Militia Men or Substitutes, or supplying any Vacancies in such Militia, shall cease and remain suspended until the Thirty-first Day of *August* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Proceedings may be had during such Suspension by Order in Council.

II. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for Her Majesty by any Order in Council to direct that any Proceedings shall be had at any Time before the Expiration of such Period as aforesaid, either for the giving of Notices and making Returns and preparing Lists, and also for the proceeding to ballot and enrol Men for the filling up Vacancies in the Militia of the United Kingdom or any Part thereof, as Her Majesty shall deem expedient; and upon the issuing of any such Order all such Proceedings shall be had for carrying into execution all the Provisions of the Acts in force in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively relating to the giving Notices for and Returns of Lists, and for the balloting and enrolling of Men to supply any Vacancies in the Militia, and holding General and Subdivision Meetings for such Purpose, at such Times respectively as shall be expressed in any such Order in Council, or by any Directions given in pursuance thereof to Lord Lieutenants or Deputy Lieutenants acting for Lord Lieutenants of the several Counties, Shires, Ridings, Cities, and Places in *Great Britain*, or to the Governors and Deputy Governors of Counties and Places in *Ireland*, or to the Warden and Special Deputy Wardens of the Stannaries; and all the Provisions of the several Acts in force in *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland* respectively relating to the Militia and Corps of Miners in *Cornwall* and *Devon* shall, upon any such Order, and Direction given in pursuance thereof, become and be in full force and be carried into execution at the Period specified in such Order or Direction as aforesaid, with all such Penalties and Forfeitures for any Neglect thereof, as fully as if such Periods had been fixed in the Acts relating to such Militia and Miners.

Act to extend to Wardens of Stannaries and to Corps of Miners.

III. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be construed to extend to the Warden and Special Deputy Wardens of the Stannaries and Corps of Miners of *Cornwall* and *Devon*, as fully as if they were severally repeated in every Clause, Provision, Direction, and Authority therein contained.

Act may be amended, &c.,

IV. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

CAP. XLIV.

An Act to amend the Acts for carrying on Public Works in *Ireland*. [10th *August* 1843.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland: And whereas another Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to amend an Act passed in the* 1 & 2 W. 4. c. 33. 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 108.

'*First and Second Years of His present Majesty*, "*for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland:" And whereas another Act was passed in the First Year of the Reign of
7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 21. Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend the Acts for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland: And whereas another Act was passed in the Second Year of the
1 & 2 Vict. c. 88. Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to authorize a further Issue of Exchequer Bills for Public Works and Fisheries and Employment of the Poor; and to amend the Acts relating thereto:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled
2 & 3 Vict. c. 50. *An Act to extend and amend the Provisions of the Acts for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in* Ireland; *and for the Recovery of Public Monies advanced for the Use of Counties, Parishes, and other Districts in* Ireland, *on the Faith of Grand Jury Presentments and Parochial Assessments:* And whereas great Benefits have been derived from Loans under the Regulation of the first-recited Act, and the several Acts for amending the same, and it is expedient that such Loans, together with the several Powers of the Commissioners of Public Works in *Ireland*, should be continued: And whereas it is expedient to discontinue all further Issues of Exchequer Bills made out under the first-recited Act, or any of the Acts amending the same, and to put an end to all Operations with regard to such Exchequer Bills required by the said Act, except such as may be necessary for paying off the outstanding Bills, and for applying the Repayments on account of Loans made with such Exchequer Bills to make good the Sums issued from the Consolidated Fund to pay the Interest and Principal on those Bills: And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled
5 & 6 Vict. c. 9. *An Act to authorize the Advance of Money out of the Consolidated Fund to a limited Amount for carrying on Public Works and Fisheries and Employment of the Poor; and to amend the Acts authorizing the Issue of Exchequer Bills for the like Purposes*, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* for the Time being are empowered, by Warrant under the Hands of any Three or more of them, for the Purpose of the Advances or Loans therein referred to, to charge the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and to direct the Issue or to be paid thereout to the Account of the Commissioners for the Time being for the Reduction of the National Debt, a Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding Three hundred and sixty thousand Pounds *per Annum* during the Five Years next ensuing the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-two, by quarterly Instalments or Issues, not exceeding Ninety thousand Pounds *per* Quarter, the same to become due on the Days and at the Times in the said Act particularly mentioned: And whereas it is expedient to make Advances of Money out of the Consolidated Fund for the Purposes of Loans toward Public

