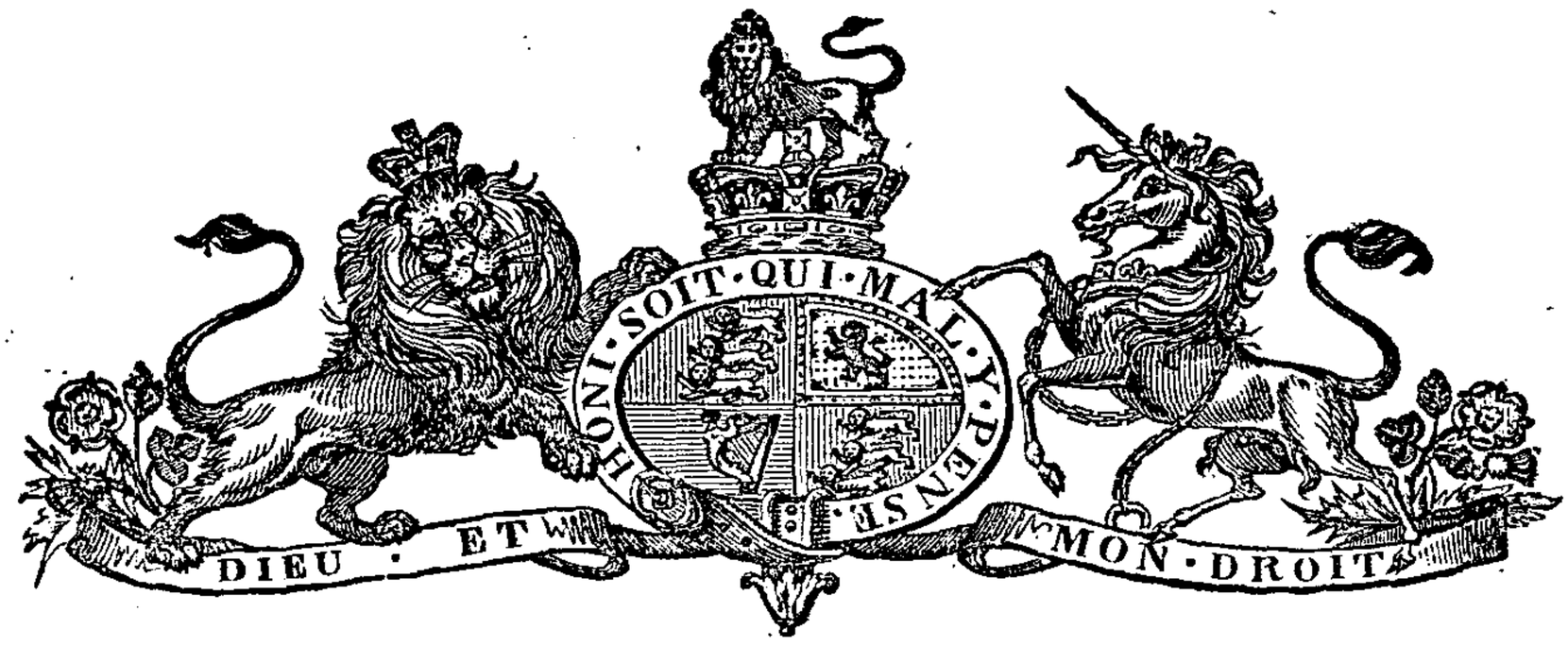


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Pounds and Fifteen Shillings *per Annum* or thereabouts; and there is also owing at Interest, on the Credit of the Rates authorized to be levied by the recited Acts or One of them in the Parish of *Milton*, the Sum of Five thousand five hundred Pounds or thereabouts, and Annuities granted on Lives amounting to the Sum of Two hundred and ninety-one Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence *per Annum* or thereabouts: And whereas it is expedient that more effectual Power than now exists should be enacted for the Liquidation of the Sums owing as aforesaid, and for the Payment of such Annuities, and that further and more effectual Powers should be granted for paving, cleansing, lighting, and improving so much of the Parishes of *Gravesend* and *Milton* as is situate within the Town of *Gravesend* as herein-after defined: And whereas such Objects may be more effectually attained if the recited Acts are repealed and other Powers granted instead thereof; but these things cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty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, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short Title. I. This Act may be cited for any Purpose as "*Gravesend* Improvement Act, 1856."

Commencement of Act. II. This Act shall commence and have Effect on and from the First Day of *August* next after the passing thereof.

Recited Acts repealed. III. On and from the Commencement of this Act the recited Acts are by this Act repealed.

Limits of Act. IV. This Act shall be put in force within the following Limits; (to wit,) so much of the Parishes of *Gravesend* and *Milton* as is coloured Green on a Plan of such Parishes signed by the Right Honourable *Henry FitzRoy*, and One Part whereof is deposited in the Private Bill Office of the Honourable the House of Commons, and which Limits are in this Act called "the Town."

Map of Limits to be deposited with Town Clerk. V. Within Two Months after the Commencement of this Act, the other Part of that Plan shall be deposited with the Town Clerk of *Gravesend*, who shall receive and retain it, and permit all Persons interested to inspect it, and make Copies and Extracts of and from the same, in like Manner, upon like Terms, and under like Penalty for default, as by the Act of the First Year of Her present Majesty, Chapter Eighty-three, is provided with respect to Documents therein specified.

VI. The

Same Meanings to Words, &c. in incorporated Acts and this Act.

VI. The several Words and Expressions to which, by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated with this Act, Meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective Meanings, unless there be in the Subject or Context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such Construction: Provided always, that any Proceedings that may under those Acts be taken in the "Superior Courts" may be taken in any Court of competent Jurisdiction.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 16. incorporated, except s. 54.

VII. "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," except Clause Fifty-four thereof, is incorporated with this Act.

Where annual Statement is to be sent to.

VIII. Provided always, That the annual Account by the Ninety-fifth Clause of "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," directed to be sent to the Clerk of the Peace shall be sent to the Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of *Gravesend* and *Milton* instead of to the Clerk of the Peace for the County in which the Undertaking is situate.

Commissioners incorporated for Execution of Act.

IX. The Commissioners for executing this Act (in this Act called the Commissioners) shall be called "*Gravesend* Improvement Commissioners," and by that Name shall be One Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and with Power to purchase, take, hold, and dispose of Lands and other Property for the Purposes but subject to the Restrictions of this Act, and to put this Act in all respects into execution.

Commissioners appointed.

X. The Seneschal or High Steward of the Corporation of *Gravesend* and *Milton*, the Mayor of such Corporation, the Sub-Seneschal or Recorder of such Corporation, the Governor and Deputy Governor of Her Majesty's Town and Forts of *Gravesend* and *Tilbury*, the Ordnance Storekeeper or Paymaster at *Gravesend* for the Time being respectively (in this Act called the *ex-officio* Commissioners), and *George Carter*, *James Binion Cooper*, *William Francis Dobson*, *Henry Ditchburn*, *John Gould*, *Edward Gregory*, *Edwin Francis Jewell*, *William Squire Plane*, *Henry Smith*, *Robert Turner*, *Thomas Troughton*, and *Jonathan West*, in respect of *Gravesend* Ward, and *Joseph Baldock Butcher*, *Edward Bryant*, *Baylie Cullerne*, *Charles Pulteney Cullerne*, *John Ferguson*, *Richard Martin*, *William Parsons*, *William Reed*, *John Smith*, *Medhurst Troughton*, *Richard Watson*, and *William Webb*, in respect of *Milton* Ward, shall be Commissioners for executing this Act.

