of composition for stamp duty chargeable on transfers of any stock of the Government of Canada which may be hereafter inscribed in books kept in the United Kingdom, the Government of Canada may pay to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue a sum calculated at the rate of seven shillings and sixpence for every full sum of one hundred pounds, and also for every fractional part of one hundred pounds of stock inscribed in the name of each holder, and from and after such payment transfers of such stock shall be exempted from stamp duty.