'Works

'Works in *Ireland*, instead of the Issues of Exchequer Bills 'hitherto adopted, which are found inconvenient: And whereas 'the Sums annually receivable in Repayment of existing 'Loans heretofore made by the Commissioners of Public Works 'in *Ireland* amount, and will amount for some Years to come, 'to a Sum which would be sufficient to furnish to a consider-'able Extent Means for making the requisite Advances;' 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, That from and after such Period as may be in that Behalf determined upon by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury all further Issues of Exchequer Bills under the said first-recited Act, or any of the Acts amending the same, shall be discontinued; and as soon as Notice of such Determination shall have been given to the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the Execution of the said first-recited Act they shall cause the same to be published in the *Dublin Gazette*, but this Notice shall not be construed to be a Notice within the Provisions of the first-recited Act for terminating the Powers of the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed for the Execution thereof; and, notwithstanding the Discontinuance of further Issues of Exchequer Bills, the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall have all the Powers by any of the said Acts given and which may be necessary for paying off such of the Exchequer Bills issued under the first-recited Act, or any of the Acts amending the same, which may have been prepared or be outstanding at the Time of such Discontinuance of the Issue of such Exchequer Bills as aforesaid, and also such Powers as may be necessary for applying the Repayment of Loans theretofore made with such Exchequer Bills to make good the several Sums which may then have been or thereafter may be issued from the Consolidated Fund for the Purpose of paying off the Interest and Principal due on such Exchequer Bills.

Commissioners of the Treasury may discontinue the Issue of Exchequer Bills.

II. And be it enacted, That as soon as such Notice shall have been given to the said Commissioners of Public Works they, or some Person employed by them for that Purpose, shall wind up and close the Accounts of all outstanding Loans or Advances under the Authority of any of the said Acts, up to the Day on which such Discontinuance of Exchequer Bills may take place.

On such Discontinuance the Commissioners to wind up and close the Accounts.

III. And be it enacted, That all Sums of Money which shall be repaid on account of the Loans or Advances made or to be made under the Authority of any of the said Acts by means of Exchequer Bills, with the Interest accruing due thereon, shall be recovered and received by the said Commissioners of Public Works in like Manner as heretofore, and shall be by their Direction paid into the Bank of *Ireland* to the Credit of the Account for Loans of the said Commissioners, from which Account the Sums so paid shall be from Time to Time transferred to the Account of Her Majesty's Exchequer, and shall be made Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom

Repayments to be carried to the Account of the Consolidated Fund.

dom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, for the Purpose of reimbursing to the said Consolidated Fund the several Advances previously made for the Discharge of Exchequer Bills issued for Loans by the said Commissioners of Public Works, and the Interest thereon, and of meeting the Charges to be made thereon for Interest and Principal on account of Bills still outstanding, until the same shall be paid.

Commissioners for this Act.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners of Public Works for the Time being under the said first-recited Act shall be Commissioners for the Execution of this Act.

A Sum not exceeding 15,000*l.* per Quarter to be applied for Public Works in Ireland.

V. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under the Hands of any Three or more of them, may direct from Time to Time, that out of the Sum, not exceeding Three hundred and sixty thousand Pounds *per Annum*, which by the said Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her said present Majesty they are authorized to charge on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and which they are authorized to direct to be paid to the Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, during the Term of Five Years next ensuing the Fifth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and forty-two, by quarterly Instalments or Issues, not exceeding Ninety thousand Pounds *per* Quarter, as aforesaid, there shall issue and be paid unto the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, during the Remainder of the said Term of Five Years, a Sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand Pounds *per* Quarter, to be at the Disposal of the said Commissioners of Public Works, as herein-after mentioned, such quarterly Instalments or Issues to become due on the Fifth Day of *January*, the Fifth Day of *April*, the Fifth Day of *July*, and the Tenth Day of *October* in each Year, the first Instalment thereof to become due and payable on the first of the said quarterly Days of Payment which shall happen next after the passing of this Act.

A separate Account to be opened at the Bank of England.