Time and Place of the Commissioners Meetings.

XI. The Commissioners shall hold their First Meeting in the Town Hall, or at some other convenient Place, in the Town on the Second *Tuesday* after the Commencement of this Act, and all subsequent Meetings of the Commissioners shall be held at the Town Hall, or at such other Place as the Commissioners shall appoint.

XII. Except

Qualification of Commissioners.

XII. Except the *ex-officio* Commissioners, and except as by this Act otherwise provided, the Qualification of a Commissioner shall be his being of full Age, and the Occupier of a Tenement within the Town which was rated in the then last Rate under the recited Acts, or a Rate under this Act, on a net yearly Value of Twenty Pounds or upwards, or on a net yearly Value of not less than Twelve Pounds, and being also possessed of a Personal Estate of Five hundred Pounds.

Commissioner not incapable of acting as a Justice.

XIII. A Person shall not be incapable of acting as a Justice of the Peace in the Execution of this Act, with reference to any of the Purposes thereof, by reason of his being a Commissioner, or being liable to any Rate or Charge under this Act, or a Creditor.

Division of Town into Wards.

XIV. The Town shall be divided into Two Wards, as follows:

First. *Gravesend* Ward, comprising the District of the Town within the Parish of *Gravesend*.

Second. *Milton* Ward, comprising the District of the Town within the Parish of *Milton*.

Chairman of Commissioners to appoint Returning Officers.

XV. The Chairman of the Commissioners shall Twenty-one Days before the Day for any Election of Commissioners, by Writing under his Hand delivered to or left at the Office of the Clerk to the Commissioners, appoint for each Ward a Commissioner, not being a retiring Commissioner, to be the Returning Officer to preside at the Election for that Ward.

For supplying Vacancies in Returning Officer.

XVI. In every Case of the Death, Disqualification, or Failure to act in that Behalf of any Person so appointed, such Chairman shall, by Writing under his Hand delivered to or left at the Office of such Clerk, appoint One other Commissioner, not being a retiring Commissioner, to be the Returning Officer in the Place of the Person so first appointed.

Provision in Case of Failure to act of Chairman of Commissioners.

XVII. In every Case of the Death, Disqualification, or Failure to act of the Chairman, the Commissioners shall forthwith meet and appoint a Commissioner to act in his Stead during such Disqualification or Failure, or while the Office of Chairman is vacant; and every Person so appointed shall, during his Appointment, be deemed, for the Purposes of this Act, the Chairman.

Rotation of Commissioners.

XVIII. On the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, One Third of the Commissioners by this Act appointed in respect of *Gravesend* Ward, and One Third of the Commissioners by this Act appointed in respect of *Milton* Ward, and on the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *May* in each succeeding Year

Year One Third of such respective Commissioners, shall retire from Office, and an equal Number of Persons shall be elected, the retiring Commissions being, if qualified, re-eligible.

Nomination of Commissioners.

XIX. Any Person qualified to vote at the Election of Commissioners in any Ward may at any Time, not later than Six of the Clock in the Evening on the *Friday* next preceding the Day of Election, deliver to the Returning Officer for such Ward, and to the Clerk to the Commissioners, Duplicate Nomination Papers of any Person or Persons for the Office of Commissioner, being respectively qualified, and not exceeding the Number of Commissioners to be elected for such Ward; and every such Nomination Paper shall contain the Names of the Persons nominated, with their respective Places of Abode, and shall be signed by the Person nominating, with his Place of Abode; and every such Duplicate Nomination Paper delivered to the Clerk may be inspected without Fee at all reasonable Times by any Person qualified to vote in such Ward, and Copies thereof may be had on Payment of Sixpence for every One hundred Words; and the Clerk shall be liable to a Penalty of Ten Pounds for every Refusal by him to permit such Inspection, or to furnish any such Copy.

Examination of Nomination Papers.

XX. At Nine of the Clock on the Morning of the Day for Election, the Returning Officer for every Ward shall meet at a Place fixed by the Returning Officer, and shall there examine the Nomination Papers delivered to him, and if the Number of qualified Persons so proposed do not exceed the Number of Commissioners to be then elected for such Ward, he shall declare such Persons duly elected; but if the Number of qualified Persons so nominated exceed the Number of Commissioners to be then elected for such Ward, such Election shall be decided by Vote; and the Voting shall begin at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and close at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon of such Day.

Qualification of Electors.

XXI. Every Male Person of full Age, being rated upon any Rate made within the Twelve Months next before the Day of Election under the recited Acts, or any Rate under this Act, may vote in the Election of Commissioners; and every such Person shall be entitled to give the like Number of Votes as he would be entitled to give in respect of the same Premises at any Vestry of either of the Parishes of *Gravesend* or *Milton*: Provided always, that no such Person shall be entitled to vote unless all Rates under the recited Acts and this Act respectively, which on the First Day of *February* next before the Day of Election were due from him, be paid on or before the First Day of *April* next before the Day of Election.

Annual Meetings of Commissioners.

XXII. The Annual General Meetings of the Commissioners shall be held on the First *Tuesday* in the Month of *August* in every Year.

Commissioners may make Byelaws for regulating their Attendance.

XXIII. The Commissioners from Time to Time may make such Byelaws as they think fit for regulating their Attendance, Meetings, and Proceedings, and of any Committee of the Commissioners, provided such Byelaws be not repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom called *England*, and by such Byelaws the Commissioners may impose such reasonable Penalties for enforcing the same as they think fit, not exceeding Twenty Shillings for any One Offence, and direct the Application of the same.

Auditor.

XXIV. The Commissioners from Time to Time may appoint a permanent Auditor for the Purposes of this Act: Provided always, That the Commissioners from Time to Time may remove any Auditor so appointed, and appoint another in his Place; and the Remuneration the Auditor shall receive for each Audit shall be Three Pounds and and Three Shillings.

Commissioners to remain entitled to their Property.

XXV. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, but subject to the Provisions of this Act, the Commissioners shall, on and from the Commencement of this Act, be seised and possessed of and entitled to all the Lands, Buildings, Estates, Rights, Interests, Monies, Property, Effects, Chattels, Choses in Action, Claims, and Demands whatsoever of or to which the existing Commissioners under or by virtue of the recited Acts or otherwise howsoever were immediately before the Commencement of this Act seised, possessed, or in any way entitled at Law or in Equity, or otherwise howsoever, with the Appurtenances, as if this Act were not passed.

Commissioners to continue entitled to Powers under other Acts.

