CHAPTER ccxxxv.

An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Boroughs of Birmingham, Liverpool, Nottingham, and Swansea. [15th August 1876.] A.D. 1876.

WHEREAS the Local Government Board have, as regards the boroughs herein mentioned, made the Provisional Orders set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, under the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875:

And whereas it is requisite that the said Orders should be confirmed by Parliament, and that the provisions herein contained should be enacted in reference to certain of the said boroughs:

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:

The Provisional Orders in schedule confirmed.

1. The Orders set out in the schedule hereunto annexed shall be and the same are hereby confirmed, and all the provisions thereof shall, from and after the passing of this Act, have full validity and force.

Special provisions as to the borough of Birmingham.

2. In exercising the powers conferred upon the urban sanitary authority for the borough of Birmingham (in this and the next following section called the sanitary authority) under the Order relating to the borough of Birmingham hereby confirmed, the following provisions shall apply and take effect; namely,

(A.) As regards any lands within the areas to which the scheme confirmed by the said Order relates in respect of which lands, agreements of purchase (conditional or otherwise) have been entered into, the sanitary authority shall only purchase or take the same subject to and in accordance with the terms of such agreements respectively:

(B.) With regard to any lands within the said areas which the sanitary authority may purchase by agreement from the

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governors of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the Free Grammar School of King Edward the Sixth in Birmingham, the sanitary authority may grant to the said governors rentcharges upon all or any of the lands to be acquired by the sanitary authority for the purposes of the said scheme:

(c.) The sanitary authority shall not take or purchase compulsorily any of the lands belonging to the governors of the possessions, revenues, and goods of the said Free Grammar School, nor any of the lands numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, and coloured dark blue, and numbered respectively 14 and 15 and coloured green on the plan marked A, sealed with the official seal of the Local Government Board, and deposited in their office, a duplicate whereof, sealed in like manner, is also deposited in the office of the town clerk at Birmingham.

Special provisions as to the tunnel of the Great Western Railway in the borough of Birmingham.

3. The sanitary authority before they construct the new streets, or either of them, shown on the plan and duplicate which has been made, sealed, and deposited in the manner set forth in the Order relating to the said borough of Birmingham hereby confirmed, over the tunnel of the Great Western Railway Company, and before they make or construct any building or buildings or other work over that tunnel, shall comply with the following provisions:

(A.) They shall give twenty-one days notice in writing, under the hand of the town clerk, to the Great Western Railway Company, at their principal office at Paddington, of their intention to commence the construction of the new street or streets, or buildings or other work, as the case may be, and shall at the same time send sufficient plans, specifications, or other information to show the nature of the interference with the tunnel:

(B.) If the engineer of the Great Western Railway Company shall be of opinion that the proposed mode of constructing the street or streets and buildings, or either of them, or other work, will render the tunnel insecure or injure it, and no method of constructing the street or streets and buildings or other work, as the case may be, to the satisfaction of the said engineer is agreed upon, the matter shall be referred to some engineer to be selected by the sanitary authority and the directors of the said company, and in default of agreement in such selection, to be appointed by the Local Government Board and paid

by the said authority and company, either jointly or according to the award of the said referee, whose award shall be binding on the said authority and company respectively:

(C.) If the sanitary authority construct any sewer or drain in the new street or streets over the tunnel, such sewer or drain shall, as far as possible, be made and maintained watertight:

(D.) All works on and over the tunnel shall be executed under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer of the said company:

(E.) Any additional expense in the maintenance of the tunnel or of the works connected therewith occasioned by the construction, use, and maintenance of the street or streets and buildings or other works, as the case may be, shall be borne by the sanitary authority.

Modification in the improvement scheme relating to Swansea.

4. The Provisional Order confirmed by this Act, authorising the urban sanitary authority of the borough of Swansea to carry into execution the improvement scheme therein mentioned, shall be modified to the extent and in the manner following; (that is to say,)

1. The following properties and parts of properties which are referred to upon the plans mentioned in the said Order by the numbers herein-after specified shall be excluded from the said scheme; viz.,

   So much of the properties numbered 179, 181, 183, 200, 201, and 202, as is not required by the said sanitary authority for the formation of the proposed new street from Grove Place to High Street, or for the proposed widening of Back Street, as shown upon the said plans, and also the whole of the properties numbered 170 to 178, both inclusive, 180, 184, and 185 (such properties and parts of properties forming part of the area fourthly described in the said scheme):

2. Properties numbered 62, 91 to 93, both inclusive, 100 to 109, both inclusive, and 120 to 131, both inclusive, on the said plans forming part of the area thirdly described in the said scheme, shall not be purchased or taken compulsorily: Provided always, that the said sanitary authority shall not be compelled to carry into effect so much of the said scheme as relates to the said properties:

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3. The properties numbered 2 and 3 on the said plans shall be excluded from the said scheme, unless within twelve months from the passing of this Act the said sanitary authority, and the person or persons interested in the said properties, have agreed that such properties shall be included in the said scheme:

4. As regards any lands within the areas to which the said scheme relates in respect of which lands agreements have been entered into by or on behalf of the said sanitary authority, the said sanitary authority shall only purchase the same subject to and in accordance with the terms of such agreements.

