CHAPTER clvii.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board under the provisions of the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1881, relating to Salt Works. A.D. 1884.

[28th July 1884.]

WHEREAS the Local Government Board have made the Provisional Order relating to Salt Works, which is set forth in the Schedule hereto, under the provisions of the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1881: 44 & 45 Vict. c. 37.

And whereas the Local Government Board have given due notice of the provisions of such Order to persons interested therein; and 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:

1. The Order as set out in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, and all the provisions thereof shall, from and after the passing of this Act, have full validity and force. The Order in Schedule confirmed.

2. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Board's Provisional Order Confirmation (Salt Works) Act, 1884. Short title.

A.D. 1884.

SCHEDULE.

Salt Works Order.

Provisional Order under Section 10 *of the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act*, 1881.

WHEREAS by Section 10 of the Alkali, &c. Works Regulation Act, 1881 (herein-after referred to as "the Act"), it is provided that an inspector may from time to time inquire whether in any works in which the extraction of salt from brine is carried on (therein and herein-after called "salt works"), means can be adopted at a reasonable expense for preventing the discharge from the furnaces or chimneys of such works into the atmosphere of sulphurous and muriatic acid gases evolved in such works, or either of such gases, or for rendering such gases, or either of them, harmless or inoffensive when discharged; and that where it appears to the Local Government Board that such means can be adopted at a reasonable expense the Board may from time to time, by order, require the owners of such works to adopt the best practicable means for the purpose, and may by the order limit the amount or proportion, in the case of salt works, of sulphurous or muriatic acid gas, which is to be permitted to escape from such works into the chimney or into the atmosphere, and may also by the order extend to such works such provisions of the reciting Act relating to scheduled works as they see fit;

And whereas an inspector appointed for the execution of the Act has inquired as aforesaid and it appears to the Local Government Board that means can be adopted at a reasonable expense,—

For preventing the discharge into the atmosphere from the furnaces or chimneys of salt works of muriatic acid gas evolved in such works, or for rendering such gas harmless or inoffensive when discharged:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 10 of the Act, and by any other Statutes in that behalf, do hereby Order that from and after the date of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order (herein-after referred to as "the commencement of this Order"), the following provisions shall take effect; viz.,

Art. I. The owners of all salt works shall adopt the best practicable means for preventing the discharge into the atmosphere from the furnaces or chimneys of such works of the muriatic acid gas evolved in such works, or for rendering such gas harmless or inoffensive when discharged.

If the owner of any salt works fails, in the opinion of the court having cognizance of the matter, to use such means, he shall be liable to a fine not

exceeding, in the case of the first offence, twenty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, fifty pounds, with a further sum not exceeding five pounds for every day during which any such subsequent offence has continued.

Art. II. Every salt work shall be carried on in such manner that in each cubic foot of air, smoke, or chimney-gas escaping from the works into the atmosphere there shall not be contained more than one-fifth of a grain of muriatic acid gas.

The owner of any salt work which is carried on in contravention of this Article shall be liable to a fine not exceeding, in the case of the first offence, fifty pounds, and in the case of every subsequent offence, one hundred pounds.

Art. III. The provisions of Section 22 of the Act shall extend to the recovery of the fines imposed by this Order.

Art. IV. The provisions of Section 12 of the Act shall extend to every salt work erected after the commencement of this Order, or which has been closed for a period of twelve months.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Tenth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

(L.S.)

Charles W. Dilke, President
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

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