XXVI. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, but subject to the Provisions of this Act, the several Clauses and Provisions whatsoever in favour of or relating to the existing Commissioners contained in any Act or Acts other than the recited Acts, and which immediately before the Commencement of this Act are in force, shall on and from the Commencement of this Act apply to the Commissioners, and shall for the Purposes of this Act continue and be in force accordingly; and the Commissioners, by themselves, their Officers and Servants, may and shall accordingly, and for the Purposes of this Act, be entitled to, and have, exercise, and enjoy under or by virtue of those Clauses and Provisions respectively all such Rights, Interests, Powers, Authorities, and Privileges, and be subject to all such Obligations, Liabilities, and Restrictions whatsoever, as, in case this Act were not passed, the existing Commissioners by themselves, their Officers and Servants, under or by virtue of the same, might be entitled to, or might have, exercise, or enjoy, or be subject to.

XXVII. Notwith-

Conveyances, &c. to remain.

XXVII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, all Conveyances, Leases, Deeds, Appointments, Contracts, Agreements, Mortgages, Bonds, Annuities, Covenants, and Securities made or entered into before the Commencement of this Act to, with, in favour of, or by, for, or on behalf of the existing Commissioners, or any Person on their Behalf, shall be and remain as good, valid, and effectual in favour of, against, and with reference to the Commissioners, and may be proceeded on and enforced in like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act were not passed.

Actions, &c. not to abate.

XXVIII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, any Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding whatsoever commenced either by or against the existing Commissioners before the Commencement of this Act, shall not abate or be discontinued, or be prejudicially affected by this Act, but on the contrary shall continue to take effect both in favour of and against the Commissioners in like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act were not passed.

Rates due at Commencement of Act to be recoverable.

XXIX. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, all Rates which immediately before the Commencement of this Act are due and payable, or accruing due and payable to the existing Commissioners, shall, from and after the Commencement of this Act, be payable to, and may be collected and recovered by the Commissioners, in like Manner as any Rates under this Act may be collected and recovered by the Commissioners.

Debts due to and by the existing Commissioners, to be paid to and by the Commissioners.

XXX. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, all Persons who immediately before the Commencement of this Act owe any Sum of Money to the existing Commissioners, or to any Person on their Behalf, shall pay the same with all Interest, if any due or to accrue due for the same, to the Commissioners; and all Debts and Moneys which immediately before the Commencement of this Act are due or owing by or recoverable from the existing Commissioners, or for the Payment whereof the existing Commissioners are or but for this Act would be liable, shall be paid with all Interest (if any) due or to accrue due thereon, by or be recoverable from the Commissioners.

Continuing Rights, Liabilities, &c. under former Acts.

XXXI. Provided always, That notwitstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, and except only as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the Commencement of this Act done or suffered under the recited Acts, or either of them, shall be as valid as if the recited Acts were not repealed; and the Repeal thereof and this Act respectively shall accordingly be subject and without prejudice to everything so done or suffered, and to all Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, both present and future, which, if the recited

Acts

Acts were not repealed, and this Act were not passed, would be incident to or consequent on any and everything so done or suffered; and with respect to all such Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, the Commissioners shall, to all Intents and Purposes, represent the existing Commissioners: Provided always, that the Generality of the Provisions contained in this Enactment shall not be confined or restricted by any Provision contained in this Act.

Byelaws, &c. to remain in force.

XXXII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, all Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations made under the recited Acts, or either of them, and in force on the Commencement of this Act, shall continue in full Force for Six Months after the Commencement of this Act, unless the same be sooner repealed, altered, or varied under this Act; and such Byelaws, Rules, Orders, and Regulations, and all Penalties and Forfeitures thereby respectively imposed, and all Penalties and Forfeitures incurred under the recited Acts, or either of them, may and shall be enforced, recovered, and applied in like Manner in all respects as the same respectively might be enforced, recovered, and applied in case the same had been made and imposed respectively by or under this Act.

Officers to continue.

XXXIII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, every Officer and Servant appointed by virtue of or acting under the recited Acts shall hold and enjoy his Office and Employment, with the Salary thereunto annexed, and be deemed an Officer and Servant of the Commissioners until he be removed from such Office and Employment; and he shall have the like Power and Authority for the Purposes of this Act, and be subject to the like Power of Removal, Rules, Regulations, and Penalties in all respects whatsoever as if he were appointed under this Act.

Books to be Evidence.

XXXIV. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Acts, all Books and other Documents by those Acts directed or authorized to be kept, and which, if those Acts were not repealed, would be receivable in Evidence, shall be admitted as Evidenee in all Courts of Law and Equity, and elsewhere accordingly.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. incorporated.

XXXV. "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," is incorporated with this Act: Provided always, that such Incorporation shall not enable the Commissioners to take Lands otherwise than by Agreement.

As to Purchase of Lands by Agreement.

XXXVI. The Commissioners from Time to Time may by Agreement, purchase for any of the Purposes of this Act any Lands within the Town: Provided always, that any Agreement to purchase Lands shall

shall not be binding unless the same be confirmed at the next Meeting of the Commissioners after such Agreement shall be made.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 34. incorporated, with certain Exceptions.

XXXVII. "The Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847," except Clauses Seven, Nine, Eleven, and Twenty-three, Twenty-seven to Twenty-nine inclusive, and Fifty, and except with respect to Lodging-Houses, and except Clauses One hundred and fifty-seven, and One hundred and fifty-eight, and One hundred and sixty to One hundred and sixty-six inclusive, is incorporated with this Act: Provided always, that the Commissioners from Time to Time may of their own Authority under this Act appoint and remove their Surveyor and fix his Salary: Provided also, that it shall not be incumbent on the Commissioners to cause any Privy or Cesspool within the Town to be emptied or cleansed.

Occupiers not to keep Ashes, &c. made on their own Premises.

XXXVIII. Provided always, That the Occupier of any House or Tenement within the Town shall not, except where the Commissioners fail duly to remove the same, keep or remove any Soil, Ashes, or Rubbish made on his own Premises.

For preventing the Deposit of offensive Matter.

XXXIX. If any Person shall land or deposit any offensive Matter within the Town, without removing the same within a reasonable Time (to be ascertained by the Justice before whom any Penalty in respect thereof shall be sought to be recovered), or if any Person in removing the same shall wilfully or negligently cast, drop, or spill in any Street any Part of such offensive Matter, every Person so offending shall forfeit for each Offence any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

As to Erection and Removal of public Urinals.

XL. The Commissioners from Time to Time may order the Owner of any Inn, Public House, Beershop, public Building or Place within the Town to remove any Urinal now or hereafter adjoining such Inn, Public House, Beershop, public Building or Place, and may from Time to Time order the Owner of any Inn, Public House, Beershop, public Building or Place to construct or place adjoining such Inn, Public House, Beershop, public Building or Place a Urinal in such Position and according to such Plan as the Commissioners or their Surveyor may approve; and if such Owner fail, for Fourteen Days after the Time allowed by the Commissioners for the Removal or the Construction or placing of any such Urinal, to remove, or construct, or place the same according to such Order, every Person so neglecting shall for every such Neglect forfeit a Sum not exceeding Five Shillings for every Day after the Expiration of Fourteen Days during which such Order is not complied with.

Power to Commissioners to cause Sewage, &c. to be converted into Manure.

