

" and for lighting, cleansing, paving, draining, supplying water to, and improving the " same, and also for promoting the public health thereof:"

And whereas various populous places have been established and magistrates and commissioners therein appointed under the provisions of the said recited Act and other Acts therein recited, and it is expedient that the senior police magistrate of such places should be placed in the same position with regard to the county in which the said populous places are situated as the provosts of royal and parliamentary burghs:

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:

Senior magis-
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supply.

1. In every populous place whereof the boundaries have been ascertained and fixed under the provisions of the said recited Act or the Act therein first recited, and which has adopted either of the said Acts so far as regards lighting, cleansing, draining, and the supply of water, the senior police magistrate elected under the provisions of either of the said Acts shall be ex officio a justice of the peace and commissioner of supply of the county within which the said populous place is situated; and where any such populous place is partly situated in each of two or more counties, such senior police magistrate shall in like manner be ex officio a justice of the peace and a commissioner of supply of each and all of the several counties in which any part of such populous place may be situated.

CHAP. 38.

An Act to disfranchise the Boroughs of Sligo and Cashel. [1st August 1870.]

WHEREAS representations were made to Her Majesty, in joint addresses of both Houses of Parliament, to the effect that the judges selected in pursuance of the Parliamentary Elections Act, 1868, for the trial of the petitions complaining of undue elections and returns for the boroughs of Sligo and Cashel at the elections of members to serve in Parliament, respectively held for the said boroughs in the month of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, had respectively reported to the House of Commons as to the said borough of Sligo that corrupt practices extensively prevailed at the said election, and as to the said borough of Cashel that there was reason to believe that the corrupt practice of bribery did extensively prevail at the said election:

And whereas, in pursuance of such representations, Commissioners were appointed under two several commissions, both dated the twenty-third day of June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such bribery and corrupt practices, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament passed in the sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-seven, intituled "An Act to provide for the more effectual inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices at elections for members to serve in Parliament:"

And whereas the Commissioners so appointed reported to Her Majesty:

- (1.) As respects the said borough of Sligo, that corrupt practices had extensively prevailed in Sligo at the elections of the years one thousand eight hundred and sixty, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and the said election of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight:
- (2.) As respects the said borough of Cashel, that the election of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five was conducted in a corrupt manner on the part of one of the candidates, and that corrupt practices were committed at the said election, and that the said election of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight was conducted in a corrupt manner on the part of each of the candidates:

And whereas it appears by the report of the said Commissioners as to the said borough of Cashel, that corrupt practices extensively prevailed in Cashel at both the said elections:

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. From and after the passing of this Act the boroughs of Sligo and Cashel shall respectively cease to return any member or members to serve in Parliament.

Disfranchisement of Sligo and Cashel.

2. Whereas the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in the borough of Sligo by their report, dated the third day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy, reported to Her Majesty that the persons named in the schedules (E.) and (F.) annexed to their said report had been guilty of bribery in either giving or receiving bribes at the said election in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight: Be it enacted, that none of the persons so named in the said schedules shall have the right of voting for the county of Sligo in respect of a qualification situated within the said borough of Sligo.

Persons reported guilty of bribery in Sligo disqualified as voters for the county of Sligo in respect of qualification arising in said borough.

3. Whereas the Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in the said borough of Cashel, by their report dated the eighteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, reported to Her Majesty that the persons named in the schedules (C.) and (D.) annexed to their said report had been guilty of bribery in either giving or receiving bribes at the said election in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight: Be it enacted, that none of the persons so named in the said schedules, except Patrick Connor named in the said schedule (C.), shall have the right of voting for the county of Tipperary in respect of a qualification situated within the said borough of Cashel.

Persons reported guilty of bribery in Cashel disqualified as voters for the county of Tipperary in respect of qualification arising in said borough.

4. Any copy of either of the said reports by the said Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of corrupt practices in either of the said boroughs of Sligo or Cashel, with the schedules thereunto annexed, purporting to be printed by the Queen's authority, shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be sufficient evidence of either of the said reports, and of the schedules annexed thereto.

Evidence of reports.

CHAP. 39.

An Act to facilitate transfers of Ecclesiastical Patronage in certain cases.

[1st August 1870.]

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. The powers and provisions contained in the seventy-third section of the Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and thirteen, in the twenty-second section of the Act of the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-nine, and in the twelfth section of the Act of the thirty-first and thirty-second years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and fourteen, shall be held to authorise the transfer, by the process and with the consents therein mentioned, of the ownership of any advowson or other right of patronage in any spiritual preferment, or any estate or interest in the same; provided always, that it shall appear to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, and shall be so stated in the scheme submitted by them to Her Majesty in Council for

Provisions of 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113. s. 73., 4 & 5 Vict. c. 39. s. 22., 31 & 32 Vict. c. 114. s. 12., to authorise transfer of any advowson.