## CHAPTER 29.

An Act for conferring powers upon the Metropolitan Board of Works with respect to the Obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle, and other Monuments. [22d July 1878.]

WHEREAS the Thames Embankments called the Victoria, Albert, and Chelsea Embankments, and other lands, are vested in the Metropolitan Board of Works, and subject to their control and management for the benefit of the public:

And whereas it would be to the advantage of the Metropolis that facilities should be afforded for the maintenance of the obelisk known by the name of Cleopatra's Needle upon the Victoria Embankment, and that other powers should be conferred as in this Act provided with respect to the preservation of monuments, statues, and other works of art from time to time upon any of the said embankments and lands:

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:

Short title of Act.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Monuments (Metropolis) Act, 1878.

Interpretation.

**2.** In this Act the following terms shall have the meanings herein-after assigned to them.

The term "the Board" shall mean the Metropolitan Board of Works:

The term "the obelisk" shall mean the obelisk known as Cleopatra's Needle:

The term "monument" shall include any monument, statue, or other work.

Obelisk placed under care of the Board.

**3.** When the obelisk has been erected on the Victoria Embankment, the same shall thereupon be under the care and control of the Board, and the Board shall preserve and maintain the same for the benefit of the public, and the Board may erect in connexion therewith any appropriate works of art.

Penalties for injuring obelisk or monuments.

**4.** Any person who injures or disfigures the obelisk, or any monument erected or to be erected on any of the said embankments or lands, or who posts any bill or placard, or who writes, cuts, prints, draws, or marks in any manner any word or character, or any representation of any object, on the obelisk or such monument, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay to the Board a penalty not exceeding five pounds, to be recovered in the manner provided by the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and the Acts amending the same, with respect to the recovery of penalties by summary proceedings.

18 & 19 Vict. c. 120.

Expenses of execution of Act.

**5.** All expenses incurred by the Board in respect of this Act, and in execution by them of this Act, shall be deemed to be expenses incurred by them in the execution of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and shall be raised and paid accordingly.

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## CHAPTER 30.

An Act to alter the time of electing Commissioners under the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862. [22d July 1878.]

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:

Short title and construction of Act.

25 & 26 Vict. c. 101.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Amendment Act, 1878, and shall be construed as one with the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act, 1862, and any Acts amending the same.

**2.** Sections fifty and fifty-one of the principal Act are hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof the provisions contained in the two following sections of this Act shall have effect in regard to the election and rotation of Commissioners under the principal Act. Repeal of ss. 50 and 51 of 25 & 26 Vict. c. 101.

**3.** One third of the Commissioners, or where the burgh is divided into wards one third of the Commissioners for each ward, shall, save as herein-after provided, go annually out of office on the first Tuesday of November in each year, and on the first Tuesday of November annually the places of the Commissioners going out of office shall be supplied by an equal number of new Commissioners, to be elected from among the householders of the burgh under all the rules, regulations, and provisions now in force applicable to a first election under the principal Act, and the like notice of such annual election shall be given as is in the principal Act directed to be given of such first election of Commissioners: Provided always, that where the first election of Commissioners under the principal Act shall take place on or after the first day of May in any year no Commissioner shall go out of office and no second election of Commissioners shall take place until the first Tuesday of November in the year succeeding that in which the first election took place: Provided also, that no Commissioner or magistrate of police in office at the passing of this Act shall go out of office until the first Tuesday of November following. One third of Commissioners to be elected annually.

**4.** The third of the Commissioners who shall go out of office at the second election of Commissioners under the principal Act as amended by this Act shall consist of the Commissioners who at the first election under the principal Act had the smallest number of votes, and where the burgh is divided into wards of the Commissioners who at the said first election in each ward had the smallest number of votes in such ward; and the Commissioners who shall go out of office at the third election of Commissioners under the principal Act as amended by this Act shall consist of the Commissioners who at the first election had the next smallest number of votes, and where the burgh is divided into wards of the Commissioners who at the said first election in each ward had the next smallest number of votes in such ward; and thereafter the third of the Commissioners who shall annually go out of office shall consist of the Commissioners who have been longest in office: Provided always, that in any case where Commissioners shall have been elected without a poll or where there shall have been an equality of votes the Commissioners shall decide at a meeting convened for the purpose which Commissioners elected without a poll or having an equality of votes shall go out of office: Provided also, that the senior magistrate of police shall always remain in office for three years after his election as such senior magistrate, and for that purpose he shall be held to have had the largest number of votes at the said first election, and to have been the shortest period in office at all elections subsequent to the third election under the principal Act as amended by this Act. Rotation of Commissioners.

## CHAPTER 31.

### An Act to consolidate and amend the Law for preventing Frauds upon Creditors by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels. [22d July 1878.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate and amend the law relating to bills of sale of personal chattels:

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.** This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Bills of Sale Act, 1878. Short title.

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, which day is in this Act referred to as the commencement of this Act. Commencement.