VI. And be it enacted, That for the Purpose of receiving the said quarterly Instalments the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall cause a separate Account to be opened with them at the Bank of *England*, under the Title of "The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, on account of the Public Works Loan Fund for *Ireland*;" which Account the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall open in their Books accordingly; and there shall be provided and kept in the Office of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt a Book or Books, in which all the Monies transferred to the said last-mentioned Account by virtue of this Act shall be kept apart from all other Monies, and such Monies shall be by the same Commissioners held, subject to the Disposal of the said Commissioners of Public Works, for the Purposes of the said first-recited Act, and the other Acts amending the same, and of this Act.

Commissioners to receive Ap-

VII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners of Public Works to receive Application for any Loan

Loan or Loans, and, with the Approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to make such Loans, upon such and the like Securities, and for such and the like Purposes, and upon such and the like Terms, as are specified by the said recited Acts for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in *Ireland*, or any of them, and as may be authorized by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury. plications and make Loans.

VIII. And be it enacted, That when the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall have sanctioned any Loan under this Act or any of the above recited Acts, and the said Commissioners of Public Works shall have ascertained that any Sum of Money is required to be issued on account of such Loan, they shall forthwith certify the Amount of such Issue to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt for the Time being; and in every such Certificate the Loan in part of which such Issue is required, and the Party or Parties to whom such Issue is intended to be made, shall be stated; and upon every such Certificate being produced to the Officer of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, the Comptroller General or Assistant Comptroller, or Chief Clerk, acting under the last-named Commissioners, shall upon the Back of such Certificate endorse and sign an Order for Payment of the Sum mentioned in such Certificate to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, to be by them placed to the Account of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland*, for the separate Account and Credit of the Paymaster of Civil Services in *Ireland*, on account of the Public Works Loan Fund for *Ireland*, to be by him paid over on the Warrants of the said Commissioners of Public Works: Provided always, that Approval of such Issue by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall appear on such Certificate, under the Hand of One of their Secretaries, and that the Amount of such Issue shall not exceed the Sum for the Time being standing in the Names of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, subject to the Disposal of the said Commissioners of Public Works. Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to certify Loans granted by them. Upon Production of such Certificate to the proper Officer an Order to be endorsed thereon for Payment of the Sum granted. Proviso.

IX. And be it enacted, That every such Order of the Officer of the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, before the issuing thereof, shall be entered by the Clerk or other proper Officer, and shall be countersigned by the Actuary or other check Officer acting under the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, and shall be addressed to the Cashiers of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England;* and such Cashiers or one of them shall, upon the Production of every such Order, pay the Sum mentioned therein to the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England;* and the Signature of One of the Cashiers of the said Governor and Company of the Bank of *England* shall be a sufficient Discharge to the said Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt. Order to be entered by the proper Officer, countersigned by the Actuary, and addressed to the Cashiers of the Bank of England.

X. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt shall cause to be made up for Commissioners for Reduction of National Debt to furnish

an annual Account for Audit.

Examination and Audit an annual Account to the Thirty-first Day of *December* in each Year of the Receipts, Payments, and Balances on the said Account so directed to be kept by them in respect of the said Public Works Loan Fund for *Ireland* as aforesaid, and shall deliver the same to the Commissioners for auditing the Public Accounts.

Bank of Ireland to open an Account with Paymaster of Civil Services, of Repayments.

XI. And be it enacted, That the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* shall open an Account with the Paymaster of the Civil Services of *Ireland*, under the Title of "The Paymaster of the Civil Services, on account of the Repayment of Loans for Public Works;" and Monies which shall from Time to Time be repaid in respect of Loans made under this Act, or in respect of the Interest thereof, shall be carried to the Credit of this Account.

Appropriation and Entry of Repayments.

XII. And be it enacted, That as soon as any Sum of Money shall have been so lodged to the Credit of the said Account of the Paymaster of Civil Services, on account of the Repayment of Loans for Public Works, the said Commissioners of Public Works shall, upon a Notification thereof, cause to be made out and delivered to the said Paymaster of Civil Services a Statement of the proper Appropriation of such Payment, whether for account of Interest or Principal, or how much for each respectively, upon which the said Paymaster of Civil Services shall cause to be prepared accordingly the proper Receipt or Voucher, and send the same to the said Commissioners of Public Works, who shall thereupon cause the Sum or Sums therein mentioned to be entered on the Books of the said Commissioners, to the Credit of the Loan on account of which such Payment shall have been made; and such Receipt, when so entered, shall be delivered to the Party or Person on whose Account such Payment shall have been so made; and such Receipt shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Party or Person paying the same.

Receipt of Paymaster to be a Discharge.

All Sums paid into the Bank of Ireland to be carried to and made Part of the Consolidated Fund.

XIII. And be it enacted, That every Sum of Money which shall be paid into the Bank of *Ireland* to the Account of the Paymaster of Civil Services, on account of the Repayment of Loans for Public Works under this Act, shall from Time to Time, immediately on such Payments being made, be transferred by the Governor and Company of the Bank of *Ireland* to the Account kept by the Bank of *England* with Her Majesty's Exchequer, and when so transferred shall be carried to and made Part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

Powers of recited Acts as to Advances to have same Force as if re-enacted.

XIV. And be it enacted, That all the Enactments contained in the said recited Acts relating to Public Works in *Ireland*, or any of them, in relation to any Advances of Exchequer Bills or Money made or to be made under the said recited Acts or any of them, or for the Recovery or Repayment of such Advances, shall, except as is herein otherwise provided, extend to all Loans of Money to be made under the Authority of this Act, and to all Things done or directed to be done by the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or the said

Commissioners of Public Works, or their Secretary for the Time being, or any other Persons or Bodies Corporate, under the Authority of the said recited Acts or this Act, or any of them, and the Recovery and Repayment of such Loans, in such or the like Manner as if they had been particularly and severally re-enacted in the Body of this Act, except so far only as the same is amended or altered by any of the said Acts or by this Act.

Commissioners may retain the whole of the Mortgage Debt or Charge out of Purchase, notwithstanding some of the Instalments for Principal may not have actually become due and payable at the Time of Sale.

XV. And be it enacted, That in case the said Commissioners of Public Works shall, under the Authority of any of the said recited Acts or this Act, make any Sale or other absolute Disposition of any Public Works, Interest, Property, or Effects comprised in any Mortgage, Assignment, or other Charge, already executed or hereafter to be executed under the Provisions of any of the said recited Acts or this Act, it shall be lawful for them, with the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, out of the clear Monies thereby produced, after Payment of the Expences of preparing for and making such Sale or other Disposition, so far as such clear Monies will extend, to deduct and retain all the Principal Monies for the Time being remaining due or secured upon such Mortgage, Assignment, or Charge, notwithstanding the whole of such Principal Money, or any Instalment thereof, may not, according to the Terms of such Mortgage, Assignment, or Charge, have become actually due and payable, together with all Interest (if any) for the Time being accrued due on such Principal Monies.

Powers for recovering Loans to Trustees of Turnpike Roads extended to Loans under 45 G. 3. c. 49.

XVI. 'And whereas sundry Loans made to the Trustees 'or Commissioners of several Turnpike Roads in *Ireland*, 'under an Act passed in the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of 'King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act to amend the Laws 'for improving and keeping in repair the Post Roads in* Ireland, 'and for rendering the Conveyance of Letters by His Majesty's 'Post Office more secure and expeditious*, are still due and out-'standing, and it is expedient that the Powers now by Law 'provided for recovering Loans made by the said Commis-'sioners of Public Works, under the herein-before first-recited 'Act, to the Trustees or Commissioners of Turnpike Roads in '*Ireland*, shall be extended to Loans made under the said 'recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of King '*George* the Third;' be it enacted, That whenever any Interest or Instalment accrued due to Her Majesty's Exchequer on account of any Money borrowed under the Authority and for the Purpose of the last-mentioned Act shall be in arrear and unpaid by the Trustees or proper Officer of any Turnpike Road, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, if they shall so think fit, beside and without prejudice to any other Remedy which may be by Law provided for the Recovery of the Monies so due and in arrear, by Warrant under the Hands of any Three or more of them, to empower the said Commissioners of Public Works to recover, in their Behalf, any Sum of Money accrued or accruing due for