Special provision relating to the borough of Swansea.

5. The urban sanitary authority for the borough of Swansea shall not take for the purposes of the scheme set out in the Order relating to that borough hereby confirmed so much of the lands and premises comprised in the areas therein described as is contained in a provisional order made by the Education Department and confirmed by an Act passed in this present session of Parliament, but they may, if and when occasion shall arise, exchange any part of the lands and premises to be acquired under this Act for a part of the lands and premises to be acquired by the school board for the united district of Swansea under the provisional order of the Education Department above referred to.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Artizans and Labourers Dwellings) Act, 1876.

SCHEDULE.

BOROUGH OF BIRMINGHAM.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Birmingham, in the County of Warwick, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, provides for the making of schemes for the improvement of any areas in Urban Sanitary Districts in England, containing, according to the last published Census for the time being, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, which, in the opinion of the Local Authorities for such Districts, are unhealthy areas within the meaning of that Act; and it provides that a Local Authority, on being satisfied by official representation, made in accordance with the provisions of that Act, of the unhealthiness of any such areas, 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 thereof, and shall, after passing such a resolution, forthwith proceed to make a scheme accordingly; and the said Act further provides that, in respect of each Urban Sanitary District, the Urban Sanitary Authority thereof shall be the Local Authority for the purposes of that Act;

And whereas the Borough of Birmingham, in the County of Warwick, is an Urban Sanitary District, containing, according to the last published Census, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority of such District;

And whereas official representations having been made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, that the houses, courts, and alleys in certain areas within the said Urban Sanitary District are unfit for human habitation; that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health amongst the population have been from time to time prevalent in such areas; that such prevalence may reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, bad arrangement, and bad condition of the streets and houses, or groups of houses, within such areas, and to the want of light, air, ventilation, and proper conveniences; and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, and alleys, and the sanitary defects in such areas, cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and reconstruction of the streets and houses within the said areas, or of some of such streets and houses, and the Urban Sanitary Authority, being satisfied of the truth of such representations, and of the sufficiency of

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their resources, have resolved that the areas described in the said representations are unhealthy areas, and that an Improvement Scheme ought to be made in respect of such areas;

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority, after the passing of the said resolution, made an Improvement Scheme, accompanied by maps, particulars, and estimates, which scheme is as follows:

"BOROUGH OF BIRMINGHAM.

"Scheme made by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of "Birmingham, acting by the Council, as the Local Authority, under "The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, for "the Improvement of an unhealthy Area within the said Borough.

"1. This scheme may be cited as The Birmingham Improvement Scheme, 1876.

"2. In this scheme 'the Borough' means the Borough of Birmingham; 'the "Corporation' means the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough; "'the Town Clerk' and 'the Surveyor' mean respectively the Town Clerk "and the Surveyor of the Borough; and 'the maps' mean the maps which "accompany this scheme.

"3. The unhealthy area included in this scheme is the area delineated and indicated "on the plan. A duplicate of the maps is deposited at the office of the Town "Clerk; and the copies of the maps or any part or parts thereof certified by "the surveyor shall be received in all Courts of Justice, or elsewhere, as "evidence of the contents thereof respectively.

"4. The Corporation may enter on, take compulsorily, and deal with, for the "purposes of this Scheme, all or any of the lands described in the schedule "hereto and delineated on the maps. But the Corporation shall not, without "the consent of the Great Western Railway Company (expressed in writing "under their common seal), take or interfere with the railway or works of that "Company passing under the unhealthy area.

"5. The Corporation may lay out, form, pave, sewer, and complete in the lines "shown on the maps, all or any of the new streets and improvements following; "namely,—

"(*a.*) A new street extending in a direction generally northerly from New "Street to Aston Road;

"(*b.*) A new street from the junction of the new street (*a.*) and Union "Street to the junction of High Street and Bull Street;

"(*c.*) A new street from the point of intersection of the proposed new street "(*a.*) and John Street to the junction of Dale End and Stafford "Street;

"With such other streets, approaches, communications, alterations of level, "stopping up, widening or diversion of existing streets, and otherwise, as are "shown on the maps, or as may hereafter be determined by the Corporation "to be necessary or proper for the purposes of this scheme.

"6. In laying out the new streets and executing the approaches and communications "shown on the maps, the Corporation may deviate from the lines shown on the "maps to any extent within the limits of deviation marked thereon, and beyond

"those limits with the consent of the owners, lessees, and occupiers of the lands through which a deviation is made, but not otherwise.

"7. The Corporation may from time to time appropriate any parts of the unhealthy area, and also all or any part of the site in the vicinity thereof delineated and indicated on the maps, for the erection of suitable dwellings for persons of the working class; and they shall provide, either by appropriation of some parts of the unhealthy area, and such site respectively, and by securing the erection of suitable dwellings thereon, or in some other manner, for the accommodation of at least as many persons of the working class as will be from time to time displaced within the unhealthy area.

"8. All dwelling-houses to be erected in accordance with this scheme shall be well and substantially built, and shall be so situated and constructed as to secure efficient ventilation, and shall be furnished with a proper water supply, and with proper drainage and other sanitary appliances and apparatus, to the satisfaction of the Corporation; and the Corporation shall enforce the execution and maintenance of all other proper sanitary arrangements within the area and site shown on the maps.

"9. The Corporation shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of the Act authorising this scheme, proceed to carry the same into execution; but they may from time to time purchase and deal with parts of the lands within the unhealthy area without being required to purchase and deal with the whole of the lands within that area.

"10. Notwithstanding anything contained in this scheme, the Corporation may, where they think it expedient so to do, without themselves acquiring the land which they are authorised to take, or after or subject to their acquiring any part thereof, contract with the person entitled to the first estate of freehold in any land comprised in this scheme for the carrying out of the scheme in respect of such land by such person.

"11. The expenses of the execution of this scheme (so far as they are not defrayed out of receipts of the Corporation, pursuant to The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875,) and the costs, charges, and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparation of this scheme, and the application for the Order confirming the same, and the obtaining the confirmation by Parliament of such Order, shall be paid by the Corporation out of all or any of the local rates as defined by the said Act (section twenty-one), or out of moneys borrowed in pursuance of the said Act.

(L.S.) "E. J. Hayes,
"Town Clerk."

And whereas a schedule was appended to the said scheme, which showed the names of the streets, courts, alleys, and other places, the description of the property proposed to be taken, the owners or reputed owners, the lessees or reputed lessees, and the present or recent occupiers, of the said property;

And whereas the estimates which accompanied the said scheme showed as follows; viz.:—

That the total area of land to which the scheme related, including the site for the erection of dwellings for persons of the working class, was four hundred and forty-nine thousand one hundred and thirty-five yards, or nearly ninety-three acres;

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That of this it was anticipated that the Corporation would acquire about two hundred and nine thousand four hundred and ninety-six yards, or about forty-three and a quarter acres, at a total cost of about one million three hundred and ten thousand pounds ;

That the proposed new streets shown on the maps accompanying the scheme would absorb about thirty-eight thousand five hundred and twenty-two yards, or nearly eight acres ;

That the estimated cost of making these new streets was thirty-four thousand pounds ;

That the estimated improved value of the surplus lands was seven hundred and ninety-four thousand pounds;

That the estimated net cost of carrying out the Improvement Scheme was five hundred and fifty thousand pounds;

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority, having complied with the provisions contained in Section 6 of the above-recited Act with respect to the publication of an advertisement and the service of notices, presented a Petition to the Local Government Board, who are in that Act referred to as the "confirming Authority," praying that an Order might be made confirming such scheme, which Petition was accompanied by a copy of the said scheme, and a statement of the owners or reputed owners and lessees or reputed lessees who had dissented in respect of the taking of their lands, and was supported by such evidence as the Local Government Board required ;

And whereas on consideration of the Petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and the service of the proper notices, the Local Government Board thought fit to proceed with the case, and directed a local inquiry to be held, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the said Act ;

And whereas upon a local inquiry being directed, an Inspector of the said Board was sent by them to the areas to which such inquiry related, for the purpose of making an inquiry into the correctness of the official representations made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority as to such areas being unhealthy areas, and into the sufficiency of the scheme provided for their improvement, and into any local objections to such scheme;

And whereas, before commencing such inquiry, the Inspector made public, by advertisement, his intention to make such inquiry, and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard upon the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the above-recited Act ;

And whereas report has been made upon such inquiry, and has been received by the Local Government Board;

And whereas a plan has been made and has been sealed with the official Seal of the said Board, and is deposited in their office, and a duplicate thereof, sealed in like manner, is deposited in the office of the Town Clerk at Birmingham, on which the parts coloured red, blue, yellow, and brown represent the areas and spaces referred to in the said scheme;

And whereas the Local Government Board find that the part coloured red on the said plan and duplicate represents the whole of the area which is an unhealthy area within the meaning of the said Act; that the part coloured blue is necessary to be included in the said scheme for making it efficient for sanitary purposes, and for widening the existing approaches to the unhealthy area, or for opening out the same for the purposes of ventilation or health; and that the part coloured brown is required for the purpose of providing for the accommodation of the persons of the working class displaced in the areas with respect to which the said scheme was proposed:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, do, subject to the provisions of the said Act, and except as herein-after mentioned, hereby confirm the Improvement Scheme made by the Urban Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Birmingham as aforesaid, and do hereby declare the limits of the areas to which the said scheme relates to be as follows; viz.:—

The areas shown on the said plan, and distinguished thereon and on the duplicate by the colours red, blue, yellow, and brown.

