

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State in Council of India shall, so long as any liabilities of the Regular Widows' Fund and the Elders' Widows' Fund respectively remain unsatisfied, retain the invested capital for the time being of the said funds respectively in the investments in which such capital is now invested; provided that the Secretary of State in Council of India may at any time, and from time to time, sell out all or any part of the said investments or other the investments in which the invested capital of the said funds respectively shall for the time being be invested, and invest the moneys arising thereby in any of the public funds of Great Britain, but not otherwise.

Subject thereto the invested capital to be retained in existing investments or to be invested in the public funds of Great Britain until all liabilities are satisfied.

8. Any surplus income of the Regular Widows' Fund or of the Elders' Widows' Fund (including in the income of the Elders' Widows' Fund the said annual contribution of five hundred pounds) which may remain on the thirty-first day of March in any year, after satisfying all the current liabilities of the said funds respectively for the twelve preceding months ending on that day, shall as from that day form part of the revenues of India and may be dealt with accordingly, and any ultimate surplus which may remain of the said funds or either of them, after satisfying all the liabilities thereof respectively, shall form part of the revenues of India and may be dealt with accordingly.

Annual surplus income and ultimate surplus of funds to form part of the revenues of India and be dealt with accordingly.

9. In case the invested capital of the Regular Widows' Fund and the Elders' Widows' Fund, or of either of such funds, shall be exhausted before all the liabilities thereof shall be satisfied, the Secretary of State in Council of India shall from time to time out of the revenues of India contribute to the said funds respectively, or to the fund in respect of which there may be subsisting liabilities, such sums or sum as may be required from time to time to meet the current liabilities thereof.

In case capital should be exhausted Secretary of State to meet liabilities of the funds out of revenues of India.

10. The Secretary of State in Council of India, by letter of attorney executed by two members of the Council and countersigned by the Secretary of State, or one of his Under Secretaries or his assistant Under Secretary, may authorise all or any of the cashiers of the Bank of England to sell and transfer all or any part of the stock or stocks for the time being standing in the books of the said bank to the accounts intituled "The stock account of the Secretary of State in Council of India in respect of the Regular Widows' Fund," or to the accounts intituled "The stock account of the Secretary of State in Council of India in respect of the Elders' Widows' Fund," and to purchase and accept stock on the said accounts, and to receive the dividends due and to become due on the several stocks standing or that may thereafter stand on the said accounts, and by any writing signed by two members of the Council and countersigned as aforesaid may direct the application of the moneys to be received in respect of such sales and dividends; but no stock shall be purchased or sold and transferred by any of the said cashiers under the authority of such general letter of attorney except upon an order directed to the

Power of Secretary of State to grant letter of attorney for sale, &c. of stock to his stock account at Bank of England.

chief cashier and chief accountant of the Bank of England from time to time and duly signed and countersigned as aforesaid.

How notifications, &c. by subscribers to and beneficiaries under the funds are to be given.

**11.** All notifications or applications on the part of the subscribers to or present or future beneficiaries under the Regular Widows' Fund or the Elders' Widows' Fund which are required or prescribed by the rules of the said funds respectively, as existing at the date of this Act, shall be given and made in such manner and to such person or persons as the Secretary of State in Council of India shall from time to time appoint.

Short title.

**12.** This Act may be cited as the Regular and Elders' Widows' Funds Act, 1897.

## CHAPTER 12.

An Act to provide Superannuation Allowances for the Assessor of Railways and Canals in Scotland, and the Clerks and other Officers permanently employed by him.  
[3rd June 1897.]

**B**E 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 :

Superannuation allowance to assessor of railways, &c. and clerks, &c. employed by him.  
17 & 18 Vict. c. 91.

**1.** On and after the passing of this Act, the assessor of railways and canals for the time being (herein-after referred to as the assessor) appointed in terms of section twenty of the Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854, and the clerks or other officers whom he may be allowed to employ permanently in the execution of his duties under that Act, shall each be entitled to such superannuation allowance as may be fixed by the Secretary for Scotland, not exceeding ten sixtieths of his annual salary, with the addition of one sixtieth for every additional completed year of his service beyond ten years.