for Principal or Interest on account of any such Loan, and thereupon the said Commissioners of Public Works shall have the like Powers, Privileges, and Remedies for the Purpose of compelling Payment of any such Loan or any Part thereof, or the Interest thereof, as the said Commissioners of Public Works now by Law have in respect of any Loan made to the Trustees or Commissioners of any Turnpike Road under the said recited Act of the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or any Act amending the same, or in respect of any Default in the Payment of such Loan or the Interest thereon; and that all the Clauses and Provisions therein contained, for the Repayment and Recovery of any such Loan or the Interest thereon, and for enabling the said Commissioners, in default thereof to enter into Possession, and to receive any Rates, Rents, Tolls, Receipts, or Profits on, the Credit whereof any Loan may have been made, shall extend to all Loans at any Time made to the Trustees or Commissioners of any Turnpike Road or Roads under the said recited Act of the Forty-fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, in respect whereof the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall think fit to make any such Warrant as aforesaid, as if such Clauses and Provisions had been contained in such last-mentioned Act, or as if such Loan had been made under the said recited Act of the Second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or any Act amending the same: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to deprive any Persons holding prior Mortgages, Assignments, or other Securities on such Turnpike Trusts of any Advantages which by reason of such Priority they might have in case this Act had not been passed.

1 & 2 W. 4. c. 33.

21,000*l.* may be issued by way of Grant, 1 & 2 Vict. c. 88.

XVII. 'And whereas by the said Act of the Second Year 'of the Reign of Her present Majesty it is enacted, that it 'should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's 'Treasury to appropriate, out of the Sum of Five hundred 'thousand Pounds in Exchequer Bills authorized to be ad-'vanced under the Authority of the said Act, any Sum or 'Sums in Exchequer Bills, not exceeding Fifty thousand 'Pounds in the whole, for the Promotion and Extension of 'Public Works in *Ireland*, to be applied by the Commissioners 'appointed under the Authority of the said first-recited Act:

2 & 3 Vict. c. 50.

'And whereas by the said Act of the Third Year of the 'Reign of Her present Majesty, after reciting that the said 'Sum or Sums so authorized by the said Act of the Second 'Year of the Reign of Her Majesty to be appropriated for 'the Promotion and Extension of Public Works in *Ireland* 'should be made applicable to the Purposes of the Acts therein 'mentioned, it is enacted, that in case any such Appropriation 'should be or had been made it should be lawful to apply 'the Exchequer Bills so appropriated to the Purposes of all 'or any of the Acts therein recited, and to make Advances 'thereout accordingly, either by way of Loan or by way of 'Grant, or partly by way of Loan and partly by way of Grant,

'pursuant

'pursuant to the Provisions of the Acts therein recited and 'the said Act respectively: And whereas it was deemed expe- 'dient by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and 'was intended, that One Half of the said Sum of Fifty thou- 'sand Pounds should be applied in Loans, and One Half in 'Grants; but nevertheless the Sum of Forty-six thousand 'Pounds, Part thereof, has been inadvertently issued in the 'way of Loans, and only the remaining Four thousand Pounds 'in the way of Grants: And whereas it is expedient that the 'Sum of Twenty-one thousand Pounds should be repaid to the 'Fund, to be issued in the way of Grant:' be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to order that out of such Monies as at or after the passing of this Act may be in the Exchequer, or as may be hereafter paid into the Bank of *England* to the Credit of Her Majesty's Exchequer, in Repayment of Loans made for Public Works in *Ireland*, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding the Sum of Twenty-one thousand Pounds, may be set apart and appropriated for Grants by the said Commissioners of Public Works, with the Approval of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in such and the same Manner as the said Sum of Twenty-one thousand Pounds might have been used and applied for Grants if the same had not been inadvertently applied for the Purposes of Loans.

Construction of certain Words in this Act.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That in this Act the Words "Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury" shall be construed to mean any Three or more of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or the Lord High Treasurer of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland;* and the Words "Commissioners of Public Works" shall mean any Two or more of the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed to execute the first-recited Act, for the Extension and Promotion of Public Works in *Ireland.*

Act may be amended, &c.

XIX. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

CAP. XLV.

An Act to continue, until the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, an Act for exempting certain Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes from the Operation of the Laws relating to Usury. [10th *August* 1843.]

'WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Third Year of the 'Reign of Her Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend, and* 2 & 3 Vict. c. 37. '*extend until the First Day of* January *One thousand eight hun-* '*dred and forty-two, the Provisions of an Act of the First Year* '*of Her present Majesty, for exempting certain Bills of Exchange* '*and Promissory Notes from the Operation of the Laws relating* '*to*