CHAPTER cxi.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to the Urban Sanitary District of Plymouth. [29th June 1893.]

A.D. 1893.

WHEREAS the Local Government Board have made the Provisional Order set forth in the schedule hereto, under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890: 53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order should be confirmed by Parliament:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Order in schedule confirmed.

1. The Order set out in the schedule hereto shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, and all the provisions thereof shall have full validity and force.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) Act, 1893.

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SCHEDULE.

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BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Plymouth, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough ; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 4 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 (herein-after referred to as "the Act"), that where an official representation for the purposes of Part I. of the Act is made, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, to the Local Authority that, within a certain area in the District of such Authority, either—

(*a*) any houses, courts, or alleys are unfit for human habitation, or

(*b*) the narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement, or the bad condition of the streets and houses or groups of houses within such area, or the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences, or any other sanitary defects, or one or more of such causes, are dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants either of the buildings in the said area or of the neighbouring buildings,

and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects in such area, cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area, or of some of such streets or houses, the Local Authority shall take such representation into their consideration ; and if satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of their resources, shall pass a resolution to the effect that such area is an unhealthy area, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect of such area, and, after passing such resolution, shall forthwith proceed to make a scheme for the improvement of such area ;

And whereas the Borough of Plymouth is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority and the Local Authority under the Act, and are herein-after referred to as "the Local Authority" ;

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And whereas an official representation for the purposes of Part I. of the Act has been made to the Local Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, that within the area in the District of the Authority bounded by Looe Street, How Street, Buckwell Street, and Vauxhall Street are houses, courts and alleys the narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement of which, together with the want of sufficient light, air, and ventilation, are dangerous and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the buildings in the said area, and that the evils connected with the houses, courts, and alleys upon the said area are such that they cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of some or all of such streets or houses;

And whereas the Local Authority, being satisfied of the truth of such official representation and of the sufficiency of their resources, have passed a resolution that the area described in the said official representation is an unhealthy area, and that an Improvement Scheme ought to be made in respect of such area;

And whereas the Local Authority have agreed to purchase certain land situate at or near Prince Rock and adjoining the Laira Bridge Road, in their District (which land is herein-after referred to as "the Prince Rock Site"), for the purpose of providing dwelling accommodation for some of the persons of the working class residing in the houses on the unhealthy area;

And whereas the Local Authority, after passing such resolution as aforesaid, made a Scheme (herein-after referred to as "the Scheme") for the improvement of the said area, which Scheme was accompanied by a map (therein referred to as "the plan signed by the Medical Officer of Health"), and by particulars, and estimates, which Scheme and estimates are as follow :—

"SCHEME.

"The Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

"Improvement Scheme of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough "of Plymouth, being the Sanitary Authority of the Urban Sanitary District of the "Borough of Plymouth, in respect of the area bounded by Looe Street, How "Street, Buckwell Street, and Vauxhall Street, and shown on the plan signed by the "Medical Officer of Health, and thereon delineated by a blue line.

"1.—The land and dwelling-houses within the limits of the said area shall be "taken and purchased compulsorily under the provisions of the said Act in that "behalf.

"2.—All the dwelling-houses within the limits of the said area shall be pulled down "and the sites thereof cleared.

"3.—That the whole of the said area be utilized in part for laying out improved "streets and approaches, and in part for the erection of dwelling-houses for "the working classes, with suitable courtlages, air spaces, and conveniences.

"4.—That the displaced population be provided with suitable dwelling-houses, either "temporarily or permanently, as may hereafter be found necessary, on the land "agreed to be purchased from Soltau's trustees, situate at or near Prince Rock.

"Estimate of Expense.

"I estimate the expense of the Improvement Scheme under the above Act, according "to the petition and deposited plans, including the purchase of all property included

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" in the unhealthy area and also of the necessary land at Prince Rock for the erection " of dwellings for the surplus displaced population, and erection of buildings on the said " unhealthy area and on the land at Prince Rock for the displaced population, at the " sum of sixty thousand pounds, made up as follows :—

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" Estimated cost of lands included in the unhealthy area - -	27,000
" Estimated cost of erection of new sanitary buildings on the un- " healthy area, including the paving of the surrounding courts " and streets - - - - - -	25,150
" Estimated cost of land for erection of new buildings for surplus " displaced population at Prince Rock - - -	930
" Estimated cost of erection of new buildings at Prince Rock for " displaced surplus population, including the making and paving " of courts and streets - - - - -	6,920
" Total - - - - -	60,000

" Geo. D. Bellamy,
" Borough Surveyor."

And whereas the Local Authority have, after the publication of advertisements and service of notices in accordance with the Act, presented a petition, accompanied by a copy of the Scheme, to the Local Government Board praying that an Order may be made confirming the Scheme ; and have deposited with that Board a duplicate of the map which accompanied the Scheme, which map is herein-after referred to as " the deposited map " ;

And whereas on consideration of the petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and of the service of the notices as aforesaid, the Local Government Board directed local inquiry to be held, in accordance with and for the purposes mentioned in the Act, and such inquiry has been held and report has been made of the result of such inquiry to the Local Government Board in accordance with Section 19 of the Act :

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Act, do, subject to the provisions of the Act, and subject as herein-after provided, hereby—

Art. I. Confirm the Scheme subject to the modifications herein-after mentioned.

Art. II. Declare that the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme are the lands coloured pink on the deposited map.

Art. III. Authorise the Scheme to be carried into execution, subject to the following conditions and modifications ; viz.,—

(1.) The area coloured pink on the deposited map shall be taken to represent the whole of the unhealthy area.

(2.) All the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme may be taken compulsorily.

(3.) The Scheme, so far as it relates to the laying out of convenient streets and approaches, and other matters not provided for in this Order, shall be carried out in such manner as may be approved by Us.

(4.) Suitable dwellings, according to plans to be approved by Us, shall be erected within the area comprised in the Scheme, or upon the Prince Rock Site, for the accommodation of eight hundred and thirteen persons of the working class.

(5.) The Local Authority shall not, without Our sanction, sell or let any of the lands within the area comprised in the Scheme for any purpose other than the erection of suitable dwellings for the accommodation of persons of the working class.

(6.)—(*a.*) No buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme shall be demolished until dwellings suitable for the accommodation of not less than three hundred and thirteen persons of the working class shall have been erected on the Prince Rock Site, and shall have been completed fit for occupation, but when that accommodation has been provided, the Local Authority may demolish all such buildings.

(*b.*) The Local Authority shall, within twelve months after the whole of the buildings on the lands within the area comprised in the Scheme shall have been demolished, cause to be provided on such lands, or on such other lands as may be approved by Us, dwellings suitable for the accommodation of such number of the persons referred to in subdivision (4) of this Article as shall not then have been provided for.

(*c.*) All lands on which any dwellings shall have been erected or provided in pursuance of this Scheme shall, for a period of twenty-five years from the passing of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order, be appropriated for the purpose of dwellings, and every conveyance, demise, or lease of such lands and buildings shall be endorsed with notice of this provision.

Art. IV. Approve of the Local Authority themselves undertaking the rebuilding of the houses on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme, and the erection of the dwellings on the Prince Rock Site as aforesaid.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-first day of April, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

(L.S.)

Henry H. Fowler, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

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