XLI. The Commissioners from Time to Time may cause the Drainage and Refuse of the Town to be converted into Manure in such Manner, and may provide on any Lands vested in the Commissioners such Works and Conveniences for that Purpose, and may sell and dispose of the Drainage and Refuse, and the Products of such Conversion thereof, as they think fit; and may contract with any Persons for the Conveyance of such Drainage and Refuse, or any Part thereof, out of the Town, or may contract with any Person for such Conversion, Sale, and Disposition, on such Terms and Conditions as the Commissioners think fit.

Construction of certain Terms in 10 & 11 Vict. c. 34.

XLII. In construing "The Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847," in connexion with this Act, Clause Twenty-four shall be construed as if the Word "may," in the permissive Sense, was substituted for the Word "shall," in the First Line of that Clause.

Main and other Sewers.

XLIII. The Main and other Sewers which the Commissioners are from Time to Time authorized to make within the Town are such as shall in their Judgment be necessary for effectually draining the Town or such Part thereof as they shall consider necessary to be drained.

Sewers in connexion with River Thames to be approved of by the Admiralty.

XLIV. Previously to commencing any Sewer which shall discharge itself into the River *Thames*, the Site and Mode of Construction thereof, and the Method of such Discharge, shall be subject to the Approval of the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral aforesaid, such Approval to be signified in Writing under the Hand of the Secretary of the Admiralty; and such Sewer and Method of Discharge shall be constructed and carried out only in Accordance with such Approval.

If Admiralty &c. require a local Survey, the Costs to be defrayed by Commissioners.

XLV. If at any Time or Times it shall be deemed expedient by the Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, or the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, to order a local Survey and Examination of any Works of the Commissioners in, over, or affecting the River *Thames*, or of the intended Site thereof, the Commissioners shall defray the Costs of every such local Survey and Examination, and the Amount thereof shall be a Debt due to Her Majesty from the Commissioners, and if not paid upon Demand may be recovered as a Debt due to the Crown, with the Costs of Suit, or may be recovered with Costs as a Penalty is or may be recoverable from the Commissioners.

Costs of making House Drains, &c. under

XLVI. The Cost of constructing or laying Drains or Pipes, and of providing Privies and Ashpits, under Sections Thirty-five and Forty-three

three of "The Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847," may, if not forthwith repaid by the Owners to the Commissioners, be recovered as Damages.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 34. may be recovered as Damages.

XLVII. The Owner of any House or Building in any Street within the Town shall cause the Water to be conveyed from that House or Building by a Drain or Tunnel, below the Surface of the Pavement or Footpath, by an Iron Drain-gutter fixed in the Pavement or Footpath, or by a Channel cut in the Flag Pavement, as the Commissioners direct, and for that Purpose such Owner may take up so much of the Pavement or Footpath as may be necessary, and lay down or fix such Drain or Tunnel, Iron Drain-gutter, or cut such Channel in the Flag Pavement under the Direction of the Commissioners or their Surveyor, and all Damage which may thereby be occasioned shall be made good by such Owner.

Underground Drains to be formed by Owners of Houses.

XLVIII. The Occupier of any Tenement from which any private Drain now or hereafter issues into any Sewer or public Drain vested in the Commissioners shall from Time to Time repair and cleanse such private Drain to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners, or in default thereof the Commissioners may repair and cleanse the same, and recover the Expense thereof from the Defaulter as Damages.

Occupiers to repair and cleanse private Drains.

XLIX. The Commissioners may require the Owner of any Vault, Arch, or Cellar already or hereafter made under any Street to keep the same in substantial Repair, so as not to ocaasion any Injury to the Street.

Vaults under Streets to be repaired by Owners.

L. The Provisions of Section Thirty-one of "The Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847," shall extend to all Vaults, Arches, and Cellars hereafter to be made, whether made under the Carriageway or under the Footway of any Street.

Sect. 31. of 10 & 11 Vict. c. 34. to extend to Vaults, &c. under Streets.

LI. When and so often as it shall be certified to the Commissioners, under the Hands of Two Medical Men, that any Privy, Drain, or Cesspool is in a State injurious to the Health of any of the Inhabitants of the Town, the Commissioners may, if they think fit, require the Owner thereof, by Notice in Writing for that Purpose signed by their Clerk, forthwith, or within such reasonable Time as shall be specified in such Notice, to convert such Privy into a Watercloset, and to cause such Drain to be properly trapped, and such Cesspool to be properly cleansed and repaired, to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners or of their Surveyor: Provided, that if such Owner shall satisfy the Commissioners that such Privy can be so altered as to prevent the same being injurious to Health, by other Means than by converting the

Power to enforce Conversion of Privies into Watercloset, trapping of Drains, &c.

the same into a Watercloset, then such Alteration, if made to their Satisfaction or to the Satisfaction of their Surveyor, shall be deemed a Compliance with this Provision.

Commissioners may throw Land into Streets.

LII. The Commissioners from Time to Time may order any Land vested in them to be laid into any Street, for the widening and rendering more commodious the same, or to be otherwise disposed of for opening or forming any new Street, as they think proper.

Power to exchange Lands for improving Streets.

LIII. The Commissioners may, by Agreement with the Owners of adjoining Lands, for the Purpose of improving the Line of any Street, exchange any Land vested in them and forming Part of the Street for a proper equivalent Value in Land, or in Land and Money, and shall sell any other Land from Time to Time vested in them, and not required for any of the Purposes of this Act.

As to Width of new Streets.

LIV. Except with the Consent of the Commissioners, any new Street within the Town shall not be made of less Width than, if a Carriage Road, Thirty Feet, or if not a Carriage Road, Fifteen Feet; and every existing Street within the Town, being a Carriage Road of less Width than Thirty Feet, or if not a Carriage Road, of less Width than Fifteen Feet, shall not be widened to a less Width than the same can be widened to within such prescribed Width; and the Commissioners may erect Barriers so as to prevent any new Street made of, or any existing Street widened to, less than as aforesaid being used as a Carriage Road; and if any Person without their Consent throw down, damage, or injure any such Barrier, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Regulation as to Houses built in close Courts.

LV. A House shall not be built in any Court within the Town the Passage or Entry into which is not Five Feet wide at the least, and open for the Space of Twelve Feet at the least in Height for the whole Length of such Court.

As to Levels of the Ground Floors.

LVI. The Level of the Ground Floor of every House hereafter built within the Town shall be at least Four Inches above the Level of the Edge of the Footway or Road adjoining such House, whether there be a Cellar to such House or not.

Bow Windows, &c. not to be erected beyond the Line of Houses.

LVII. A Bow Window or other Projection shall not be built with or added to any House or other Building in any Street within the Town, so as to extend beyond the general Line of the Fronts of the Houses in such Street; and if any Person cause a Bow Window or other Projection to be built with or added to any House within any such Street contrary to this Provision, such Person shall forfeit the Sum

Sum of Five Pounds; and the Commissioners may cause every such Bow Window or other Projection to be taken down or altered and removed, and the Expenses incurred thereby by the Commissioners shall be paid by the Person by whom such Bow Window or other Projection shall be built or added, or to whom the Premises shall belong, and such Expenses may be recovered as Damages.

Commissioners may alter Pavement, &c. in case of Neglect.

