now passed or to be passed contained as regards the Priorities or Mode of Payment of any Monies authorized or directed by any such Act to be borrowed, except so far as the same may by any such Act be altered, varied, or repealed by express Reference to this Act.

Loans may be advanced at a lower Rate of Interest than Five per Cent.

III. From and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Public Works Loan Commissioners and they are hereby authorized to make Advances at such Rate of Interest as they in their Discretion may think fit, not being less than the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, except that in case at the Time at which the said Commissioners shall resolve to make any Loan it shall appear that the Rate of Interest to be produced by an Investment in the Purchase of the Stock called the Three *per Centum* Consolidated Bank Annuities would be above Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum*, then no such Loan shall be granted at a Rate of Interest less than the Rate which would be produced by an Investment in the Purchase of the said Stock; and such Rate of Interest for the Purpose aforesaid shall be ascertained by the said Commissioners by the average Price of such Stock on the Day before the resolving to make such Loan, if the Transfer Books shall on that Day be open, if not, then by the average Price of such Stock on the Day next before the closing of such Transfer Books; provided that if the Rate of Interest upon any Advances to be made by the said Commissioners be less than the Rate which by the Act or Acts herein-before recited or referred to the said Commissioners are now authorized or required to take, or in case any Loan the Interest whereof is so as aforesaid to be regulated by the Price of such Stock, then the Consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the Time being shall be obtained previously to resolving to make such Loan.

Powers of Treasury to reduce Interest not to be affected.

IV. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to alter, lessen, or abridge the Powers given to or vested in the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to reduce the Rate of Interest on any Loan advanced or to be advanced by the said Public Works Loan Commissioners, in the Manner and under the Circumstances in any of the Acts herein-before referred to particularly stated or mentioned.

Short Title.

V. In citing this Act for any Purpose whatsoever, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The Public Works Loan Act, 1853."

CAP. XLI.

An Act for making further Provisions with respect to Common Lodging Houses. [4th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to extend the Provisions of "The Common Lodging 'Houses Act, 1851:"' 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:

Short Title.

I. This Act may be cited for any Purpose as "The Common Lodging Houses Act, 1853."

Recited Act and this Act to be as One.

II. The Common Lodging Houses Act, 1851, and this Act shall be construed and executed as if they were One Act.

All Common Lodging Houses to be registered before being used, and to be kept only by registered Keepers.

III. After Three Months after the passing of this Act a Person shall not keep a Common Lodging House or receive a Lodger therein until the House have been inspected and approved for that Purpose by some Officer appointed in that Behalf by the local Authority, and have been registered as by the recited Act provided; and a Person shall not keep a Common Lodging House unless his Name as the Keeper thereof be entered in the Register kept under the recited Act: Provided always, that when the Person so registered dies, his Widow or any Member of his Family may keep the House as a Common Lodging House for not more than Four Weeks after his Death without being registered as the Keeper thereof.

IV. The

Local Authority may refuse to register Houses, if Keepers do not produce Certificate of Character.

IV. The local Authority may refuse to register as the Keeper of a Common Lodging House a Person who does not produce to the local Authority a Certificate of Character in such Form as the local Authority shall direct, signed by Three Inhabitant Householders of the Parish respectively rated to the Relief of the Poor of the Parish within which the Lodging House is situate for Property of the yearly rateable Value of Six Pounds or upwards.

Evidence of Register.

V. A Copy of an Entry made in a Register kept under the recited Act, certified by the Person having the Charge of the Register to be a true Copy, shall be received in all Courts and before all Justices and on all Occasions whatsoever as Evidence, and be sufficient Proof of all Things therein registered, without Production of the Register or of any Document, Act, or Thing on which the Entry is founded; and every Person applying at a reasonable Time shall be furnished *gratis* by the Person having such Charge with a certified Copy of any such Entry.

Power to local Authority to require an additional Supply of Water to Common Lodging Houses.

VI. Where it appears to the local Authority that a Common Lodging House is without a proper Supply of Water for the Use of the Lodgers, and that such a Supply can be furnished thereto at a reasonable Rate, the local Authority may by Notice in Writing require the Owner or Keeper of the Common Lodging House, within a Time specified therein, to obtain such Supply, and to do all Works necessary for that Purpose; and if the Notice be not complied with accordingly, the local Authority may remove the Common Lodging House from the Register until it be complied with.

As to Removal of sick Persons from Common Lodging Houses to Hospitals, &c.

VII. When a Person in a Common Lodging House is ill of Fever or any infectious or contagious Disease the local Authority may cause such Person to be removed to an Hospital or Infirmary, with the Consent of the Authorities thereof, and on the Certificate of the Medical Officer of the Parish, Place, or District that the Disease is infectious or contagious, and that the Patient may be safely removed, and may, so far as the local Authority think requisite for preventing the Spread of Disease, cause any Clothes or Bedding used by such Person to be disinfected or destroyed, and may, if the local Authority think fit, award to the Owners of the Clothes and Bedding so disinfected or destroyed reasonable Compensation for the Injury or Destruction thereof, and such Compensation shall be paid to such Owners by the proper Officer of the Parish or Union in which the Common Lodging House is situate, out of the Rates applicable to the Relief of the Poor of such Parish, the Amount of such Compensation being first certified in Writing upon a List of such Articles.

