solicitor struck off roll or suspended from practice.

be, shall apply to every solicitor who applies for a fresh certificate to practise after having been struck off the roll or suspended from practice.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Solicitors Act, 1899, and may be cited with the Solicitors Acts, 1839 to 1894, and in its application to Ireland may be cited with Solicitors (Ireland) Acts, 1849 to 1898.

CHAPTER 5.

An Act to amend the Public Libraries (Scotland) Acts.

[6th June 1899.]

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:

Combination of burghs or parishes for purposes of Act. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 42.

1. Where the Public Libraries Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1887, has been adopted for any two or more neighbouring burghs or parishes, the magistrates and council or board, as the case may be, of each such burgh or parish may, by agreement, combine for any period in carrying the said Act into execution, and the expenses thereof shall be defrayed by each burgh or parish in such proportions as may be provided by such agreement.

Appointment of committee.

2. In case of such agreement to combine, the committee to be appointed in pursuance of the said Act shall be appointed by each burgh or parish in such proportion as may be provided by such agreement, and all the rights, powers, and duties belonging to the magistrates and council or board, or to a committee acting for a single burgh or parish, shall belong to such magistrates and council or board or committee when acting under an agreement to combine.

Extent of Act.

3. This Act shall apply only to Scotland.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the Public Libraries (Scotland) Act, 1899.

CHAPTER 6.

An Act to amend the Law with respect to the hearing of Appeals and Motions by the Court of Appeal.

[6th June 1899.]

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:

Power for two judges to hear appeal or motion. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 77. 53 & 54 Vict. c. 44.

1. Notwithstanding anything in section twelve of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1875, or in section one of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1890, if all parties to an appeal or motion before the hearing file a consent to the appeal or motion being heard and determined before two judges of the Court of Appeal, the appeal or motion may be heard and determined accordingly, subject nevertheless to the same right, if any, of appeal to the House of Lords as if the hearing and determination had been before three judges. Provided that in all causes or matters to which any infant or person of unsound mind, whether so found by inquisition or not, or person under any other disability is a party, no such consent shall be given by the next friend, guardian, committee, or other person acting on behalf of the person under disability, so as to have the same force and effect as if such party were under no disability and had given such consent, unless with the previous consent of a court or a judge, nor so as to make such consent valid as between any committee of a lunatic and the lunatic, unless with the previous sanction of the Lord Chancellor or Lords Justices sitting in lunacy.

And provided also that if two judges having heard an appeal or motion shall differ in opinion, the case shall, on the application of any party to the appeal, be reargued and determined by three judges of the Court of Appeal before appeal to the House of Lords.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, 1899, and may be cited with the Judicature Acts, 1873 to 1894.

CHAPTER 7.

An Act to enable and require the Metropolitan Water Companies to supply each other with Water in cases of emergency. [6th June 1899.]

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:

Duties and powers of metropolitan water companies as to mutual supply of water.

1.—(1.) It shall be the duty of the several metropolitan water companies, and they are hereby respectively authorised—

(*a*) if so required by the Local Government Board, to submit schemes for works enabling the companies to supply each other with water from any sources of supply which any company are for the time being empowered to use, and to construct such works as may in the opinion of the Board be necessary for that purpose; and