LVIII. If any Person take up or alter any Part of any Pavement, Carriageway, or Footway within the Town, and do not forthwith, after Notice in Writing from the Commissioners or their Surveyor, properly relay and reinstate the same, with the same or similar Materials, and in as nearly as may be the same Manner as before the taking up or altering of the same, the Commissioners may relay and reinstate the same, and the Expense thereof shall be repaid to them by the Person who took up or altered such Pavement, Carriageway, or Footway.

Value of existing Paving, &c. to be allowed for.

Differences to be settled by Justices.

LIX. In ascertaining the Proportion of the Expenses of any levelling, paving, flagging, or channelling to be paid by any Owner or Occupier, the Value and Efficiency of any such Work theretofore done by such Owner or Occupier, or by any preceding Owner or Occupier, shall be taken into consideration, and such Allowance as the Commissioners, with the Approval of their Surveyor, think just shall accordingly be made to such Owner or Occupier; and in case of Difference the Amount of such Allowance shall be determined by Two Justices.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 89. incorporated, except certain Sections.

LX. "The Town Police Clauses Act, 1847," except the Clauses of such Act numbered Six to Fourteen inclusive, and Sixteen to Nineteen inclusive, is incorporated with this Act: Provided always, that the Power contained in such Act to seize and impound any Cattle found at large in any Street shall extend and apply to any Cart, Carriage, or other Thing left in any Street within the Town without any Person being with or taking Care of the same.

Power to purchase Land and erect a Pound.

LXI. The Commissioners may purchase a Piece of Land within the Town for the Purpose of a Pound for stray Animals, Carts, Carriages, and other Things, and may erect a Pound thereon, and such Pound, when made, shall be kept in repair by the Commissioners.

Dogs suspected to be mad may be destroyed.

LXII. Any Constable may destroy any Dog or other Animal within the Town reasonably suspected to be in a rabid State, or to have been bitten by any Dog or other Animal reasonably suspected to be in a rabid State.

Offal or Fish boiled or not boiled not to remain in any Vessel, &c., being a Nuisance.

LXIII. If any Person shall deposit or suffer to remain any Offal or Fish, boiled or unboiled, or other offensive Matter, on board of any Barge or Vessel on the River *Thames*, or on the Shore thereof, within the Town or opposite thereto, so as to become a Nuisance or offensive to the Inhabitants of the Town, such Person shall, upon Conviction thereof before the Lord Mayor of the City of *London*, Conservator of the River *Thames*, or before any Justice of the Peace, on Complaint for that Purpose exhibited, forfeit for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and such Penalty shall be paid to the Chamberlain of the City of *London*, to be applied for the general Improvement of the River *Thames*.

Penalty.

Penalty on soliciting Persons, &c. to use Inns, &c.

LXIV. If any Person shall by Word of Mouth, Card, Handbill, or otherwise, solicit or ply any Person to use any Inn, Coffee House, Public House, or Eating House, or to go to or proceed from any Pier or Landing Place, or to go or travel by any Steam Packet or other Vessel, Railway, or any public Conveyance whatsoever, whereby any public Nuisance or Annoyance is created, or use any threatening, abusive, or insulting Words or Behaviour with Intent to provoke a Breach of the Peace, or whereby a Breach of the Peace may be occasioned, he shall forfeit a Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Distance Hackney Carriages may be compelled to take Passengers.

LXV. The Distance beyond the Town in respect of which the Commissioners may by their Byelaws fix Rates or Fares to be paid for Hackney Carriages and compel the Proprietors and Drivers of Hackney Carriages to take Passengers is Eight Miles.

Provisions in 10 & 11 Vict. c. 89. as to licensing Horses, Mules, &c. to ply for Hire, extended to this Act.

LXVI. The Provisions in "The Town Police Clauses Act, 1847," with respect to Hackney Carriages, shall extend to the licensing Carriages drawn by a Goat, and to enable the Commissioners to license to ply for Hire such Number of Horses, Mules, and Asses as the Commissioners shall in their Judgment think proper, and to make Byelaws in relation thereto.

Power to borrow on Mortgage of Town Account, &c.

LXVII. The Commissioners from Time to Time may borrow on Mortgage, on the Security of the Money carried to the Credit of *Gravesend* Town Account in this Act mentioned, and their other Property and Effects, any Sums not exceeding in the whole Ten thousand Pounds; and after having paid off (otherwise than by the Sinking Fund) any Money so borrowed, they may reborrow the Amount so paid off, and so *toties quoties*.

Money may be borrowed to pay off existing Debts.

LXVIII. The Commissioners from Time to Time may borrow on the Security on which any Money is now owing under an existing Mortgage a Sum of Money to pay off such existing Mortgage, and

and any Money borrowed as last aforesaid shall be considered as a Substitution of an existing Mortgage, and shall be paid off under the Provisions of this Act accordingly.

Arrears may be enforced by Appointment of a Receiver.

LXIX. The Mortgagees under this Act may enforce the Payment of the Arrears of Principal and Interest due to them by the Appointment of a Receiver; and the Amount in arrear to authorize a Requisition for a Receiver shall be Five thousand Pounds, or One Fourth Part of the total Mortgage Debt for the Time being, whichever shall be the smaller Amount.

Rights and Priority of existing Mortgagees.

LXX. Such of the Creditors of the existing Commissioners as immediately before the Commencement of this Act are Mortgagees or Annuitants under the recited Acts, shall, after the Commencement of this Act, be entitled, by virtue of their respective Mortgages and Annuities and this Act, and according to their respective Priority (if any) under the recited Acts, to the like Security, Rights, and Remedies as if their respective Mortgages and Annuities had been granted under this Act; and their respective Mortgages and Annuities, according to such Priority, shall have Priority over all Mortgages granted under this Act.

Amount to be yearly set apart out of Rates for a Sinking Fund.

LXXI. Provided always, That the Amount which shall be set apart by the Commissioners yearly out of the Money carried to the Credit of *Gravesend* Town Account, in respect of any Money to be borrowed under the Authority of this Act, as a Sinking Fund, to be applied in manner directed by Section Eighty-four of "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," shall be at least a Sum equal to One Thirtieth Part of the Moneys which shall be borrowed by the Commissioners under this Act.

Rate to be levied.

LXXII. For the Purpose of defraying the Expenses of paving, cleansing, lighting, and improving the Streets within the Town, removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein, constructing Sewers and Drains, and executing the several other Purposes of this Act, except such as are in this Act otherwise provided for, and providing for the Payment of the Principal Moneys and Interest, and the Annuities charged on the Rates authorized to be levied under the recited Acts, the Commissioners from Time to Time, as often as they think it necessary, may make an equal Rate, under their Seal and the Hands of Five at least of the Commissioners, upon the Occupiers of Messuages, Buildings, Tenements, and Works, and of any Land not exceeding One Acre occupied with any such Messuage, Building, Tenement, or Work within the Town, according to the yearly Value thereof respectively, so as such Rates do not exceed in any One Year, to be computed from the Commencement of this Act, the Sum of Two Shillings

Shillings in the Pound on such yearly Value; and so much of such Rates as shall be collected within *Gravesend* Ward shall be carried to an Account to be called "*Gravesend* Ward Account," and so much of such Rates as shall be collected within *Milton* Ward shall be carried to an Account to be called "*Milton* Ward Account:" Provided always, that when the Principal Money charged on the Rates authorized to be levied by the recited Acts, or One of them, in the Parish of *Milton* shall be paid off, the Commissioners from Time to Time shall make such a Reduction in such Rates upon the Occupiers of Messuages, Buildings, Tenements, and Works within *Milton* Ward as they may think proper, having regard to the Money from Time to Time necessary to be raised in such Ward for carrying this Act into execution.