Power to order Reports from Keepers of Common Lodging Houses kept for Beggars and Vagrants.

VIII. The Keeper of a Common Lodging House in which Beggars or Vagrants are received to lodge, or other Person having the Care or Management thereof, shall from Time to Time, if required by any Order of the local Authority served on such Keeper or Person, report to the local Authority, or to such Person or Persons as the said local Authority shall direct, every Person who resorted to such House during the preceding Day or Night, and for that Purpose Schedules shall be furnished by the local Authority to the Persons so ordered to report, which Schedules they shall fill up with the Information required, and transmit to the local Authority.

Power to Town Councils, &c. to remove Causes of Complaint certified under Nuisances Removal, &c. Act.

IX. The Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, and other Officers and Boards specified in the First Section of the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," shall, on the Receipt of a Certificate of any Police Constable or of any Officer appointed for the Inspection of Common Lodging Houses by the local Authority, stating the Existence in or about any Common Lodging House of any of the Causes of Complaint specified in that Section, take all such Proceedings as by that Section are required to be taken by the Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, and other Officers and Boards specified therein on a Notice signed by Two Inhabitant Householders, and in like Manner as nearly as may be as if such Notice had been given; and the local Authority shall have the like Powers, and shall take all such Proceedings, on Receipt of any such Certificate of the Existence of any such Cause of Complaint, as the Town Council, Trustees, Commissioners, Guardians, and other Officers or Boards have and are empowered and required to take under the Provisions of that Act.

The Oxford Commissioners and the Cam-

X. Provided always, notwithstanding any Provision contained in this Act, That within the City of *Oxford*, or the Parts within the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners for amending certain

bridge Commissioners to act as the local Authority under this Act.

certain Mileways leading to *Oxford*, and making Improvements in the University and City of *Oxford*, the Suburbs thereof, and the adjoining Parish of *Saint Clement*, (which Commissioners are herein-after called the *Oxford* Commissioners,) the several Powers and Duties assigned by this Act to any local Authority shall, in so far as they are consistent with the Laws under which the said *Oxford* Commissioners act, be exercised by the said *Oxford* Commissioners; and within the Borough of *Cambridge*, or the Parts within the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners acting under an Act of the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, for amending and enlarging the Powers of a former Act of the same Reign, for the better paving, cleansing, and lighting the Town of *Cambridge*, for removing and preventing Obstructions and Annoyances, and for widening the Streets, Lanes, and other Passages within that Town, (which Commissioners are herein-after called the *Cambridge* Commissioners,) the several Powers and Duties aforesaid shall, in so far as they are consistent with the Laws under which the said *Cambridge* Commissioners act, be exercised by the *Cambridge* Commissioners.

As to Offences against this Act.

XI. The Fourteenth Section of the recited Act extends to Offences against any of the Provisions of this Act, so as to render the Offenders liable to the Penalties therein expressed, and any Person convicted of any Offence against the recited Act and this Act, or either of them, may, in default of Payment of the Penalty imposed, be imprisoned for any Term not exceeding Three Months in the Manner provided by Law in that Behalf.

Conviction for Third Offence to disqualify Persons from keeping Common Lodging House.

XII. Where a Keeper of a Common Lodging House, or a Person having or acting in the Care or Management of a Common Lodging House, is convicted of a Third Offence against the recited Act and this Act, or either of them, the Justices before whom the Conviction for such Third Offence takes place may, if they think fit, adjudge that he shall not at any Time within Five Years after the Conviction, or within such shorter Period after the Conviction as the Justices think fit, keep or have or act in the Care or Management of a Common Lodging House without the previous Licence in Writing of the local Authority, which Licence the local Authority may withhold or may grant on such Terms and Conditions as they think fit.

Acts may be executed by Justices at Petty Sessions.

XIII. In a Case in which there are not Petty Sessions for a Place fifthly mentioned in Section Three of the recited Act, that Act and this Act may be executed within and for all and any Part of such Place by the Justices of the Peace acting in Petty Sessions in the Petty Sessional Division within which such Place is comprised.

As to Expenses of executing Act by Justices.

XIV. Where in any Place the recited Act and this Act are executed by Justices in Petty Sessions, the Expenses of and incident to the executing of the recited Act and this Act with respect to such Petty Sessional Division shall be borne by and paid out of the Rates for the Relief of the Poor of the several Parishes or other Places comprised therein in which any Common Lodging House is situate (except so far as there are other Monies applicable to the Purpose), and the Amount of such Expenses shall be ascertained and apportioned by such Justices, and shall be paid accordingly as they order.

C A P. XLII.

An Act for disafforesting the Forest of *Whittlewood* otherwise *Whittlebury*.

[4th *August* 1853.]

'WHEREAS the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in right of Her Crown is seised to 'Herself, Her Heirs and Successors, of and in the Royal Forest of *Whittlewood* other-'wise *Whittlebury* in the Counties of *Northampton*, *Oxford*, and *Buckingham*, or in some or 'One of the said Counties, and of and in the Soil thereof, and all Timber and other Trees, 'and all Saplings likely to become Timber, growing thereon, with the Right of Herbage and 'Feed for Deer, subject to certain Rights of the Most Noble *Henry* Duke of *Grafton* in and 'over the same, and subject also as to Portions thereof to certain Rights of Common in

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