And We do hereby authorise such scheme to be carried into execution as soon as this Order shall have been confirmed by Parliament, subject to the following conditions and modifications; viz.:—

I. The part coloured red on the said plan and duplicate represents the whole of the unhealthy area; the part coloured blue shall be included in the said scheme, for the purpose of making it efficient for sanitary purposes, and for widening the existing approaches to the unhealthy area, or for opening out the same for the purposes of ventilation or health, and the part coloured brown shall be included in the said scheme for the purpose of providing for the accommodation of the persons of the working class displaced in the said areas with respect to which the said scheme is proposed.

II. All the parts coloured on the said plan and duplicate except that coloured yellow may be purchased compulsorily.

III. So much only of the said areas shall be cleared of buildings at one time as will be sufficient for the provision of accommodation of at least five hundred of the persons displaced in carrying out the said scheme, and no further clearances shall take place until dwellings for a similar number have been completed.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Seventeenth day of June, in the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

G. Sclater-Booth, President.

(L.S.) John Lambert, Secretary.

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BOROUGH OF LIVERPOOL.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, provides for the making of schemes for the improvement of any areas in Urban Sanitary Districts in England, containing, according to the last published Census for the time being, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, which, in the opinion of the Local Authorities for such Districts, are unhealthy areas within the meaning of that Act; and it also provides that a Local Authority, on being satisfied by official representation, made in accordance with the provisions of that Act, of the unhealthiness of any such areas, 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 thereof, and shall, after passing such a resolution, forthwith proceed to make a scheme accordingly; and the said Act further provides that, in respect of each Urban Sanitary District, the Urban Sanitary Authority thereof shall be the Local Authority for the purposes of that Act;

And whereas the Borough of Liverpool, in the County of Lancaster, is an Urban Sanitary District, containing, according to the last published Census, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority of such District;

And whereas an official representation having been made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, that the houses, courts, and alleys in a certain area within the said Urban Sanitary District are unfit for human habitation, and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, and alleys cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and reconstruction of the streets and houses within the said area, or of some of such streets and houses, and the Urban Sanitary Authority, being satisfied of the truth of such representation, and of the sufficiency of their resources, have resolved that the area described in the said representation is an unhealthy area, and that an Improvement Scheme ought to be made in respect of such area;

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority, after the passing of the said resolution, made an Improvement Scheme, accompanied by maps, particulars, and estimates, which scheme is to the following effect; viz.:—

The scheme includes the whole of the area in respect of which the official representation had been made, viz., the area situated between Scotland Road and Cazneau Street, in the said Borough, comprised

within the blue marginal lines on the plan of the said area accompanying the said scheme, duplicates of which plans have been deposited at the places herein-after mentioned, and containing about twenty-two thousand four hundred and eighty-seven superficial square yards, of which three thousand seven hundred and seventeen are laid out as public streets, and eighteen thousand seven hundred and seventy are covered by low-class dwellings and buildings, or yards used for trade purposes.

In order to render the scheme efficient for sanitary purposes, the whole of the property within the said area shall be purchased or taken compulsorily, the buildings removed, and the ground filled up to a proper level for building purposes, so as to secure a street of nearly uniform gradient, not exceeding one in forty, forty-five feet wide, from Cazneau Street to Scotland Road aforesaid, with other convenient streets.

That dwellings shall be arranged with the best sanitary conditions, so that a much larger number of persons than at present be accommodated, and an important street improvement effected by the continuation of Juvenal Street at a nearly uniform gradient to a point in Scotland Road opposite to Ellenborough Street.

The scheme shows that the number of persons of the working classes to be displaced in the said area will be one thousand one hundred, and provides for the accommodation of the persons displaced within the limits of the said area, by retaining and setting apart of sufficient land within the said area on which to erect suitable dwellings for at least as great a number as may be displaced.

It provides that the land, with the exception of the plots fronting Scotland Road and Cazneau Street, shall be laid out for the erection of four-story houses in flats, constructed in a somewhat similar manner to Saint Martin's Cottages in the said Borough; the spaces between the backs of the houses to be wide asphalted open spaces, to be formed and maintained by the Urban Sanitary Authority;

That the area available for four-story dwellings in flats, with shops fronting to the proposed continuation of Juvenal Street, will be about seven thousand yards, and one thousand nine hundred yards of land fronting to Scotland Road and Cazneau Street will be sold for ordinary buildings;

The scheme to be modified, if necessary, by devoting a portion of the land for dwelling-houses of the ordinary kind, or for shops, but so as not to prevent its compliance with the above-recited Act;

All buildings erected within the limits of the said area to be so placed as to secure light and air to two sides of each building or dwelling, in such manner as to secure through ventilation;

Each dwelling shall be supplied with water, and have a separate water-closet;

The streets, open places, and carriageways shall be formed by the said Urban Sanitary Authority, and shall be efficiently drained, paved, and lighted.

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The net cost of carrying the scheme into execution is estimated at sixty-two thousand two hundred and fifty-four pounds, as follows; viz.:—

Total cost of acquiring the land and buildings comprising the unhealthy area, of filling up the ground to a proper level, and of forming new streets and sewers - - - - -	£92,600
Estimated value of eight thousand eight hundred and twenty-four square yards of surplus land for building purposes, nearly the whole of which may be actually built upon - - - -	£30,346
Net cost of Improvement Scheme - - -	£62,254

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority, having complied with the provisions contained in Section 6 of the above-recited Act with respect to the publication of an advertisement and the service of notices, presented a Petition to the Local Government Board, who are in that Act referred to as the "confirming Authority," praying that an Order might be made confirming such scheme, which Petition was accompanied by a copy of the said scheme, and a statement of the owners or reputed owners and lessees or reputed lessees who had dissented in respect of the taking of their lands, and was supported by such evidence as the Local Government Board required;

And whereas on consideration of the Petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and the service of the proper notices, the Local Government Board thought fit to proceed with the case, and directed a local inquiry to be held, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the said Act;

And whereas upon a local inquiry being directed, an Inspector was sent by the Local Government Board to the area to which such inquiry related, for the purpose of making an inquiry into the correctness of the official representation made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority as to such area being an unhealthy area, and into the sufficiency of the scheme provided for its improvement, and into any local objections to such scheme;

And whereas, before commencing such inquiry, the Inspector made public, by advertisement, his intention to make such inquiry, and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard upon the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the above-recited Act;

And whereas report has been made upon such inquiry, and has been received by the Local Government Board:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, do, except as herein-after mentioned, hereby confirm the Improvement Scheme made by the Urban Sanitary

Authority for the Borough of Liverpool as aforesaid, and do hereby declare the limits of the area to which the said scheme relates to be as follows; viz.:— A.D. 1876.

The area situated between Scotland Road and Cazneau Street, and comprised within the blue marginal lines on the plan of the said area accompanying the said scheme, duplicates of which plan have been deposited at the office of the Local Government Board, Whitehall, and at the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Offices, Dale Street, Liverpool, which area contains about twenty-two thousand four hundred and eighty-seven superficial square yards, of which three thousand seven hundred and seventeen are laid out as public streets, and eighteen thousand seven hundred and seventy are covered by low-class dwellings or buildings, or yards used for trade purposes.

And We do hereby authorise such scheme to be carried into execution as soon as this Order shall have been confirmed by Parliament, subject to the following conditions and modifications; viz.:—

I. The property owned by James Cooban in the said area shall not be purchased by the said Urban Sanitary Authority, except by agreement:

II. So much of the said scheme as provides for the modification thereof shall be disallowed.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Seventh day of June, in the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

(L.S.)

G. Sclater-Booth, President.
John Lambert, Secretary.

BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Nottingham, in the Town and County of the Town of Nottingham, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, provides for the making of schemes for the improvement of any areas in Urban Sanitary Districts in England, containing, according to the last published Census for the time being, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, which, in the opinion of the Local Authorities for such Districts, are unhealthy areas within the meaning of that Act; and it provides that a Local Authority, on being satisfied by official representation, made in accordance with the provisions of that Act, of the unhealthiness of any such areas, shall

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pass a resolution to the effect that such area is an unhealthy area, and that an Improvement Scheme ought to be made in respect thereof, and shall, after passing such a resolution, forthwith proceed to make a scheme accordingly; and the said Act further provides that, in respect of each Urban Sanitary District, the Urban Sanitary Authority thereof shall be the Local Authority for the purposes of that Act;

And whereas the Borough of Nottingham, in the Town and County of the Town of Nottingham, is an Urban Sanitary District, containing, according to the last published Census, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority of such District;

And whereas an official representation having been made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, that the houses, courts, and yards in a certain area, known as Darker's Court and Darker's Lane, within the said Urban Sanitary District are unfit for human habitation, and that the sanitary defects in such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and reconstruction of the houses within the said area, and the Urban Sanitary Authority, being satisfied of the truth of such representation, and of the sufficiency of their resources, have resolved that the area described in the said representation is an unhealthy area, and that an Improvement Scheme ought to be made in respect of such area;

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority, after the passing of the said resolution, made an Improvement Scheme, accompanied by maps, particulars, and estimates, which is as follows:

"1. That the whole of the land within the prescribed area be and the same is "included in the Improvement Scheme, and that the whole of the said area be taken "compulsorily.

