CHAPTER 45.

An Act to apply the sum of fourteen millions five hundred thousand pounds out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on the thirty-first day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine. [8th August 1878.]

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 14,500,000*l.* out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 31st March 1879.

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-nine, the sum of fourteen millions five hundred thousand pounds.

Power to the Treasury to borrow.

2. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's 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 fourteen millions five hundred thousand pounds, and shall repay the moneys so borrowed, with interest not exceeding five per cent. 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 moneys 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.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Consolidated Fund (No. 4) Act, 1878.

CHAPTER 46.

An Act to enable Her Majesty to provide for the Establishment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn and Her Royal Highness Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia, and to settle an Annuity on Her Royal Highness. [8th August 1878.]

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, having taken into consideration Your Majesty's most gracious message that Your Majesty has agreed to a marriage proposed between Your Majesty's third son His Royal Highness Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn and Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes, third daughter of His Royal Highness Prince Friedrich Carl Nikolaus of Prussia, do most humbly beseech Your Majesty that it may be enacted:

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 Her Majesty to grant an addi-

1. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty in order to provide for the establishment of His Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn

tional annuity of ten thousand pounds for life to Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn.

and Her Royal Highness Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia, by letters patent under the great seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to grant unto His said Royal Highness, or to such persons as Her Majesty may think fit to name in the said letters patent, on trust for His said Royal Highness, and subject to such conditions as Her Majesty may direct, an annuity of ten thousand pounds for life; such annuity to commence from the date of the marriage of His said Royal Highness, to be free from all taxes, assessments, and charges, and to be paid quarterly on the fifth day of January, the fifth day of April, the fifth day of July, and the tenth day of October, and to be in addition to the annuity heretofore granted to him by Parliament.

Payment of proportionate part of annuity.

2. The first payment of such portion of the said annuity as may have accrued between the date of the said marriage and the first of the said quarterly days which happens after the said marriage shall be made on such last-mentioned quarterly day, and a proportionate part shall be payable for the period between the last quarterly day of payment and the date of the determination thereof: provided that in the event of His said Royal Highness succeeding to any sovereignty or principality abroad, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty or her successors, with the consent of Parliament, to revoke or reduce the said annuity by warrant under the sign manual.

Power for Her Majesty to grant an annuity of six thousand pounds to Her said Royal Highness in the event of her surviving His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn.

3. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty or her successors, by letters patent under the great seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to grant to Her said Royal Highness in case of her surviving His said Royal Highness, or to such persons as Her Majesty or her successors may think fit to name in the said letters patent, on trust for Her said Royal Highness in the event of her so surviving, an annuity of six thousand pounds, to commence from the date of the death of His said Royal Highness and to continue from thenceforth during the life of Her said Royal Highness, and to be payable on the quarterly days aforesaid, the first payment to be made on such of the said quarterly days as happens next after the death of His said Royal Highness of such portion of the said annuity as may have accrued between the date of the said death and the said quarterly day; and a proportionate part thereof to be payable for the period from the last quarterly day of payment to the date of the determination thereof.

Annuities granted by this Act to be charged on the Consolidated Fund.

4. The annuities granted in pursuance of this Act shall, if Her Majesty think fit so to direct, be personal and inalienable provisions, and the same shall be charged on and payable out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or the growing produce thereof, after paying and reserving sufficient to pay such sums as may have been directed to be paid out of the said fund by former Acts of Parliament, but with preference to all other payments which may hereafter be charged on the said fund.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the Duke of Connaught and of Strathearn (Establishment) Act, 1878.

CHAPTER 47.

An Act to enable the Trustees of the Elders Widows' Fund to apply the Capital of the said Fund in aid of Income; and for other purposes in relation thereto. [8th August 1878.]

WHEREAS in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty a fund, commonly known as "The Elders Widows' Fund," was established for the relief of the widows and orphans of persons employed in the Extra Department of the Home Service of the East India Company:

And whereas upon the establishment of the said fund the East India Company agreed to grant a contribution of one thousand pounds a year in aid of the fund, and such contribution is now payable by the Secretary of State for India in Council: