CHAPTER xl.

An Act to authorise the Commissioners of the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks to construct additional Works; and for other purposes. [23d May 1879.]

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WHEREAS by the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Act, 1855, the magistrates and council of the city of Glasgow (herein-after called "the Commissioners") were appointed Commissioners for carrying into effect the purposes of the said Act, and were authorised to purchase and acquire the Glasgow Waterworks and the Gorbals Gravitation Waterworks, and to introduce an additional supply of water from Loch Katrine, and to supply with water the said city and suburbs thereof, and districts and places adjacent: 18 & 19 Vict. c. cxviii.

And whereas the Commissioners purchased and acquired the undertakings of the Glasgow Waterworks Company and the Gorbals Gravitation Water Company; and the whole waterworks, property, rights, and privileges of the said Companies were transferred to and vested in the Commissioners:

And whereas further powers were granted to the Commissioners by the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1859, the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1860, the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1865, the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1866, the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1873, and the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1877: 22 Vict. c. ix. 23 & 24 Vict. c. xxxiii. 28 & 29 Vict. c. lxix. 29 & 30 Vict. c. cccxxviii. 36 & 37 Vict. c. xxxvi. 40 & 41 Vict. c. clxv.

And whereas by the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1866, (herein-after called "the Act of 1866,") the Commissioners were authorised to construct the reservoirs, pumping station, and conduits or main pipes therein described for the purpose of supplying water for trading, manufacturing, and other purposes to the owners, lessees, and occupiers of manufactories and other works, and various provisions were inserted in connexion with the supply of water so to be granted:

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And whereas by the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1873, (herein-after called "the Act of 1873,") the time limited by the Act of 1866 for the construction of the works thereby authorised, with the exception of a portion of the said works which was authorised to be abandoned, was extended:

And whereas the Commissioners were by the Act of 1866 authorised to borrow on mortgage a sum not exceeding in the whole one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, in addition to the sum of one million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds which they had been previously authorised to borrow, and by the Act of 1877 they were authorised to borrow an additional sum of four hundred and fifty thousand pounds:

And whereas the Commissioners have executed all the works specified in and authorised by the Act of 1866, except a portion of the work fifthly specified in the said Act, and therein described as "a conduit or main pipe commencing at the west side of the reservoir "for low-level district, and terminating at or near the point where "the centre line of Crown Street intersects the centre line of Govan "Street in the city of Glasgow," the said work having only been constructed from the point described as the commencement thereof to a point on the north side of the river Clyde, and from the south side of the said river to a point between York Street and Waddell Street:

And whereas the Commissioners, on the 31st day of July and 1st day of August 1876, entered into a contract for the construction of a conduit or main pipe to be laid under the river Clyde (being a portion of the said conduit or main pipe fifthly authorised by the Act of 1866) to connect the works lastly described as having been constructed on the north and south sides of the river, the said contract providing that the work should be completed by the 3rd day of November 1876, (within the extended period limited by the Act of 1873 for the completion of the said conduit or main pipe,) but the same has not been completed in terms of the said contract, and the time limited by the Act of 1873 for the completion thereof has expired:

And whereas the Commissioners have expended on the works authorised by the Act of 1866, so far as constructed, a sum of ninety thousand eight hundred pounds, but until the connexion between the north and south sides of the river is completed the Commissioners will be unable to give the supply of water provided by that Act to the parties on the south side of the said river, or to enforce the provisions to recover the revenue which the Act of 1866 secured to the Commissioners as the return for the expenditure

to be made by them, and it is expedient that the Commissioners should be authorised to construct works to complete that connexion, and the conduit or main pipe on the south side of the said river:

And whereas by the construction of a temporary staging across the river Clyde, and the laying thereon of a temporary pipe, a supply of water could be given to the owners of manufactories and works on the south side of the Clyde at a much earlier period than if such supply were delayed until the completion of the permanent conduit or main pipe before referred to, and it is expedient that the Commissioners should be authorised to construct a temporary staging, and to lay thereon a temporary pipe:

And whereas a plan and section describing the lines and levels of the works necessary to complete the connexion between the north and south sides of the river Clyde, and to enable the Commissioners to give the supply provided by the Act of 1866, and to complete the said conduit or main pipe on the south side of the Clyde from the point at which it has been constructed to that described in the Act of 1866 as its termination, and also of the temporary staging and temporary pipe to be laid thereon, and a book of reference to such plan, containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and of the occupiers of the lands to be taken or interfered with for the purposes thereof, have been deposited with the principal sheriff clerk of the county of Lanark, and are in this Act herein-after referred to as the deposited plan, sections, and book of reference:

And whereas by the Act of 1866 various rights were conferred and obligations laid on the Commissioners, and on various owners and occupiers of works specified in the schedules to that Act annexed, dependent upon the execution of the works by that Act authorised, and it is just and expedient that provision should be made for making these rights and obligations, except in so far as these rights and obligations are modified and altered as herein-after provided, enforceable on the Commissioners being able to fulfil the obligations undertaken by them under the Act of 1866, by the execution of the works by this Act authorised, although the time limited by the Act of 1866 as extended by the Act of 1873 for the execution of the works thereby authorised has expired:

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal,

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and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Glasgow Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1879.

Incorporation of general Acts. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 19. 23 & 24 Vict. c. 106. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 17. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 93. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 33.

2. The Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845; the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860; the Waterworks Clauses Acts, 1847 and 1863; and also such parts of the Railways Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, as relate to roads, and to the temporary occupation of lands near the railway during the construction thereof, are (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Interpretation of terms.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith have the same respective meanings, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; the expressions "the promoters of the undertaking," "the Commissioners," and the "Company" shall mean the Commissioners; and the expressions "the railway" and "the undertaking" shall mean respectively the undertakings by this Act authorised; the expression "the sheriff" when used in this Act shall mean the sheriff of the county of Lanark or any one of his substitutes.

Incorporating 10 & 11 Vict. c. 27. ss. 12 and 13.

4. The twelfth and thirteenth sections of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act, 1847, are incorporated with and form part of this Act, and in construing the said sections as incorporated with this Act the expression "harbours, docks, or piers" used in the said Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act shall mean the works by this Act authorised.

Power to construct works.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Commissioners are hereby authorised and required to make and maintain, in the lines and according to the levels shown on the deposited plan and sections, the temporary staging and pipe and permanent conduits or main pipes herein-after described, and other works and conveniences connected therewith, and may enter upon, take, and use such of the lands delineated on the said plan and described in the deposited book of reference as may be required for that purpose. The works authorised by this Act are:—

(1.) A temporary wooden staging or bridge across the river Clyde for the purpose of laying thereon the temporary conduit or pipe hereafter mentioned, commencing at a point in Glasgow Green, in the city and royal burgh of Glasgow, City parish of Glasgow, and county of Lanark, 10 yards or

thereby west from the west side of the carriage drive marked No. 3, in the City parish of Glasgow, on the plans deposited with the sheriff clerk of the county of Lanark, at Glasgow, for and referred to in the Act of 1866, and 3 yards or thereby, measuring in a southerly direction, from a continuation of the south building line of Govan Street, drawn eastward across the river Clyde, and also 225 yards or thereby, measuring in a straight line eastwards, from the east building line of M'Neil Street, and across the river Clyde, and terminating in Govan Street, in the parish of Govan and county of Lanark, at a point 125 yards or thereby, measuring in a straight line in an easterly direction, from the east building line of M'Neil Street aforesaid:

(2.) A temporary conduit or pipe, commencing by a junction with the conduit or main pipe fifthly described in section 13 of the Act of 1866, so far as the same is already constructed by the Commissioners on the north side of the river Clyde, at a point in Glasgow Green aforesaid on the east side of the carriage drive herein-before mentioned, in the city and royal burgh of Glasgow, City parish of Glasgow, and county of Lanark, 14 yards or thereby, measuring in a straight line in a southerly direction, from a continuation of the south building line of Govan Street, drawn eastwards across the river Clyde, and also measuring 241 yards or thereby in a straight line drawn eastwards from the east building line of M'Neil Street, and across the river Clyde, and terminating in Govan Street, in the parish of Govan and county of Lanark, by a junction with that part of the said conduit or main pipe fifthly described in section 13 of the Act of 1866, so far as already constructed by the Commissioners on the south side of the river Clyde, at a point 103 yards or thereby, measuring in a straight line drawn in an easterly direction, from the east building line of M'Neil Street aforesaid:

(3.) A conduit or main pipe, commencing by a junction with the said conduit or main pipe fifthly described in section 13 of the Act of 1866, so far as already constructed by the Commissioners on the north side of the river Clyde, at a point in Glasgow Green aforesaid on the east side of the carriage drive herein-before mentioned, in the city and royal burgh of Glasgow, City parish of Glasgow, and county of Lanark, 14 yards or thereby, measuring in a straight line in a southerly direction, from a continuation

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of the south building line of Govan Street, drawn eastwards, and across the river Clyde, and measuring 241 yards or thereby in a straight line drawn eastwards from the east building line of M'Neil Street, and across the river Clyde, and terminating in Govan Street, in the parish of Govan and county of Lanark, by a junction with that part of the said conduit or main pipe fifthly described in section 13 of the Act of 1866, so far as already constructed by the Commissioners on the south side of the river Clyde, at a point 103 yards or thereby, measuring in a straight line drawn in an easterly direction, from the east building line of M'Neil Street aforesaid:

(4.) A conduit or main pipe, commencing by a junction with that portion of the said conduit or main pipe fifthly described in section 13 of the Act of 1866, so far as already constructed by the Commissioners on the south side of the river Clyde, at a point in a field or piece of vacant ground belonging to Messieurs J. R. Cochrane and Company, in the parish of Govan and county of Lanark, and numbered 6, in the last-mentioned parish, on the plans deposited with the sheriff clerk of the county of Lanark, at Glasgow, for and referred to in the Act of 1866, and 51 yards or thereby, measured in a straight line drawn in a westerly direction, from the centre line of York Street, and terminating in Govan Street, in the said last-mentioned parish and county, at or near the point where the centre line of Crown Street intersects the centre line of Govan Street aforesaid.

Limits of deviation.

6. In the construction of the works by this Act authorised, the Commissioners may deviate laterally from the lines thereof as shown on the deposited plan to the extent of the limits of lateral deviation marked thereon, and to any other extent with the consent in writing of the owners, lessees, and occupiers of the land on which such deviation is intended to be made, and vertically from the levels shown on the deposited sections to an extent not exceeding five feet upwards as respects the temporary wooden staging or bridge and temporary conduit or pipe firstly and secondly herein-before described, and to an extent not exceeding five feet downwards as respects the conduit or main pipe thirdly herein-before described, and to an extent not exceeding five feet upwards or five feet downwards as respects the conduit or main pipe fourthly herein-before described.

Width of temporary works.

7. The temporary wooden staging or bridge and conduit or pipe firstly and secondly herein-before described shall be constructed so

as to leave for the passage of vessels at all times a clear width of not less than fifty feet in the navigable portion of the river.

Errors, &c. in plan and book of reference may be corrected by sheriff, who shall certify the same.

8. If any omission, mis-statement, or erroneous description is found to have been made of any lands, or of any owners, lessees, or occupiers of any lands, described or intended to be described in the deposited plan or book of reference, the Commissioners may apply to the sheriff for the correction thereof, after giving ten days notice to the owners, lessees, and occupiers of the lands affected by the proposed correction, and if it appear to the sheriff that the omission, mis-statement, or erroneous description arose from mistake, he shall certify the same accordingly, stating the particulars of the omission, mis-statement, or erroneous description, and his certificate shall be deposited with the principal sheriff clerk of the county of Lanark, and shall be kept by him with the other documents to which it relates, and subject and according to the same enactments and provisions as apply to those other documents; and thereupon the deposited plan or book of reference (as the case requires) shall be deemed to be corrected according to the certificate, and the Commissioners may enter on, take, hold, and use those lands accordingly.

Certificate to be deposited.

Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

9. The powers of the Commissioners for compulsory purchase of lands under this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of one year from the commencement of this Act.

Period for completion of permanent works.

10. The works by this Act authorised, thirdly and fourthly described in the section of this Act the marginal note of which is "Power to construct works," shall be completed on or before the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and on the expiration of that period the powers by this Act granted to the Commissioners for executing the said works, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Period for completion of temporary works.

11. The works by this Act authorised, firstly and secondly described in the said section, shall be completed within three months after the passing of this Act, and the Commissioners shall and they are hereby required, immediately after the expiration of the said three months, to give the supply of water to the parties entitled thereto under the Act of 1866 as amended by this Act, who may require such supply.

Power to take easements, &c. by agreement.

12. Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Consolidation (Scotland) Act, 1845, to sell and convey or release lands, may, if they think fit, subject to the provisions of that Act and of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860, and of

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this Act, grant to the Commissioners any easement, right, or privilege, not being an easement of water, required for the purposes of this Act, in, over, or affecting any such lands, and the provisions of the said Acts with respect to lands and rentcharges, so far as the same are applicable in this behalf, shall extend and apply to such grants and to such easements, rights, and privileges as aforesaid respectively.

Amendment of section 20 of Act of 1866.

13. Section 20 of the Act of 1866 shall be read and have effect as follows; that is to say,

As if the words "and until such removal the said weir and lock "shall continue to be maintained by the said trustees" were not contained in the said section.

Amendment of section 21 of Act of 1866.

14. Section 21 of the Act of 1866 is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof, and in respect of the removal of the said weir and lock, and the benefit thence arising to the navigation of the river Clyde, the trustees of the Clyde Navigation shall be bound and they are hereby required, from and out of the funds, rates, or revenues under their management and control, to repay to the Commissioners one half of the whole expense incurred by them in removing the said weir and lock and works connected therewith, and also to pay to the Commissioners, on the lapse of four years after such removal, free of interest, the sum of five thousand pounds towards the cost of the works by the Act of 1866 or this Act authorised; and the materials of the said weir and lock may be taken and disposed of by the said trustees as they think fit.

Maintenance of weir and lock.

15. Until the removal of the said weir and lock the same shall continue to be maintained by the Commissioners, the maintenance thereof having devolved on them on seventh July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, pursuant to the provisions of section 32 of the Clyde Navigation Act, 1873.

36 & 37 Vict. c. cxv.

Amendment of Schedule (A.) to Act of 1866.

16. Schedule (A.) annexed to and referred to in the Act of 1866 shall be read and have effect as if the words and figures following; that is to say,

"Henry Monteith & Co., Barrowfield - - 1,325,000"

"Fleming, Watson, & Nairn, Adelphi Dyeworks - 570,000"

were not and had not been inserted therein, and as if the words and figures following; that is to say,

"John Robertson & Co., Newhall Factory - - 230,000"

had been and were inserted therein instead of the words and figures following; that is to say,

"J. & W. I. Scott & Co., John Street Mills - 350,000."

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Amendment of Schedule (B.) to Act of 1866.

17. Schedule (B.) annexed to and referred to in the Act of 1866 shall be read and have effect as if the words and figures following; that is to say,

"Henry Monteith & Co., Barrowfield	-	1,900,000"
"Fleming, Watson, & Nairn, Adelphi Dyeworks	-	600,000"
"J. & W. I. Scott & Co., John Street Mills	-	400,000"
"John Robertson & Co., Newhall Factory -	-	40,000"

were not and had not been inserted therein.

Amendment of sections 22 and 24 of Act of 1866.

18. Section 22 of the Act of 1866 shall be read and have effect as if the words following, that is to say, "two million nine hundred "and eighty-five thousand gallons of water," had been and were inserted therein instead of the words following, that is to say, "five "million gallons of water," and section 24 of the Act of 1866 shall be read and have effect as if the words following, that is to say, "five "hundred and ninety-seven thousand gallons per day," had been and were inserted therein instead of the words following, that is to say, "one million gallons per day."

Certificate as to completion of temporary works to be made and published by Lord Provost.

19. Immediately after the completion of the temporary staging and temporary pipe firstly and secondly in this Act described, the Lord Provost of Glasgow shall, by a notice signed by him and published in at least one daily newspaper published in Glasgow, certify that the same have been completed, and on the insertion of the said certificate in the said newspaper the following sections of the Act of 1866 shall be read and have effect as follows; that is to say,

Amendment of sections 20, 22, 23, and 24 of Act of 1866, on completion of temporary works.

(1.) Section 20, as amended by this Act, and sections 22, 23, and 24, as if the said temporary staging and temporary pipe had been the conduit or main pipe fifthly described in the Act of 1866, and as if they had been constructed under the authority of the Act of 1866, and had been completed within the time limited by that Act as extended by the Act of 1873, and had been certified as completed by the Lord Provost of Glasgow.

Amendment of sections 20, 22, 23, and 24 of Act of 1866, on completion of permanent pipe.

20. Immediately after the completion of the conduits or main pipes thirdly and fourthly described in and authorised by this Act, the Lord Provost of Glasgow shall, by notice signed by him and published in at least one daily newspaper published in Glasgow, certify that the same have been completed, and on the insertion of the said certificate in the said newspaper the immediately preceding section of this Act shall be repealed, and the following sections of the Act of 1866 shall be read and have effect as follows; that is to say,

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Section 20, as amended by this Act, and sections 22, 23, and 24, as if the said conduits or main pipes had been the conduit or main pipe fifthly described in the Act of 1866, and as if it had been constructed under the authority of the Act of 1866, and had been completed within the time limited by that Act as extended by the Act of 1873, and had been certified as completed by the Lord Provost of Glasgow; and thereupon the Commissioners shall take down and remove the said temporary staging and temporary pipe firstly and secondly before described, and may remove, use, sell, or otherwise dispose of the materials thereof: Provided always, that the period of fifteen years specified in section 23 of the Act of 1866 shall run from the first day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and not from the commencement of the supply of water or tender thereof under the Act of 1866 as amended by this Act; but the payments to be made under that section shall only commence from the period at which the Commissioners are prepared to give and shall tender the supply of water.

To secure completion of permanent works.

21. The Commissioners shall and they are hereby required, immediately after the works thirdly and fourthly by this Act authorised are completed, to give, by means of those works, the supply of water to the parties on the south side of the river Clyde entitled thereto under the Act of 1866 as amended by this Act; and if the said works thirdly described shall not be completed, and a supply of water shall not by means of such works be given to the said parties on or before the said thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighty, the Commissioners shall be bound and they are hereby required to give to such parties the supply of water to which they are entitled as aforesaid, without making any charge whatever for such supply during the period which shall elapse between the last-mentioned date and the period at which the Commissioners shall give the said supply by means of the said works.

Repeal of section 87 of Act of 1855, and provision as to supply of water for other than domestic purposes.

22. Section 87 of the Act of 1855 is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof be it enacted, that the Commissioners may furnish to any person within the limits of this Act a supply of water for steam engines or railway purposes, or for shipping, or for warming or ventilating any dwelling-house or other premises, or for working any machine or apparatus, or for cattle, or for horses or washing carriages when such horses or carriages are kept for hire or are the property of a dealer, or for gardens, fountains, or ornamental purposes, or for flushing sewers or drains, or for any trade, manufacture, or business, whether carried on in any dwelling-house

or in other premises, or for any other purpose not domestic, such respective supplies being so furnished at such rates and upon such terms and conditions as shall be fixed from time to time by the Commissioners, and be published by being exhibited in the office of the Commissioners: Provided always, that as far as possible the rate for such supply of water shall be uniform to all persons in the same circumstances and requiring the same extent of supply, and that this section shall in no respect repeal, prejudice, or affect any rights conferred under the Act of 1855 with reference to the supply of water under section 87 of that Act.

