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CAP. LXI.

An Act to amend the Act for the Establishment of public Baths and Wash-houses. [2d *July* 1847.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to encourage the Establishment of public Baths and Wash-houses*: And whereas it is expedient to afford additional Facilities for the Establishment of public Baths and Wash-houses and open Bathing Places; 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, That the recited Act, as amended by this Act, and this Act shall be construed and be carried into execution as One Act. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 74.

Recited Act and this Act to be construed as One.

II. And be it enacted and declared, That the following Words and Expressions in the recited Act shall have in the said Act and this Act the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,) Interpretation of Expressions in recited Act and this Act.

"Parish" shall mean not only every Place having separate Overseers of the Poor and separately maintaining its own Poor, but also every Place maintaining its own Poor and having a Vestry:

"Rate-payers" shall mean all Persons for the Time being assessed to and paying Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the Parish:

"Vestry" shall mean not only a Vestry as defined in the said Act, but also any Body of Persons, by whatever Name distinguished, acting by virtue of any Act of Parliament, Prescription, Custom, or otherwise as or instead of a Vestry or Select Vestry.

Acts of Commissioners of Public Baths, &c. to be valid, notwithstanding Informalities.

III. And be it enacted, That when any Person shall have been appointed to the Office of Commissioners of Public Baths and Wash-houses for any Parish before the passing of this Act, the recited Act shall be deemed to have been duly adopted for such Parish notwithstanding that there may have been any Defect or Irregularity in or in any way concerning such Adoption; and all Acts and Proceedings of any Person in possession of the Office of such Commissioner, and acting in good Faith as such Commissioner, whether appointed before or after the passing of this Act, shall, notwithstanding his Disqualification or Want of Qualification for or any Defect or Irregularity in or in any way concerning his Appointment to such Office, be as valid and effectual as if he were duly qualified or there had not been any such Defect or Irregularity.

Incorporation of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. Council, &c. not to take Lands, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall be incorporated with the recited Act and this Act: Provided always, that the Council and Commissioners respectively shall not purchase or take any Lands otherwise than by Agreement.

Proportion of Washing Accommodation for Labouring Classes.

V. And be it enacted, That the Number of Washing Tubs or Troughs for the Labouring Classes in any Building or Buildings under the Management of the same Council or Commissioners shall not be less than Twice the Number of the Washing Tubs or Troughs of any higher Class, if but One, or of all the higher Classes if more than One, in the same Building or Buildings.

So much of recited Act as regulates Charges for Use of Baths, &c. repealed.

VI. And be it enacted, That so much of the recited Act as enacts that the Council and Commissioners respectively may make such reasonable Charges for the Use of the Baths and Wash-houses and open Bathing Places as they think fit, not exceeding such Charges as are mentioned in the Schedule (B.) to that Act, shall be repealed.

Power to make Charges for Use of Baths, &c. not exceeding those in the Schedule.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Council and the Commissioners respectively may from Time to Time make such reasonable Charges for the Use of the Baths and Wash-houses and open Bathing Places provided under the recited Act and this Act respectively as they think fit, not exceeding the Charges mentioned in the Schedule annexed to this Act.

Act may be amended, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Charges for the Baths and Wash-houses and open Bathing Places.

1. Baths for the Labouring Classes.

Every Bath to be supplied with clean Water for every Person bathing alone, or for several Children bathing together, and in either Case with One clean Towel for every Bather.

For One Person above Eight Years old:
Cold Bath, or cold Shower Bath, any Sum not exceeding - - - - - - - One Penny.
Warm Bath, or warm Shower Bath, or Vapour Bath, any Sum not exceeding - - - Two-pence.

For several Children, not above Eight Years old, nor exceeding Four, bathing together:
Cold Bath, or cold Shower Bath, any Sum not exceeding - - - - - - Two-pence.
Warm Bath, or warm Shower Bath, or Vapour Bath, any Sum not exceeding - - Four-pence.

2. Baths of any higher Class.

Such Charges as the Council and the Commissioners respectively think fit, not exceeding in any Case Three Times the Charges above mentioned for the several Kinds of Baths for the Labouring Classes.

3. Wash-houses for the Labouring Classes.

Every Wash-house to be supplied with Conveniences for washing and drying Clothes and other Articles.

For the Use by One Person of One Washing Tub or Trough, and of a Copper or Boiler (if any), or, where One of the Washing Tubs or Troughs shall be used as a Copper or Boiler, for the Use of One Pair of Washing Tubs or Troughs, and for the Use of the Conveniences for drying:
For One Hour only in any One Day, any Sum not exceeding - - - - - - One Penny
For Two Hours together, in any One Day, any Sum not exceeding - - - Three-pence.

Any Time over the Hour or Two Hours respectively, if not exceeding Five Minutes, not to be reckoned.

For Two Hours not together, or for more than Two Hours in any One Day, such Charges as the Council and the Commissioners respectively think fit.

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For the Use of the washing Conveniences alone, or of the drying Conveniences alone, such Charges as the Council and the Commissioners respectively think fit, but not exceeding in either Case the Charges for the Use for the same Time of both the washing and the drying Conveniences.

4. WASH-HOUSES OF ANY HIGHER CLASS.

Such Charges as the Council and the Commissioners respectively think fit.

5. OPEN BATHING PLACES, where several Persons bathe in the same Water, for One Person One Halfpenny.

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