CHAPTER 3.

An Act to extend the Time for the Epping Forest Commissioners to make their Final Report. [17th March 1876.]

WHEREAS by the Epping Forest Act, 1871, it was enacted that the Commissioners thereby appointed should within two years from their appointment make a final report to Her Majesty on the matter referred to them, and that such report should be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof, if Parliament should then be sitting, and if not, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament: 34 & 35 Vict. c. 93.

And whereas additional powers were conferred upon the said Commissioners by the Epping Forest Amendment Act, 1872, which was incorporated with the said Act of 1871: 35 & 36 Vict. c. 95.

And whereas by the Epping Forest Act, 1873, and by the Epping Forest Act, 1875, respectively, the time for making the said report was extended, and will, unless further enlarged, expire on the 19th day of March 1876: 36 Vict. c. 5. 38 Vict. c. 6.

And whereas it is expedient further to extend the time for making the said final report and the time when such report shall be presented to both Houses of Parliament:

May it therefore please 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:

1. In case the said Commissioners shall be unable to make their final report to Her Majesty within the period limited by the Epping Forest Act, 1875, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners to make the said report at any time within one year from the passing of this Act, and all the powers conferred on the said Commissioners and on the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings respectively by the said recited Acts shall be and the same are hereby extended until the Commissioners shall make the said final report to Her Majesty within the period herein-before mentioned. Time for making final report and for exercise of Commissioners power extended.

2. The said final report shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after the making thereof, if Parliament be then sitting, and if not, then within fourteen days after the next meeting of Parliament. Final report to be laid before Parliament.

3. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Epping Forest Act, 1876." Short title.

CHAPTER 4.

An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. [27th March 1876.]

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 sums 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:—

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 Issue of 1,029,550*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* out of

the Consolidated Fund for the service of the years ending 31st March 1875 and 1876.

towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the service of the years ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, the sum of one million and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and fifty pounds five shillings and one penny.

Issue of 9,000,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1877.

2. 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-seven, the sum of nine million pounds.

Power to the Treasury to borrow.

3. The Commissioners of the Treasury may borrow from time to time on the credit of the said sums, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of ten million and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and fifty pounds five shillings and one penny, 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 5.

An Act for enabling a further Sum to be raised for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870. [27th March 1876.]

31 & 32 Vict. c. 110.
32 & 33 Vict. c. 73.
33 & 34 Vict. c. 88.

WHEREAS divers funds have been authorised to be raised for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870, and with a view to the payment under those Acts of compensation to railway companies in respect of telegraphs it is expedient to authorise the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury (in this Act referred to as the Treasury) to raise further funds for the purposes of those Acts:

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:

Power for the Treasury to raise a further sum of 500,000*l.* for the purposes of the Telegraph Acts.

1. The Treasury may, in addition to any sum previously authorised to be raised by them, raise for the purpose of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole five hundred thousand pounds sterling, by the creation of three pounds per cent. per annum permanent annuities.

Such annuities shall be charged upon the Consolidated Fund, and shall be paid out of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

The annuities shall be created by warrant of the Treasury to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, directing them to inscribe in their books the amount of such annuities in the names directed by the warrant.

The said annuities shall in manner directed by the warrant be consolidated in the said books with annuities at the same rate of interest and payable at the same date, and shall be transferable in the said books in like manner as the annuities with which they are consolidated, and shall be subject to the enactments relating to those annuities so far as is consistent with the tenor of those enactments.

Application of moneys raised.

2. All moneys raised in pursuance of this Act shall be placed to the account of the Paymaster General at the Bank of England, and shall be issued from time to time under regulations to be made by the Treasury, and to be laid by them before Parliament; such moneys shall not be applied for the purpose of the extension of telegraphs, but shall be applied only for the other purposes of the Telegraph Acts, 1868 to 1870.