"2. That the buildings thereon be pulled down, and the materials cleared away.

"3. That the site be disposed of by public auction for the purpose of erecting "thereon shops and manufacturing, commercial, or public buildings, and that the "elevations, plans, and specifications shall be submitted to and approved of by the "Health Committee.

"4. That such disposition shall be effected either by a sale in fee simple or by "building leases for ninety-nine years, as the said Committee may determine to be most "advantageous.

"5. That this Council do set aside for the erection of workmen's dwellings a piece "of land, part of the Chamber Estate, lying between the back of Ortzen Street and a "narrow strip of recreation ground at the back of Forest Road West, which said piece "of land contains an area of five thousand square yards, or thereabouts.

"6. That the Chamber Estate Committee be directed to offer the said land by "public auction on building leases for ninety-nine years, in such lots as may be deter-"mined by that Committee, and upon such conditions as they may determine, subject "to the following proviso, namely, that a sufficient number of suitable dwelling-houses "are provided to accommodate at the least as many persons of the working classes as "may be displaced in the area prescribed."

And whereas the estimate which accompanied the said scheme showed as follows; viz.:—

That the cost of acquiring the lands and property in the unhealthy area and disposing of the same as defined in the scheme would be one thousand pounds;

That the cost of building fifty dwelling-houses on the Chamber Estate of the kind defined as workmen's dwellings would be eight thousand pounds;

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority, having complied with the provisions contained in Section 6 of the above-recited Act with respect to the publication of an advertisement and the service of notices, presented a Petition to the Local Government Board, who are in that Act referred to as the "confirming Authority," praying that an Order might be made confirming such scheme, which Petition was accompanied by a copy of the said scheme, and a statement of the owners or reputed owners and lessees or reputed lessees who had dissented in respect of the taking of their lands, and was supported by such evidence as the Local Government Board required;

And whereas on consideration of the Petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and the service of the proper notices, the Local Government Board thought fit to proceed with the case, and directed a local inquiry to be held, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the said Act;

And whereas upon a local inquiry being directed, an Inspector was sent by the Local Government Board to the area to which such inquiry related, for the purpose of making an inquiry into the correctness of the official representation made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority as to such area being an unhealthy area, and into the sufficiency of the scheme provided for its improvement, and into any local objections to such scheme;

And whereas, before commencing such inquiry, the Inspector made public, by advertisement, his intention to make such inquiry, and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard upon the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the above-recited Act;

And whereas report has been made upon such inquiry, and has been received by the Local Government Board;

And whereas the Local Government Board find that the area comprising the lands and premises numbered 1 to 36, both inclusive, on the plan deposited at their office and on the duplicate thereof deposited at the municipal offices, in the Borough of Nottingham, represents an area which is an unhealthy area within the meaning of the said Act:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, do, except as herein-after mentioned, but subject to the provisions of the said Act, hereby confirm the Improvement Scheme made by the Urban Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Nottingham as aforesaid, and do hereby declare the limits of the area to which the said scheme relates to be as follows; viz.:—

The area comprising the lands and premises numbered 1 to 36, both inclusive, on the plan and duplicate deposited as aforesaid.

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And We do hereby authorise such scheme to be carried into execution as soon as this Order shall have been confirmed by Parliament, subject to the following conditions and modifications; viz.:—

I. The part of the Chamber Estate referred to in the said Scheme shall be set aside and appropriated for the purpose of providing for the accommodation of the persons of the working class displaced in the area with respect to which the said scheme is proposed.

II. No part of the said area to which the said scheme relates shall be cleared of buildings until accommodation shall have been provided by the said Urban Sanitary Authority on the part of the Chamber Estate above mentioned for the persons displaced in carrying out the said scheme.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Seventeenth day of June, in the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

G. Sclater-Booth, President.

(L.S.) John Lambert, Secretary.

