The expression "ship of a Foreign State" means a ship entitled to sail under the flag of a Foreign State;

The expression "arresting authority" means any court, authority, or officer having power to arrest or detain a ship, or to arrest a person on board a ship, or to order such arrest or detention, or to order the execution of any process, civil or criminal, for the arrest of a person on board any ship;

The expression "postal officer" means any person employed in the business of the Post Office of the United Kingdom or a British Possession or Foreign State, as the case may be, whether employed by the Postmaster General, or the chief of the Post Office of the British Possession, or the chief of the Post Office of the Foreign State, or by any person under him, or on behalf of any such Post Office.

Short title.

10. This Act may be cited as the Mail Ships Act, 1891

Section 8.

SCHEDULE.

BRITISH POSSESSIONS TO WHICH ACT IS APPLICABLE ONLY UPON THE GOVERNMENT ADHERING TO CONVENTION.

British India.
Dominion of Canada.
Newfoundland.
New South Wales.
Victoria.
South Australia.
Western Australia.
Queensland.
Tasmania.
New Zealand.
Cape of Good Hope.
Natal.

CHAPTER 32.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Roads and Streets in Police Burghs in Scotland. [21st July 1891.]

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 Roads and Streets in Police Burghs (Scotland) Act, 1891.

Police burgh may assume management of highways within it.

2. It shall be lawful for the commissioners of any police burgh, at a meeting summoned for the purpose on not less than one month's notice by special advertisement in any newspaper published or circulating in the police burgh, to resolve, if they think fit, to undertake the management and maintenance of the highways within the police burgh, and it shall be lawful for the county council or county councils of any county or counties within which a police burgh is situated, at a meeting summoned for the purpose

on not less than one month's notice by special advertisement in any newspaper published or circulating in the county or counties, to resolve to require the commissioners of such police burgh to undertake the management and maintenance of the highways within the police burgh; and in either of these cases it shall be lawful for the commissioners to agree with the county council of the county or counties within which the police burgh is situated as to the terms upon which the highways within the police burgh shall be transferred to the commissioners, and failing agreement the said terms shall be settled summarily by the sheriff or sheriffs of the county or counties in which such police burgh is situated, who shall take into consideration all the circumstances of the case, including the cost of maintaining the highways in the neighbourhood of such police burgh, and whose decision shall be final; and upon the parties agreeing as aforesaid, or upon the terms of transference being settled as aforesaid, the highways within the police burgh shall, as from and after the fifteenth day of May next ensuing, but subject to the provisions of this Act, be transferred to and vested in the commissioners, who shall have the entire management and control of the same, and shall possess the same rights of assessment, and other rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to the same liabilities in reference to the highways (including the construction of new roads and bridges) therein as the local authority of any burgh under the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and any Act amending the same possesses and is liable to in reference to the highways therein (including as aforesaid), and also in reference to the streets within such burgh: Provided always, that any such resolution of the commissioners or county council or county councils may be rescinded with the consent of and upon such terms as may be agreed upon with the county council or county councils or such commissioners respectively, and thereupon the original rights, powers, and privileges and liabilities of the said county council or county councils in regard to the highways within such police burgh shall revive in full force and effect. 41 & 42 Vict. c. 51.

3. At any time after the expiration of ten years after a settlement under this Act between the commissioners of any police burgh and any county council or county councils, or if the boundaries of the said burgh are extended, it shall be lawful for the commissioners of the said police burgh or for such county council or county councils to obtain the readjustment of the said terms of settlement either by entering into a new agreement, or by an appeal to the sheriff or sheriffs, in the manner provided in this Act. Extension of burgh boundaries.

4. Where any matter falls to be determined under this Act by two sheriffs, and they shall differ in opinion, they shall report the case to the Lord Ordinary on the Bills in the Court of Session, whose decision shall be final. Where sheriffs differ in opinion.

5. Nothing contained in this Act or done in pursuance thereof shall affect any allocation or liability for payment of road debt under the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, or under any other Act, general or local, or of the interest thereon. Saving as to road debt.

Agreement between police commissioners and county council.

6. In the event of the commissioners of any police burgh not resolving to undertake the management and maintenance of highways as aforesaid within the police burgh, it shall be lawful for such commissioners to claim annually from the county council of the county within which such police burgh is situated, or in the case of the county being divided into districts, from the district committee or committees, a fair and reasonable contribution towards the expense of managing and maintaining such streets and roads within the police burgh as are maintained by the said commissioners; and it shall be lawful for the said county council, or for the said district committee or committees, if in its opinion the said claim is a reasonable one, to agree with the said commissioners as to the amount of the said contribution, and to pay the amount so agreed upon to the commissioners out of the rate levied for the management and maintenance of highways within the division or district or parish (as the case may be) in which the said police burgh is situated.

Definitions.

7. In this Act—

The expression "police burgh" means a populous place, the boundaries whereof have been fixed and ascertained under the provisions of the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, or of the Act first therein recited, or have been determined by or under any local Act.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 101.

The word "highway" shall have the same meaning as in the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, and any Act amending the same.

The word "sheriff" shall not include "sheriff substitute."

CHAPTER 33.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Rating of Allotments for Sanitary purposes. [21st July 1891.]

WHEREAS it is enacted by section two hundred and eleven, sub-section (1.) (*b.*), and section two hundred and thirty of the Public Health Act, 1875, that "the occupier of any land used as "arable, meadow, or pasture ground only, or as woodlands, market "gardens, or nursery grounds," shall be assessed to the general district rate in an urban district or to a separate rate levied in respect of special expenses within the meaning of the said Act in a rural district, in the proportion of one-fourth part only of the net annual value or rateable value of such land:

38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

And whereas doubts have arisen whether allotments are or are not included among the lands to which the aforesaid exemptions apply:

And whereas it is expedient to remove such doubts, and to render the practice of assessment uniform, and to relieve allotments from all liability to be assessed for sanitary purposes at a higher rate than other cultivated lands: