to their own personal knowledge, a fit and proper person to have such licence respectively.

(5.) Every proclamation and order under this Act, and a notice of the promulgation thereof in the manner provided, shall be published in the Dublin Gazette, and the production of a printed copy of the Dublin Gazette purporting to be printed and published by the Queen's authority, and containing the publication of any proclamation, order, or notice under this Act, shall be conclusive evidence of the contents of such proclamation, order, or notice, and of the date thereof, and that the district specified in such proclamation is a proclaimed district within the meaning of this Act, and that the said proclamation or order has been duly promulgated.

Penalties.

5. Any person acting in contravention of this Act shall be liable if convicted before a court of summary jurisdiction to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months, or, at the discretion of the court, to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds; but, if, upon the hearing of the charge, the court shall be of opinion that there are circumstances in the case which render it inexpedient to inflict any punishment, it shall have power to dismiss the person charged without proceeding to a conviction. For the purposes of this Act, the court of summary jurisdiction shall, in the police district of Dublin metropolis, be constituted of a divisional justice acting for the said district, and elsewhere in Ireland shall be constituted of two or more justices of the peace sitting in petty sessions, of whom one shall be a resident magistrate, or of one resident magistrate sitting alone in petty sessions.

Definitions.

6. In this Act the expression "Lord Lieutenant" means the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being.

The expression "arms," includes any cannon, gun, revolver, pistol, and any description of firearms, also any sword, cutlass, pike, and bayonet, also any part of any arms as so defined.

The expression "ammunition" includes bullets, gunpowder, nitroglycerine, dynamite, gun-cotton, and every other explosive substance whether fitted for use with any arms or otherwise.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited as the Peace Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1881.

Continuance of Act.

8. This Act shall continue in force until the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

CHAPTER 6.

An Act to provide for an Annual Return of Rates, Taxes, Tolls, and Dues levied for local purposes in Scotland.

[29th March 1881.]

WHEREAS rates, taxes, tolls, and dues to a large amount are levied for purposes of local government and improvements in Scotland, and it is proper that Parliament should be informed annually of all sums so levied, and the expenditure thereof:

23 & 24 Vict. c. 51.

And whereas by the authority of Parliament returns of such receipts and expenditure are prepared annually for England and

40 & 41 Vict. c. 66.

Ireland, but no provision has been made for the preparation of returns applicable to 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:

Short title, and application.

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Taxation Returns (Scotland) Act, 1881, and shall apply to Scotland only.

Clerks of local bodies to make annual returns of local taxation.

2. The clerk (or if there be no clerk the treasurer or other officer or person keeping the accounts of the receipts and expenditure) of any corporation, commission, board, trustees, or other body or persons authorised to levy or to order to be levied any compulsory rates, taxes, tolls, or dues in Scotland (other than such as are levied for the public revenue of the United Kingdom), shall once a year make a return of their receipts and expenditure of such rates, taxes, tolls, or dues to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department at such time and in such form as he may from time to time direct, and unless some other time be prescribed such returns shall be made in the month of July in each year for the annual period ending at Whitsunday immediately preceding, where the accounts are made up from Whitsunday to Whitsunday, if otherwise, then for the latest period of twelve months preceding the date of the return for which the accounts are in use to be made up. The first returns shall be made in July of the present year. The Secretary of State shall cause such returns to be abstracted, and the abstract thereof, with such further particulars as he may think proper, to be laid before Parliament.

Penalty.

3. Any clerk, treasurer, or other officer required as aforesaid to make a return under this Act who fails to make such return at the prescribed time, shall be liable to a penalty of twenty pounds, which may be recovered summarily by proceedings in the Sheriff Court or Court of Session at the instance of the Lord Advocate.

Returns not to be additional to those already required.

4. Where any annual return is now by law required to be made to the Secretary of State or to any public department, this Act shall not render necessary any other return. Provided that the Secretary of State may by his order published in the Edinburgh Gazette direct that all or any of such returns now required as aforesaid shall in future be made under this Act.

Saving for railway companies, &c.

5. This Act shall not extend to any tolls or dues taken by any railway, canal, or joint stock company as profits of their undertaking, or to any tolls or dues taken by prescription, or otherwise, as private property.

CHAPTER 7.

An Act to authorise the Secretary of State for India in Council to sell a piece of land in Charles Street, Westminster, to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings for the Public Service.

[29th March 1881.]

28 & 29 Vict. c. 32.

WHEREAS in pursuance of the India Office Site and Approaches Act, 1865, the Secretary of State in Council of India purchased certain land, and such land is now vested in Her Majesty