Receiver of Rents to be deemed the Owner.

LXXIII. When under this Act an Owner is to do anything, or to be rated, or to pay any Rate or Sum, the Person receiving the Rents of any Property from the Occupier thereof on his own Account, or as Trustee or Agent for any other Person, or who if the Property were let to a Tenant at Rack Rent would so receive the Rack Rent thereof, shall be deemed the "Owner" thereof.

Owners of unoccupied Lands, &c. to pay special Rates, and such Rates may be redeemed.

LXXIV. When by this Act or any Act incorporated therewith the Occupier of any Lands or Buildings is made liable to the Payment of any special Rate for the Payment of any Expenses which are directed to be recoverable as private Improvement Expenses, and such Lands or Buildings are unoccupied, the Owner of such Lands or Buildings shall be liable to pay such special Rate during the Time the Lands or Buildings are so unoccupied; and the Owner or Occupier of any Lands or Buildings liable to any special Rate may discharge their Liability to the same by paying to the Commissioners the Expenses in respect of which the Rate was made, or such Part thereof as may not have been defrayed by Sums already levied in respect of the same.

As to Recovery of Sums not exceeding 50*l.*

LXXV. Whenever any Person fails to pay any Rate or Sum due and payable to the Commissioners, and the Rate or Sum so due and payable does not exceed Fifty Pounds, the Commissioners may recover the same with full Costs of Suit in any Court of competent Jurisdiction; and the Remedies of the Commissioners under this Enactment shall be in addition to their other Remedies for the Recovery of such Rate or Sum.

As to Recovery of Moneys by Distress.

LXXVI. All Rates and Sums due and payable to the Commissioners on any Account whatsoever, and all Costs, Damages, and Expenses by this Act directed to be paid, may (the Party in default being first duly summoned to appear) be levied by Distress, and any Justice,

Justice, on Application by the Commissioners, may issue his Warrant accordingly.

Costs of Distress.

LXXVII. Any Justice who issues any Warrant of Distress may order that the Costs of the Proceedings for the Recovery of the Rate or Sum shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Rate or Sum; and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justice, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Rate or Sum.

Application of Money carried to "Gravesend Ward Account."

LXXVIII. The Money that shall be carried to "*Gravesend* Ward Account" shall be applied by the Commissioners as follows:

First, in paying the Interest from Time to Time due on the Principal Sum of Fourteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-five Pounds, or thereabouts, charged on the Rates authorized to be levied by the recited Acts, or One of them, in the Parish of *Gravesend*, and of the Annuities granted on Lives, amounting to the Sum of Three hundred and eighty-four Pounds and Fifteen Shillings *per Annum*, or thereabouts, charged on such Rates:

Secondly, in paying off annually such a Proportion of such Principal Sum of Fourteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-five Pounds as that the same shall be paid off within Forty Years from the Commencement of this Act:

Thirdly, in carrying to the Credit of "*Gravesend* Town Account" such a Proportion of the Expenses as are not otherwise provided for of carrying this Act into execution, as the Rates collected within *Gravesend* Ward shall bear to the Total of such Expenses.

Application of Money carried to "Milton Ward Account."

LXXIX. The Money that shall be carried to "*Milton* Ward Account" shall be applied by the Commissioners as follows:

First, In paying the Interest from Time to Time due on the Principal Sum of Five thousand five hundred Pounds, or thereabouts, charged on the Rates authorized to be levied by the recited Acts, or One of them, in the Parish of *Milton*, and of the Annuities granted on Lives, amounting to the Sum of Two hundred and ninety-one Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sixpence *per Annum*, or thereabouts, charged on such Rates:

Secondly, In paying off annually such a Proportion of such Principal Sum of Five thousand five hundred Pounds as that the same shall be paid off within Ten Years from the Commencement of this Act:

Thirdly, In carrying to the Credit of "*Gravesend* Town Account" such a Proportion of the Expenses as are not otherwise provided for of carrying this Act into execution, as the Rates collected within *Milton* Ward shall bear to the Total of such Expenses.

Application of Money carried to Gravesend Town Account.

LXXX. All Moneys in the Hands of the Commissioners on the Commencement of this Act, and all Money which shall come into their Hands under the Authority of this Act, and not by this Act directed to be otherwise applied, shall be carried to the Credit of an Account to be called "*Gravesend* Town Account," and all Moneys from Time to Time carried to the Credit of that Account shall be applied as follows:

First, In Payment of the Expenses of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act:

Second, In Payment, but not out of Money borrowed, of the Interest from Time to Time due on the Moneys borrowed under this Act:

Third, In providing, but not out of Money borrowed, in proportion to the Amount so borrowed, the Sinking Fund by this Act required:

Fourth, In carrying the several Purposes of this Act, except such as are in this Act otherwise provided for, into execution:

Fifth, When the Principal Sum of Five thousand five hundred Pounds, or thereabouts, charged on the Rates authorized to be levied by the recited Acts, or One of them, in the Parish of *Milton* is paid off, in carrying annually to "*Gravesend* Ward Account" a Sum of Money sufficient to pay One Half Part of the Interest from Time to Time due on such Principal Sum of Fourteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-five Pounds, or thereabouts, and a Sum of Money sufficient to pay off One Half Part of the Proportion of such last-mentioned Principal Sum, so that such entire Principal Sum be paid off within Forty Years.

Owners may do Works instead of Commissioners.

LXXXI. In every Case in which the Commissioners are empowered under this Act to do any Work at the Expense of any Owner, the Owner may, if the Commissioners consent, do the Work at his own Expense, so as the Work be done under the Superintendence of the Surveyor and to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners.

Application of Penalties.

LXXXII. The Justice or Justices by whom any Penalty is imposed under this Act shall award the same to the Commissioners, who may, if they shall see Cause, give any Portion not exceeding One Moiety of the same to the Informer.

The Lands and Estates of Her Majesty exempt from Operation of this Act, except as to Liability to Rates and Assessments.

LXXXIII. This Act shall not in any Manner affect or extend to or give to the Commissioners, or any Person acting under their Order or Authority, any Jurisdiction over the Lands belonging to Her Majesty in the Town, and now under the Charge or Control of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, while such Lands shall belong to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, without the Consent in Writing of One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, it being hereby declared that all such last-mentioned Lands shall

shall continue, while the same shall belong to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, subject as heretofore to Rates and Assessments to be made by virtue of this Act, but for all other Purposes shall be wholly excluded from the Powers and Jurisdiction of the Commissioners while the same shall belong to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, anything in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Forms in Schedule may be used.

