CHAPTER vi.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by the Secretary for Scotland under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 relating to the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen. [21st May 1896.]

A.D. 1896.

WHEREAS the Secretary for Scotland has made the Provisional Order set forth in the schedule hereto under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890:

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order should be confirmed by Parliament: 53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

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 as follows:—

1. The Order set out in the schedule hereto is hereby confirmed and all the provisions thereof shall have full validity and force. Order in schedule confirmed.

2. This Act may be cited as the Aberdeen Improvement Scheme Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1896. Short title.

[*Price* 3*d.*]

A.D. 1896.

SCHEDULE.

CITY AND ROYAL BURGH OF ABERDEEN.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890.

WHEREAS the Lord Provost Magistrates and Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen being the local authority under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 presented to me the Right Honourable Sir George Otto Trevelyan Baronet Secretary for Scotland a petition praying that an order might be made confirming a scheme prepared by the said local authority under Part I. of the said Act for the improvement of certain areas within the said city and royal burgh:

And whereas a copy of the said scheme and of the estimates by which it was accompanied is annexed to this Order:

And whereas the maps referred to in the said scheme have been deposited at the office of the Secretary for Scotland:

And whereas on consideration of the said petition and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements and of the service of the proper notices I thought fit to proceed with the case and directed a local inquiry to be made by William Alexander Brown sheriff-substitute of Aberdeen Kincardine and Banff in accordance with the provisions of the said Act for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the official representations made to the said local authority as to the areas and the sufficiency of the scheme provided for the improvement of such areas and any local objections to be made to such scheme:

And whereas before commencing such inquiry the said William Alexander Brown made public advertisement of his intention to make such inquiry and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all the persons desirous of being heard on the subject thereof in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the said Act:

And whereas the said William Alexander Brown has reported to me in favour of the scheme:

And whereas the population occupying the areas comprised in the said scheme is estimated at seven hundred and thirty-six persons and it is proved to my satisfaction that there is sufficient and suitable accommodation for such population in the neighbourhood of the said areas:

Now therefore I in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the said Act do hereby confirm the scheme and authorise the same to be carried into execution.

GEORGE OTTO TREVELYAN
Her Majesty's Secretary for Scotland.

Whitehall
23rd May 1895.

ABERDEEN (HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT) IMPROVEMENT SCHEME. A.D. 1896.

SCHEME made by the Lord Provost Magistrates and Town Council of the city and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen being the local authority under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890.

1.—This Scheme may be cited as the Aberdeen (Housing of the Working Classes Act) Improvement Scheme.

2.—In this Scheme the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them :—

"The burgh" means the city and royal burgh of Aberdeen.

"The Town Council" means the lord provost magistrates and Town Council of the city and royal burgh of Aberdeen.

"The town clerk" and "the burgh surveyor" mean respectively the town clerk and the burgh surveyor of the city and royal burgh of Aberdeen.

"The map" means the map which accompanies this Scheme.

"The areas" mean the areas coloured red blue and yellow on the map.

3.—The unhealthy area included in this Scheme is the area delineated and coloured red on the map The area of neighbouring lands included in the Scheme as necessary in the opinion of the Town Council for making it efficient for sanitary purposes is delineated and coloured blue on the map and the areas delineated and coloured yellow on the map are necessary in the opinion of the Town Council for widening the existing approaches to the unhealthy area or for opening out the same for the purposes of ventilation or health The areas herein before referred to are situated in the parish of St. Nicholas and within the burgh and county of Aberdeen

A duplicate of the map is deposited at the office of the town clerk and copies of the map or any part thereof certified by the burgh surveyor shall be received in all Courts of Justice or elsewhere as evidence of the contents thereof respectively.

4.—The Town Council may for the purposes of this Scheme and from time to time enter upon purchase take compulsorily and deal with all or any of the lands houses and buildings within the areas and take down and clear away the materials of such houses and buildings.

5.—The Town Council may lay out form pave sewer and complete such streets and with such approaches connections alterations of levels stopping up widening or diverting of existing streets lanes courts and closes and otherwise as may hereafter be determined by the Town Council to be necessary or proper for the purposes of this Scheme.

6.—The Town Council may for the erection of suitable dwellings for persons of the working class displaced by this Scheme from time to time appropriate any parts of the areas and also any lands for the time being belonging to them or which they have power to acquire.

7.—All dwelling-houses which may be erected in accordance with this Scheme shall be well and substantially built and shall be so situated and constructed as to secure efficient ventilation and shall be furnished with a proper water supply and with proper drainage and other sanitary appliances and apparatus to the satisfaction of the Town Council and shall be subject to the provisions of the local Police Acts in force for the time.

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8.—The Town Council shall as soon as practicable after the passing of the Act authorising this Scheme proceed to carry the same into execution but they may from time to time purchase and deal with parts of the lands within the areas without being required to purchase and deal with the whole of the lands within the areas.

9.—The Town Council may in carrying out any of the purposes of this Scheme sell and dispose of the lands and property herein-before authorised to be dealt with by them or they may if they see fit retain the areas or any parts thereof and appropriate the same for such public purpose or purposes as may hereafter be determined by the Town Council.

10.—The costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparation of this Scheme and the obtaining of the relative Provisional Order and confirmation by Parliament and the expenses of the execution of this Scheme so far as not defrayed out of moneys received by the Town Council pursuant to the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 shall be paid by the Town Council out of the local rate as defined in the said Act or out of moneys borrowed for the purposes of the said Act Provided always that in repaying moneys so borrowed for the purposes of this Scheme the Town Council shall set apart as a sinking fund for repayment of the same not less than one-thirtieth part each year of the sum borrowed.

L.S.

Dated at Aberdeen and the City Seal hereunto affixed this Fifteenth day of October One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

W. Gordon Town Clerk.

Estimate of Cost of Scheme made by the Lord Provost Magistrates and Town Council of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen being the Local Authority under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 :—

	£	s.	d.
Cost of acquiring the lands and buildings for the purposes of the Scheme clearing the sites and incidental works - - - - - -	25,776	0	0
Estimated value of surplus lands available for re-sale -	10,950	0	0
Net cost of Scheme - - -	14,826	0	0

Wm. Dyack Burgh Surveyor.

Aberdeen 15th October 1894.

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