BOROUGH OF SWANSEA.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Swansea, in the County of Glamorgan, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, provides for the making of schemes for the improvement of any areas in Urban Sanitary Districts in England, containing, according to the last published Census for the time being, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, which, in the opinion of the Local Authorities for such Districts, are unhealthy areas within the meaning of that Act; and it provides that a Local Authority, on being satisfied by official representation, made in accordance with the provisions of that Act, of the unhealthiness of any such areas, 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 thereof, and shall, after passing such a resolution, forthwith proceed to make a scheme accordingly; and the said Act further provides that, in respect of each Urban Sanitary District, the Urban Sanitary Authority thereof shall be the Local Authority for the purposes of that Act;

And whereas the Borough of Swansea, in the County of Glamorgan, is an Urban Sanitary District, containing, according to the last published Census, a population of twenty-five thousand and upwards, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority of such District;

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And whereas an official representation having been made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, that the houses, courts, and alleys in certain areas within the said Urban Sanitary District are unfit for human habitation; that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health amongst the population have been from time to time prevalent in such areas; that such prevalence may reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, bad arrangement, and bad condition of the streets and houses, or groups of houses, within such areas, and to the want of light, air, ventilation, and proper conveniences; and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, and alleys, and the sanitary defects in such areas, cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an Improvement Scheme for the re-arrangement and reconstruction of the streets and houses within the said areas, or of some of such streets and houses, and the Urban Sanitary Authority, being satisfied of the truth of such representation, and of the sufficiency of their resources, have resolved that certain portions of the areas described in the said representation are unhealthy areas, and that an Improvement Scheme ought to be made in respect of such portions;

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority, after the passing of the said resolution, made an Improvement Scheme, accompanied by maps, particulars, and estimates, which scheme is as follows:

"Scheme for the Improvement of certain portions of the Borough of Swansea
"pursuant to the provisions of 'The Artisans and Labourers Dwellings
"Improvement Act, 1875.'

"The scheme will include portions of the areas in respect of which an official "representation has been made to the Local Authority by the medical officer of "health, viz.,

"(1.) A portion of an area lying between a part of Llangyfelach Street, Car-
"marthen Road, and Convent Street. The streets or parts of streets included
"in this area are as follows:—Carmarthen Road, Llangyfelach Road, Cae
"Pistill Pant y Glasdwr, and Convent Street.

"(2.) The whole of Angel Court, Well Street.

"(3.) A portion of an area lying between High Street, Croft Street, Dyvatty
"Street, and Matthew Street as shown on the plan. The streets or parts of
"streets included in this area are as follows, viz., Howell Street, Willow
"Street, Croft Street, Dyvatty Street, and High Street.

"(4.) A portion of the area between High Street, King Street, Pleasant Street,
"Richard Place, Trinity Place, Clifton Row, Quarry Street, New Street,
"Graig Street, and Ebenezer Street.

"The streets or parts of streets included in this area are as follows, viz., High
"Street, Back Street, Queen Street, Pleasant Street, Trinity Place, Clifton
"Row, Quarry Street, Graig Street, Mariner Street, Regent's Court, Howell
"Court, and Tower Lane.

"(5.) A portion of the area between Frog Street, Cross Street, Calvert Street,
"Orange Street, Greenfield Street, Wassail Street. The streets or parts of
"streets included in this area are Frog Street, Cross Street, Wassail Street,
"and Church Street.

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"For making the scheme efficient for sanitary purposes it is necessary to include
" therein the lands and buildings required for widening the existing approaches
" to the areas referred to in the medical officer's official representation, and
" otherwise for opening out the same for the purposes of ventilation and
" health, which it is proposed to do in the following manner; viz.:—

"No. (1.) By using a part of the area before described for the formation, widening,
" and extension of two streets extending from Llangyfelach Street to Car-
" marthen Road.

"No. (2.) By the demolishing of this court.

"No. (3.) By forming a new street 40 feet in width, and widening Croft Street and
" a portion of Dyvatty Street.

"No. (4.) By the formation of a new street from Grove Place to High Street 45 feet
" wide, joining High Street, south of the Great Western Railway Station.
"This street will pass across Pleasant Street, Queen Street, Back Street,
" Regent's Court, and Howell's Court. The following streets will also be
" widened, viz., Back Street, High Street, Quarry Street, and Pleasant Street.

"No. (5.) By the widening of Frog Street, Cross Street, and Wassail Street.

"The lands proposed to be taken compulsorily are distinguished on the map submitted
" herewith by a blue colour on the plots and red colour on the streets.

"The number of persons who may be displaced in the areas in respect of which
" this scheme is proposed is one thousand seven hundred and fifty-three (1,753).
" This number is made up as follows, viz. 254 prostitutes and loafers, 1,251
" artizans, and 248 tradespeople.

"Provisions for the accommodation of those persons in suitable dwellings situate
" within the limits of the same area or in the vicinity thereof will be made by
" retaining sufficient land within the before-mentioned areas, or the securing
" of land in the immediate vicinity, on which to erect suitable dwellings for
" at least as great a number as may be displaced by the carrying out of this
" scheme.

