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Cap. cxxvi.

An Act to amend the Acts now in force for the Protection of Property in the Borough of *Liverpool* from Fire. [7th *July* 1862.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Protection of Property in the Borough of* Liverpool *from Fire*, which Act was in the subsequent Session of Parliament amended by an Act intituled *An Act to alter and amend an Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty for the better Protection of Property in the Borough of* Liverpool *from Fire*, Provision is made, amongst other things, for the safe and proper Storage and warehousing of divers Articles therein specified, comprising Turpentine, Resin, Tar, Pitch, Naphtha, Varnish, Fireworks, Matches, Sulphuric and other Mineral Acids, Chemicals of an inflammable Nature, ardent Spirits and Preparations thereof, Oil of all Kinds (except Palm and Cocoa-nut Oil), and Brimstone: And whereas there has recently been discovered a Fluid which is commonly called Petroleum or Rock Oil, and which, with its Products, is being imported in large and increasing Quantities into the Port of *Liverpool*: And whereas the Articles so imported are of a highly dangerous Character, and emit Gases and Vapour

6 & 7 Vict. c. cix.

7 & 8 Vict. c. li.

Vapour of an extremely inflammable and in some Cases of an explosive Nature, but no sufficient Provision is made in the said Acts for the safe Storage thereof: And whereas by reason of the Liability of Petroleum and its Products to Ignition and Explosion, and of their other dangerous Properties, it is expedient that special Provision be made with reference to the storing and warehousing thereof within the Borough of *Liverpool*; but such Object cannot be attained 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, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *Liverpool* Fire Prevention Acts Amendment Act, 1862."

"The Corporation."

2. In this Act the Expression "the Corporation" shall mean the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Liverpool*.

Power to Corporation to make Byelaws for the warehousing of Petroleum, &c. within the Borough.

3. The Corporation may from Time to Time make Byelaws for fixing and determining the Sort and Description of Places, and the Sort, Description, and Construction of Buildings in which Petroleum and its Products may from Time to Time be deposited, stored, warehoused, and kept within the Borough of *Liverpool*, and for providing that such Articles respectively shall be deposited, stored, warehoused, and kept separate and apart from all other Merchandise not excepted by such Byelaws, and generally with respect to the depositing, storing, warehousing, and keeping of such Articles respectively, so as to provide as far as may be against Accidents by Fire and the Consequences resulting therefrom, and may ascertain and set down in such Byelaws such pecuniary and other Penalties and Forfeitures as shall be incurred by Persons offending against any such Byelaw, not exceeding Ten Pounds for the First Offence and Twenty Pounds for the Second and every subsequent Offence, and every Day's Neglect to comply with the Provisions of any such Byelaw after a Conviction thereunder shall be a subsequent Offence: Provided that such Byelaws shall not extend to prevent the keeping of a limited Quantity (to be prescribed by such Byelaws) of such Articles respectively or any of them in the Warehouse, Building, or Place of a retail Dealer therein for the Purpose of his Trade, nor the keeping of Samples of any of such Articles of a limited Quantity (prescribed as aforesaid) in the Warehouse, Building, Counting-house, Office, or Sample Room of any Merchant, Dealer, Broker, or Salesman in the Way of his Trade, nor to any of such Articles being received into a Manufactory or any Place or Yard immediately adjoining thereto and in the same Occupation, such Articles being *bonâ fide* received and held therein for the Purpose of manufacturing in the said Manufactory, Place, or Yard, or (having been manufactured therein) held

held therein for Sale or for Delivery after Sale thereof; provided also, that so much of Section Sixteen of the secondly-recited Act as provides that it shall not be lawful for any Person to carry on in any Place other than a Building detached by Seventy-five Feet from any other Building the Trade, Business, or Employment of the boiling of Oil, Blubber, or Tar, or the distilling of Turpentine, or the manufacturing of Vegetable or Mineral Naphtha or of Varnish, under the Penalty therein provided, shall extend and apply to the boiling, distilling, or manufacturing of Petroleum and its Products.

Byelaws may be repealed.

4. The Corporation may from Time to Time as they shall think fit repeal any Byelaws which may be made in pursuance of this Act, and make others in their Stead.

Byelaws to be confirmed.

5. No Byelaw made under the Provisions of this Act shall be of any Force until the Expiration of Forty Days after the same or a Copy thereof shall have been sent, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and shall have been published once in Two of the *Liverpool* Newspapers; and if at any Time within the said Period of Forty Days Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, shall disallow the same Byelaw or any Part thereof, such Byelaw or the Part thereof disallowed shall not come into operation: Provided also, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if She shall think fit, at any Time within the said Period of Forty Days, to enlarge the Time within which such Byelaw (if allowed) shall not come into force, and no such Byelaw shall in that Case come into force until after the Expiration of such enlarged Time; provided that a Copy of any such Byelaw under the Seal of the Corporation, with a Declaration thereon, signed by the Mayor of the Borough, that the same has been sent, sealed as aforesaid, to One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and published in Two of the *Liverpool* Newspapers as aforesaid, shall be received as Evidence of any such Byelaw, and of the sending and publishing thereof as aforesaid, in all Courts of Law and Equity and before all Justices.

Byelaws to be printed.

6. All Byelaws made in pursuance of this Act shall be printed, and a Copy thereof shall be affixed and continued in the Police Office of the Borough of *Liverpool*, and Copies thereof shall be delivered by the Town Clerk to any Person who may apply for the same, on the Payment of such Sum as the Corporation shall think fit.

Penalty on Town Clerk refusing to give Copies of Byelaws.

7. If the Town Clerk of the Borough shall not, upon the Payment or Tender of such Sum as the Corporation shall direct to be paid for the same, deliver to any Person applying for the same at the Office of the Town Clerk a printed Copy of all or any Byelaws made in pursuance of this Act, such Clerk shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not

not exceeding Ten Pounds; and if the Person for the Time being having the Care of the Police Office of the Borough shall not permit the printed Copy of any Byelaws affixed in the said Office to be inspected at all reasonable Times by any Person who may require to be permitted to inspect the same, the Person so offending shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

Extending Provisions of 6 & 7 Vict. c. cix. with relation to Offences and Penalties.

8. All the Provisions of the recited Act of the Sixth and Seventh Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty which are contained in Sections Ninety-three to One hundred and thirteen, both inclusive, of that Act shall extend and apply to any Byelaw made in pursuance of this Act.

Saving Rights of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

9. Nothing herein contained shall in any Manner alter, abridge, or interfere with the Erection, Construction, or Management of the Warehouses and Transit Sheds authorized to be erected by the *Mersey* Docks and Harbour Board, or with the Employment by the said Board of any Person to act as Warehouseman, Porter, Lumper, or Stevedore.

Expenses of Act.

10. All Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and attending the obtaining and passing of this Act, or incidental thereto, shall be paid by the Corporation out of the Borough Fund of the Borough of *Liverpool*.

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