LXXXIV. The several Forms in the Schedule to this Act, or Forms to the like Effect, with such Alterations and Additions, if any, as Circumstances require, may be used for any of the Purposes of this Act for which such Forms are applicable, and such Forms shall accordingly be to all Intents sufficient for such Purposes, and it shall not be necessary for any of such Purposes to use any other Form.

Saving Rights of the Corporation of Gravesend in their Corporate Capacity, or under 9 G. 4 c. lvi., 3 & 4 W. 4. c. ci., and 5 & 6 Vict. c. lix.

LXXXV. Except as by this Act expressly provided, this Act or anything therein contained shall not take away, lessen, prejudice, or affect any of the Rights, Powers, Privileges, or Authorities of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the incorporated Villages and Parishes of *Gravesend* and *Milton* in the County of *Kent* in their corporate Capacity, or under an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for rebuilding or improving, regulating, and maintaining the Town Quay of* Gravesend *in the County of* Kent, *and the Landing Place belonging thereto;* or an Act passed in the Third and Fourth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for amending an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King* George *the Fourth, intituled 'An Act for 'rebuilding, or for improving, regulating, and maintaining the Town 'Quay of* Gravesend *in the County of* Kent, *and the Landing Place 'belonging thereto, and for building a Pier or Jetty belonging thereto;'* or of an Act passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act for amending the Acts relating to the* Gravesend *Town Quay and Pier.*

Saving Rights of the City of London.

LXXXVI. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the Estates, Rights, Interests, Liberties, Privileges, or Franchises of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or their Successors, or the Lord Mayor of the said City for the Time being, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction which at the Time of passing this Act the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens, or the said Lord Mayor for the Time being as Conservator of the said River *Thames* or otherwise, did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise.

The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

Form of Notice of Office for Surveyor.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners appoint the under-mentioned Place [*or* Places] to be till further Order the Office [*or* Offices] for the Surveyor [*or as the Case may be*] appointed for the Purposes of the Act.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Surveyors Office, No. Street in Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend].

Form of Notice to construct Privies and Ashpits.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require that a sufficient Privy and Ashpit [*or* Privy or Ashpit, *&c.*], furnished with proper Doors and Coverings, be provided for the House No. , in Street [*or* Court], in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend], according to the Specification below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Works to be done.*]

To [*A.B.*] the Owner of the above-mentioned House, and all others concerned.

Form of Notice to construct a public Urinal.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, The Commissioners order that a Urinal be constructed in the Position and according to the Plan approved by their Surveyor, adjoining the Public House [*or* Beershop, public Building *or* Place] mentioned below, with proper Drains.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

The Public House *or* Beershop, public Building *or* Place in Street in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend].

To [*A.B.*] the Owner of such Public House, Beershop, *or* public Building *or* Place, and all others concerned.

Form of Notice to alter, repair, and put in order House Drains, &c.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require that the Drain, Privy [*or* Ashpit *or* Cesspool], from the House, No. in Street in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend], be altered, repaired, and put in order, according to the Specification below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Works to be done.*]

To [*C.D.*] the Owner of the above-mentioned House, and all others concerned.

Form of Notice that a certain Street is to be a public Highway.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners declare the Way called Street in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend] [*describing it by Metes and Bounds*] to be a public Highway.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

(*Seal of the Commissioners.*)

Form of Notice to pave, &c. Remainder of a Street, not a Highway, where Two Thirds are paved.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require you to execute before the Day of , in the Street [*or* Way *or* Square, *&c.*] called in the Parish of the Works of paving and flagging or otherwise making good the said Street indicated in the Specification below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Work of paving, flagging, &c.*]

To [*A.B.*] the Owner of the Buildings or Lands abutting on the above-mentioned Part of the said Street, and all others concerned.

Form of Requisition to set back Premises taken down to be re-built or altered.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require that the House [*or* Building] in Street in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend] now [*or* late] in the Occupation of [*or otherwise indicating the Premises*] be set backwards according to the Specification given below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the setting back of House* [*or Building*] *required.*]

To [*A.B.*] or other the Owner of the House [*or* Building] above mentioned, and all others concerned.

Form of Notice to remove or alter Projections, &c.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require that the Porch [*or other the Projection or Thing in question*] erected [*or* placed] against [*or* in front of] the House [*or* Building] in Street in the Parish of Gravesend, now [*or* late] in the Occupation of [*or otherwise indicating the Premises*] be removed [*or* altered] by you according to the Specification given below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Removal or Alteration required.*]

To [*A.B.*] or other the Occupier of the above-mentioned House [*or* Building], and all others concerned.

Form of Notice to alter a Door, Gate, or Bar, so as not to open outwards.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require that the Door [*or* Gate *or* Bar] mentioned in the Specification below be altered so as not to open outwards.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Door, Gate, or Bar, and the Premises to which it belongs.*]

To [*A.B.*] or other the Occupier of the Premises above-mentioned, and all others concerned.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

Form of Direction to make or keep in repair a Covering to an Entrance to a Vault or Cellar.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require that the Door [*or* Covering] to the Opening made in the Pavement [*or* Footpath] in front [*or* on the Side *or* in the Rear] of a House [*or* Building] in Street in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend], be made according to the Specification given below, and kept in good Repair and Condition.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Work to be done.*]

To [*A.B.*] or other the Occupier of the Vault or Cellar above-mentioned, and all others concerned.

Form of Notice to put up a Water Shoot or Trough.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners order that a Water Shoot or Trough to the House [*or* Building] in in the Parish of now in the Occupation of [*or otherwise indicating the Premises*] be put up and kept in good Condition, according to the Specification given below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Work to be done.*]

To [*A.B.*] or other the Occupier of the House or Building above-mentioned, and all others concerned.

Form of Notice to take down, secure, or repair dangerous Premises.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require you forthwith to take down [*or* secure *or* repair, *&c.*] the under-mentioned Building [*or* Wall *or other Thing*] according to the Specification below; and if the Works be not begun within Three Days after this Notice, and completed as speedily as the Nature of the Case admits, Complaint thereof will be made before Two Justices according to the Act.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Building or Wall, &c. to be taken down, secured, or repaired, and the Work to be done.*]

To [*C.D.*] the Owner, and [*E.F.*] the Occupier of the Premises, and all others concerned.

Form

Form of Order by Justices to take down, secure, or repair dangerous Premises.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

Borough of Gravesend to wit. } We hereby order the Owner, or, in his default, the Occupier [*if any*] of the under-mentioned Building [*or* Wall *or other Thing*] to take down [rebuild, repair, *or* secure] the same within Days from the Day of the Date of this Order according to the Specification below. Given under our Hands and Seals, this Day of , 18 .

L.M. *N.O.*
Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Gravesend.

Specification.

[*Here indicate the Building or Wall, &c. to be taken down, re-built, &c. and the Work to be done.*]

To [*C.D.*] the Owner and [*E.F.*] the Occupier of the Premises, and all others concerned.

Form of Direction to remove Hoard or Fence.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

Take Notice, That the Commissioners direct the Removal of the under-mentioned Hoard [*or* Fence, Platform, *&c.*] within Days after this Notice.

Dated this Day of , 18 .
, Clerk to the Commissioners.