Power to apply money authorised to be raised under the Acts of 1866 and 1877 for purposes of this Act.

23. The Commissioners may apply, in defraying the costs of constructing the works by this Act authorised, and of acquiring the lands to be taken for the purposes thereof, and in carrying into effect the purposes of this Act, any of the moneys they are authorised to raise and borrow under the Act of 1866 and under the Act of 1877.

Saving provisions of Acts of 1866 and 1873, except as altered by this Act.

24. Except as by this Act otherwise specially provided, the provisions of the Act of 1866 and the Act of 1873 shall remain in full force and effect, and, except as aforesaid, nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect any obligations imposed or rights conferred by the Act of 1866 or by the Act of 1873.

Further saving provisions.

25. Subject to the provisions of the section of this Act the marginal note of which is "Amendment of section 21 of Act of 1866," nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect any claims for compensation or damages, obligations and liabilities, if any, existing at the passing of this Act, under or by virtue of section 32 of the Clyde Navigation Act, 1873, or under section 22 of the Act of 1866 as amended by the Act of 1873.

Saving rights of Crown in foreshore.

26. Nothing contained in this Act shall authorise the Commissioners to take, use, or in any manner interfere with any portion of the shore or bed of the sea, or of any river, channel, creek, bay, or estuary, or any right in respect thereof, belonging to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in right of her Crown, and under the management of the Board of Trade, without the previous consent in writing of the Board of Trade on behalf of Her Majesty (which consent the Board of Trade may give); neither shall anything in this Act contained extend to take away, prejudice, diminish, or alter any of the estates, rights, privileges, powers, or authorities vested in or enjoyed or exerciseable by the Queen's Majesty, her heirs or successors.

Lights on works.

27. Where the Commissioners are authorised by the special Act to construct, alter, or extend any work on, in, over, through, or across tidal lands or a tidal water, the Commissioners shall, on or

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near the work, during the whole time of the constructing, altering, or extending thereof, exhibit and keep burning at their own expense, every night from sunset to sunrise, such lights (if any) as the Board of Trade from time to time requires or approves, and (notwithstanding the enactments for the time being in force respecting lighthouses) shall also, on or near the work, when completed, always maintain, exhibit, and keep burning at their own expense, every night from sunset to sunrise, such lights (if any) for the guidance of ships as the Board of Trade from time to time requires or approves. If the Commissioners fail to comply in any respect with the provisions of the present section, they shall for each night in which they so fail be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Abatement of work abandoned or decayed.

28. If a work constructed by the Commissioners on, in, over, through, or across tidal lands or a tidal water is abandoned or suffered to fall into decay, the Board of Trade may abate and remove the work or any part of it, and restore the site thereof to its former condition at the expense of the Commissioners, and the amount of such expense shall be a debt due from the Commissioners to the Crown, and be recoverable accordingly, with costs, or the same may be recovered with costs as a penalty is recoverable from the Commissioners.

Survey of works by Board of Trade.

29. If at any time the Board of Trade deems it expedient to order a survey and examination of a work constructed by the Commissioners on, in, over, through, or across tidal lands or tidal water, or of the intended site of any such work, the Commissioners shall defray the expense of the survey and examination, and the amount thereof shall be a debt due from the Commissioners to the Crown, and be recoverable accordingly, with costs, or the same may be recovered with costs as a penalty is recoverable from the Commissioners.

Expenses of Act.

30. All costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Commissioners out of the rates to be levied or the money to be borrowed under the authority of the recited Acts.

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