therein mentioned exceeded threepence. Provided that the said sum of seven shillings and sixpence shall not be thereby increased beyond a maximum of sixteen shillings and sixpence.

(2.) "School board rate" means the rate in the pound on the rateable value of the district which would have produced the sum required in the said year for the purpose of the annual expenses of the board, and actually paid in that year to the treasurer by the rating authority.

(3.) In calculating for the purpose of the said section ninety-seven and of this Act the annual expenses of a school board, the Education Department shall include such sum as is necessary for maintaining such working balance as the Education Department determine to be reasonable.

Commencement, construction, and short title.

2. This Act shall from and after the twenty-ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, be construed as part of section ninety-seven of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and shall not extend to Scotland or Ireland, and may be cited as the Elementary Education Act, 1897.

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CHAPTER 17.

An Act to provide for an Appeal in Ireland in Cases stated by Justices in certain Civil Matters.

[3rd June 1897.]

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:

Appeal in cases stated in civil matters. 40 & 41 Vict. c. 57.

1. The jurisdiction and power to hear and determine appeals conferred by section twenty-four of the Judicature Act (Ireland), 1877, is hereby extended, and shall apply to any order or decision made after the passing of this Act by the High Court in Ireland or any judge thereof, under any of the enactments set out in the schedule to this Act, anything in any of the said enactments to the contrary notwithstanding.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland) Act, 1897, and may be cited with the Judicature (Ireland) Acts, 1877 to 1888.

SCHEDULE.

Section 11 of the Annual Revision of Rateable Property (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1860 (23 & 24 Vict. c. 4.).

Section 14 of the Salmon Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1863 (26 & 27 Vict. c. 114.).

Section 7 of the Railway Act (Ireland), 1864 (27 & 28 Vict. c. 71.).
Section 36 of the Civil Bill Courts Procedure Amendment Act (Ireland), 1864 (27 & 28 Vict. c. 99.).

CHAPTER 18.

An Act to permit Juries to separate in cases of Felony. [15th July 1897.]

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. Upon the trial of any person for a felony other than murder, treason, or treason felony, the court may, if it see fit, at any time before the jury consider their verdict, permit the jury to separate in the same way as the jury upon the trial of any person for misdemeanor are now permitted to separate. Separation of juries in cases of felony.

2. This Act may be cited as the Juries Detention Act, 1897 Short title.

3. This Act shall not apply to Scotland or Ireland. Extent.

CHAPTER 19.

An Act to amend the Law regarding Preferential Payments in the case of Companies. [15th July 1897.]

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. This Act may be cited as the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Amendment Act, 1897. Short title.

2. In the winding up of any company under the Companies Act, 1862, and the Acts amending the same, the debts mentioned in section one of the Preferential Payments in Bankruptcy Act, 1888, shall, so far as the assets of the company available for payment of general creditors may be insufficient to meet them, have priority over the claims of holders of debentures or debenture stock under any floating charge created by such company, and shall be paid accordingly out of any property comprised in or subject to such charge. Priority of certain debts. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 89. 51 & 52 Vict. c. 62.

3. In case a receiver is appointed on behalf of the holders of any debentures or debenture stock of a company secured by a floating charge, or in case possession is taken by or on behalf of such Payment of debts out of assets in certain cases.