Provided as follows :

- (i.) The allowance shall not, except as herein-after mentioned, be granted to any person unless he has served for a period of ten years :
- (ii.) The allowance of any person shall not exceed forty sixtieths of his annual salary :
- (iii.) The allowance shall not be granted to any person under the age of sixty years, unless he produces a medical certificate to the satisfaction of the Secretary for Scotland that he is incapable from infirmity of mind or body to discharge the duties of his situation, and that his infirmity is likely to be permanent :
- (iv.) The allowance of any person shall be calculated on the amount of annual salary received at the time of retirement,

if he shall have been in receipt of the same, or in the class from which he retires, for a period of at least three years immediately before retirement; and in all other cases it shall be calculated on the average amount of annual salary received during the three years next preceding the retirement, such average to be fixed by the Secretary for Scotland.

2. In the event of the assessor when appointed as aforesaid being of an age which would not entitle him on attaining the age of sixty years to a superannuation allowance under this Act of forty sixtieths of his annual salary, the Secretary for Scotland may by order under his hand direct that on the retirement of such assessor a number of years not exceeding twenty shall, in computing the amount of his superannuation allowance, be added to the number of years during which he may have actually served as assessor.

Computation of additional years to assessor.

3. Every person to whom a superannuation allowance shall have been granted under the provisions of this Act, before he has attained the age of sixty years, shall until he has attained that age be liable to be recalled to the office of the assessor to serve in the same or a similar capacity to that in which he has previously served, and if he shall decline when called upon to do so to return to such duties, or shall decline or neglect to execute such duties satisfactorily, being in a competent state of health, he shall forfeit his right to the superannuation allowance which has been granted to him.

Liability of persons under sixty to be called upon to serve again.

4. Nothing herein contained shall entitle any person to receive any superannuation allowance under this Act concurrently with salary or other remuneration in respect of his performing the duties of assessor or of clerk or other officer in the employment of such assessor.

Allowance not to run concurrently with salary.

5. In fixing the amount of superannuation allowance under this Act, the Secretary for Scotland shall take into consideration the amount of the superannuation allowance, if any, granted to the assessor in respect of any service under Her Majesty's Government.

Superannuation allowance for other services to be considered.

6. All superannuation allowances to be granted under the provisions of this Act shall be levied and collected along with and in the same manner as the remuneration or salary of the assessor and his clerks and other officers, as prescribed in section twenty-nine of the said Lands Valuation (Scotland) Act, 1854.

Mode of levying and collecting allowances.

7. This Act may be cited as the Railway Assessors (Scotland) Superannuation Act, 1897.

Short title.

**CHAPTER 13.**

An Act for transferring the right of Presentation to the Professorships of Botany and Natural History in the University of Edinburgh. [3rd June 1897.]

**B**E 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 :

Transfer of presentation to professorships.

21 & 22 Vict. c. 83.

Short title.

**1.** From and after the passing of this Act the right of presentation to the Professorship of Natural History in the University of Edinburgh presently exercised by Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in right of Her Crown, shall be transferred to and in all time coming be exercised by the curators of the said University appointed under the provisions of section thirteen of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858 ; and the right of presentation to the Professorship of Botany in the said University presently exercised by the said curators shall be transferred to and in all time coming be exercised by Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in right of Her Crown.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Edinburgh University (Transfer of Patronage) Act, 1897.

**CHAPTER 14.**

An Act for enabling the Metropolitan Police Courts to be closed on Special Bank Holidays. [3rd June 1897.]

**B**E 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 to close metropolitan police courts on Bank holidays. 34 & 35 Vict. c. 17

Short title.

**1.** The Secretary of State may, by order, close the metropolitan police courts on any day appointed under section four of the Bank Holidays Act, 1871, to be observed as a Bank holiday.

**2.** This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Police Courts (Holidays) Act, 1897, and may be cited with the Metropolitan Police Acts, 1829 to 1895.

**CHAPTER 15.**

An Act to amend the Navy and Marines (Wills) Act, 1865. [3rd June 1897.]

**B**E 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 :