"The provision for sanitary arrangements will be as follows:

"All buildings to be erected within the limits of the aforesaid areas will be so placed
" as to secure light and air to two sides of each building or dwelling, and in
" such manner as to secure thorough ventilation.

"Each dwelling will be supplied with water, and will have a separate closet. The
" areas will be efficiently drained, paved, and lighted.

"Accompanying this scheme is a map showing the extent and boundaries of the
" area included in the scheme, also the proposed new streets and alterations to
" existing streets.

"The following is an estimate of the cost of carrying the scheme into execution; viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
"Total cost of acquiring the whole of the land and building on the plots and streets coloured blue and red will be, after deducting the value of houses purchased but not taken down - - - -	61,280	0	0
"Estimated value of surplus land after laying out the new streets and widening the existing streets is -	49,192	0	0
"Leaving - - - - - -	12,088	0	0
"Less Corporation interest in part of property included in scheme - - - - -	1,044	0	0
"Total cost of Improvement - -	11,044	0	0"

And whereas the said Urban Sanitary Authority having complied with the provisions contained in Section 6 of the above-recited Act with respect to the publication of an advertisement and the service of notices, presented a Petition to the Local Government Board, who are in that Act referred to as the "confirming Authority," praying that an Order might be made confirming such scheme, which Petition was accompanied by a copy of the said scheme, and a statement of the owners or reputed owners and lessees or reputed lessees who had dissented in respect of the taking of their lands, and was supported by such evidence as the Local Government Board required;

And whereas on consideration of the Petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and the service of the proper notices, the Local Government Board thought fit to proceed with the case, and directed a local inquiry to be held, in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the said Act;

And whereas upon a local inquiry being directed, an Inspector was sent by the Local Government Board to the areas to which such inquiry related, for the purpose of making an inquiry into the correctness of the official representation made to the said Urban Sanitary Authority as to such areas being unhealthy areas, and into the sufficiency of the scheme provided for their improvement, and into any local objections to such scheme;

And whereas, before commencing such inquiry, the Inspector made public, by advertisement, his intention to make such inquiry, and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard upon the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the above-recited Act;

And whereas report has been made upon such inquiry, and has been received by the Local Government Board;

And whereas the Local Government Board find that the lands and premises numbered 1 to 464, except No. 269, and 481 to 510, all inclusive, on the plan deposited at their office at Whitehall, and on a duplicate thereof deposited at the office of the Engineer for the Borough of Swansea, of the said areas, represent the whole of the areas which are unhealthy areas within the meaning of the said Act; that the lands and premises numbered 269 are, together with the lands and premises numbered 465 to 471, both inclusive, and those numbered 479 and 480, necessary to be included in the said scheme for making it efficient for sanitary purposes, and for widening the existing approaches to the unhealthy areas, or for opening out the same for the purposes of ventilation or health; that the lands and premises numbered 511 to 527, both inclusive, are required for the purpose of providing for the accommodation of the persons of the working class displaced in the areas with respect to which the said scheme was proposed; and that the lands and premises numbered 472 to 478, both inclusive, should be excluded from the said scheme:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, do, except as herein-after mentioned, but subject to the provisions of the said Act, hereby confirm the

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Improvement Scheme made by the Urban Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Swansea as aforesaid, and do hereby declare the limits of the areas to which the said scheme relates to be as follows; viz.:—

The areas numbered 1 to 527, both inclusive, on the plans deposited as aforesaid.

And We do hereby authorise such scheme to be carried into execution as soon as this Order shall have been confirmed by Parliament, subject to the following conditions and modifications; viz.:—

I. The lands and premises numbered 1 to 464, except No. 269, and 481 to 510, all inclusive, on the deposited plans represent the whole of the unhealthy areas, the lands and premises numbered 269, 465 to 471, both inclusive, and those numbered 479 and 480, shall be included in the said scheme, for the purpose of making it efficient for sanitary purposes, and for widening the existing approaches to the unhealthy areas, or for opening out the same for the purposes of ventilation or health, and the lands and premises numbered 511 to 527, both inclusive, shall be included in the scheme for the purpose of providing for the accommodation of the persons of the working class displaced in the said areas with respect to which the said scheme is proposed.

II. The lands and premises numbered 472 to 478, both inclusive, shall be excluded from the said scheme.

III. So much only of the said areas shall be cleared of buildings at one time as will be sufficient for the provision of accommodation for at least one third of the whole number of persons displaced in carrying out the said scheme, and no further clearances shall take place until dwellings for that proportion have been completed, and the same provision shall apply as regards the clearance of the remainder of the said areas.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Nineteenth day of June, in the year One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

G. Sclater-Booth, President.
John Lambert, Secretary.

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