[*Here indicate the Hoard, &c. to be removed.*]

To [*A.B.*] and all others concerned.

Form of Appointment by the Commissioners of the Hours for cleansing Cesspools.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

The Commissioners hereby fix that Privies may be emptied and offensive Matter may be removed within the Limits of the Act only between the Hours of at Night and of the next Morning, until other Hours may be fixed by them, within which only such Purposes may be effected.

Dated this Day of , 18 .
(L.S.) *The Common Seal of the Commissioners.*
, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Form

Form of Notice prohibiting letting of Cellar, &c. as Dwelling Places.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners prohibit the letting of Cellars in Court, in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend], as Dwelling Places.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

To [*C.D.*] the Owner of a House in the Court above-mentioned, and all others concerned.

Form of Notice to remove a Nuisance.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require that the Nuisance caused by "the foul State of the open Ditch," "Collection of offensive Matter," *&c. &c.* in Street in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend] [*or otherwise indicate the Premises*] be abated [*add, if necessary*] by Execution of the Works indicated in the Specification below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Works (if any) to be executed.*]

To [*A.B.* the Owner] or [*E.F.* the Occupier] of the Premises, and all others concerned.

Form of Order by a Justice for Execution of Works by Owner.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

Borough of Gravesend to wit. } I HEREBY require the Occupier of the Building or Land in Street in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend], to permit the Owner thereof to execute all such Works with respect to such Building or Land as may be necessary for carrying into effect the Provisions of the Act and any Act incorporated therewith.

Given under my Hand and Seal this Day of , 18 .

[*M.N.*] { A Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Gravesend.

To [*E.F.*] the Occupier of the Premises, and all others concerned.

General Form of Notice to do Works for which any of the special Forms may not be applicable.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners require you to execute in [to, upon, *or* under] the House, Building, or Land in Street, in the Parish of Gravesend [*or* Milton next Gravesend], the Works in the Specification indicated below.

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

SPECIFICATION.

[*Here indicate the Works required.*]

To [*C.D.*] the Owner, [*E.F.*] the Occupier of the Premises, and all others concerned.

Form of Estimate for a Rate.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

IT is estimated that for the Purposes of a Rate the Sum of £ is required [*state shortly the respective Amounts estimated to be required under each Head of Payment*], and that the rateable Value of the Property assessable is £ , and that the Amount of Rate on each Pound of such Value is Two Shillings [*or, as the Case may be*].

Dated this Day of , 18 .

Approved by the Commissioners.

Form of Notice of Intention to make a Rate.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Commissioners intend, at a Meeting of the Commissioners on the Day of , to make a Rate of in the Pound on the rateable Value of all the Property assessable within the Limits of the Act, and that the Statement of the proposed Rate is deposited at the Clerk's Office, in .

Dated the Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Form

Form of Notice of Amendment of Rate by Increase, or inserting a new Name.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

TAKE Notice, That the Rate made on the Day of has been amended [by increasing the Amount of your Rate from £ to £] [*or*, by inserting your Name therein as rated at £] [*or otherwise, according to the Alteration of the Rate*].

Dated this Day of , 18 .

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

To [*A.B.*] of

Form of Summons for Nonpayment of Rate.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

Borough of Gravesend, to wit. } I HEREBY require you to appear on the Day of at o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the Town Hall in Gravesend, before me, or any other Justice then and there present, to show Cause why the Rate made on the Day of , in arrear and unpaid by you, should not be paid; and if you fail to appear a Warrant will be issued to levy the same by Distress of your Goods and Chattels.

Given under my Hand this Day of

A.B., a Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Gravesend.

Form of Warrant of Distress.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

To the Chief Constable and other the Constables in Gravesend, and the Collectors of the Rates for any of the Purposes of the Act [*or otherwise*].

Gravesend to wit. } WHEREAS the Sum of £ is due from [of] to the Commissioners in respect of [*here state generally on what Account the Sum is due, as the Case may be*]: These are therefore, in Her Majesty's Name, to command you, every and any of you, to levy the said Sum of £ , and also the Sum of , the Costs of the Proceeding to obtain

obtain this Warrant, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said , and your reasonable Charges of taking, keeping, and selling such Distress, rendering to him the Overplus (if any) on Demand; and if sufficient Distress cannot be found of his Goods and Chattels, you are to certify the same to me, with this Warrant, that such further Proceedings may be had therein as the Law directs.

Given under my Hand and Seal this Day of , 18 .

(L.S.) *M.N.*, a Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Gravesend.

Form of Conviction.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

Gravesend to wit. } BE it remembered, that *A.B.* is this Day convicted before me [*or* us] of the following Offence against the "Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856," (that is to say,) of having [*here describe the Offence generally, as near as may be in the Words of the Act*] and I [*or* we] do adjudge that the said hath forfeited for his said Offence the Sum of £ . And [*if necessary*] I [*or* we] do adjudge that the said do pay [*C.D.*] of the further Sum of £ as his Cost in that Behalf.

Given under my [*or* our] Hand and Seal this Day of 18 .

(L.S.) *K.L.* } Justices of the Peace for the
(L.S.) *M.N.* } Borough of Gravesend.

or,

(L.S.) *A.B.*, a Justice of the Peace for, *&c.*

General Form of Order by Commissioners for any Purpose for which a special Form may not be applicable.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

THE Commissioners hereby order that [*stating the Order*].

Dated this Day of 18 .

(L.S.) *The Common Seal of the Commissioners.*

, Clerk to the Commissioners.

General

General Form of Order by a Justice for any Purpose for which a special Form may not be applicable.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

To *A.B. &c.*

Borough of Gravesend to wit. } I [*or* we] hereby order you to [*here state generally what is required*] as, *for instance*,

or as the Case may be [*according to the Act.*]

(L.S.) [*L. M.*]
(L.S.) [*N. O.*] } Justices of the Peace for, *&c.*

or,

(L.S.) [*N. C.*] a Justice of the Peace for, *&c.*

General Form of Summons for any Purpose for which a special Form may not be applicable.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

Borough of Gravesend to wit. } I HEREBY require you [and every of you] to appear on, *&c.*, at, *&c.* [*stating the Hour, &c., stating the Place,*] before me, or any other Justice then and there present, to, *&c.* [*stating the Purpose for which Appearance is to be made*].

Given under my Hand this Day of

[*N. O.*] a Justice of the Peace for, *&c.*

Form of Rate.

Gravesend Improvement Act, 1856.

A Rate on Gravesend for [*here insert the Object of the Rate*] duly made this Day of 18 .

Arrears.	Rate.								Collection.						
												Uncollected at balancing this Book.			
Number.	Name of Occupier.	Name of Owner.	Name of Owner rated.	Description of Property rated.	Name or Situation of Property.	Gross estimated Rental.	Rateable Value.	Rate at in the Pound.	Arrears of former Rates.	Total Amount to be collected.	Amount actually collected.	Recoverable Arrear at balancing the Book.	Irrecoverable at balancing this Book.		Rate at in the Pound for maintaining the Highway.
													Not Recoverable.		
													Amount	Causes.	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	

A. B.
C. D.
E. F.
G. H.
I. K. } Commissioners.

(L.S.) *The Common Seal of the Commissioners.*

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