CHAPTER viii.

An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board relating to the Borough of Burslem, the Local Government District of Denton and Haughton, the Borough of Dewsbury (two), the Local Government District of Heckmondwike, the Boroughs of Lancaster and Southport, and the Local Government Districts of Ulverston and Widnes. [25th September 1886.]

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WHEREAS the Local Government Board have made the Provisional Orders set forth in the Schedule hereto, under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875:

38 & 39 Vict. c. 55.

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

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 Orders in Schedule confirmed.

1. The Orders as set out in the Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby confirmed, and all the provisions thereof shall, from and after the dates therein respectively mentioned, have full validity and force.

Special provision as to houses of labouring class.

2. The Urban Sanitary Authority for the Borough of Southport shall not under the powers of this Act or of the Order relating to that borough hereby confirmed, without the consent of the Local Government Board, purchase or acquire in any city, borough, or other urban sanitary district, or in any parish or part of a parish not being within an urban sanitary district, ten or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been, or on the fifteenth day of December last were, occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers.

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For the purposes of this section, the expression "labouring class" includes mechanics, artizans, labourers, and others working for wages, hawkers, costermongers, persons not working for wages, but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family, and persons, other than domestic servants, whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week, and the families of any of such persons who may be residing with them.

Short title.

3. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 6) Act, 1886.

SCHEDULE.

BOROUGH OF BURSLEM.

Burslem Order.

Provisional Order for altering the Burslem Local Board Gas Act, 1877.

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

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by Section 37 of the Burslem Local Board Gas Act, 1877 (herein-after referred to as "the Local Act"), the Burslem Local Board of Health (herein-after referred to as "the Local Board") were empowered, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, to raise by mortgage the amount required for the purchase of the undertaking of the Burslem and Tunstall Gas Company, and also such further sums of money, not exceeding in the whole twenty thousand pounds, as they might from time to time require for the purposes of that Act with respect to gas;

And whereas by Section 46 of the Local Act it is enacted that the Local Board shall, within sixty years after the passing of that Act, pay off any money borrowed by them under that Act;

And whereas by Royal Charter dated the Twenty-seventh day of June, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, the District of the Local Board was created a municipal borough by the name of "the Borough of Burslem" (herein-after referred to as "the Borough"); and the inhabitants of the Borough, and their successors, were declared to be one body politic and corporate by the name of "the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Burslem" (herein-after referred to as "the Corporation)"; and by virtue of Section 310 of the Public Health Act, 1875, all the powers, rights, duties, capacities, liabilities, obligations, and property exerciseable by, attaching to, or vested in the Local Board under the Public Health Act, 1875, or under the Local Act for purposes the same as or similar to those of the Public Health Act, 1875, passed to, and became exerciseable by, and vested in, the Corporation:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and by any other Statutes in that behalf, do hereby Order that, from and after the date of the Act

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of Parliament confirming this Order, Section 46 of the Local Act shall be altered so as to provide that, notwithstanding anything therein contained, the moneys hereafter borrowed under the powers conferred by the Local Act shall be repaid within such period, not exceeding sixty years from the date of borrowing, as the Corporation, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, may, in each case, determine.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-fourth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

JAMES STANSFELD, President.
HUGH OWEN, Secretary.

Denton and Haughton Order.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF DENTON AND HAUGHTON.

Provisional Order for altering certain Local Acts and a Confirming Act.

To the Denton and Haughton Local Board, being the Sanitary Authority for the Urban Sanitary District of Denton and Haughton, in the County of Lancaster ;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS in pursuance and for the purposes of Sections 60 and 74 of the Dukinfield and Denton Local Boards (Gas) Act, 1877 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1877"), the Denton Local Board and the Haughton Local Board (which Local Boards are herein-after referred to as "the two Local Boards") had, prior to the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, borrowed sums amounting in the whole to the sum of five thousand pounds ;

And whereas the two Local Boards, for the purposes of sub-section (2) of Section 17 of the Denton and Haughton (Gas) Act, 1880 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1880"), had, prior to the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, borrowed sums amounting in the whole to the sum of thirty-nine thousand pounds, being thirty thousand pounds which the two Local Boards were authorised to borrow for such purposes, and nine thousand pounds in excess of the sum authorised to be so borrowed ;

And whereas the Haughton Local Board, in pursuance and for the purposes of sub-section (1) of Section 17 of the Act of 1880, had, prior to the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, borrowed the sum of six hundred pounds ;

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And whereas by Article II. of a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board dated the Fifth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and duly confirmed by the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 8) Act, 1884 (which Order and Act are herein-after respectively referred to as "the Order" and "the Confirming Act"), the Local Government District of Haughton was, as from the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-four (herein-after referred to as "the commencement of the Order"), dissolved, and was merged in the Local Government District of Denton (which last-mentioned District as thereby extended is herein-after referred to as "the District"), and it was ordered that the Local Board for the District (herein-after referred to as "the Local Board") should be called the Denton and Haughton Local Board;

And whereas by Articles VIII. and IX. of the Order it was ordered that, from and after the commencement of the Order, all the powers, rights, duties, capacities, liabilities, obligations, and property which immediately before the commencement of the Order were exerciseable by or attaching to or vested in either of the two Local Boards, or in the Denton and Haughton Gas Joint Committee constituted under the Act of 1880, should pass to and vest in the Local Board; that the said Gas Joint Committee should cease to exist; that the debts of the two Local Boards and of the said Gas Joint Committee should be charged upon the revenues, funds, and rates of the District and on the property of the Local Board in the same manner and to the same extent as they were immediately prior to the commencement of the Order charged on the revenues, funds, and rates of the respective Districts of the two Local Boards and upon the property of the said Gas Joint Committee; and that the said debts should be discharged by the Local Board accordingly;

And whereas by Articles XI. and XIV. of the Order, Sections 60 and 74 of the Act of 1877, so far as they affect the Local Board, and Section 17 of the Act of 1880, were repealed as from the commencement of the Order;

And whereas the Local Board are required to repay the balances which at the commencement of the Order remained unpaid in respect of moneys borrowed as aforesaid within the following periods; viz.,—

a. As regards the said sum of five thousand pounds borrowed under Sections 60 and 74 of the Act of 1877 within sixty-five years from the Second day of August, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-two; and

b. As regards the said sums of thirty thousand pounds and six hundred pounds borrowed under sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 17 of the Act of 1880 within sixty-five years from the Twenty-ninth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five;

And whereas the Local Board, in pursuance of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of Section 73 of the Act of 1877 borrowed, on or about the Third day of August, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, sums amounting in the whole to the sum of one thousand pounds, and on or about the Seventh day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, sums amounting in the whole to the sum of one thousand and fifty pounds, and the Local Board are required to repay the said sum of one thousand pounds within sixty-five years from the said Third day of August, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and the said sum of one thousand and fifty pounds within sixty-five years from the said Seventh day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five;

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And whereas in pursuance of the provisions of Section 73 of the Act of 1877, of Section 16 of the Act of 1880, and the Order, the sum of nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-five pounds (being the excess in value of the portion of the gas undertaking authorised by the Act of 1877, situate in the limits of supply of the Dukinfield Local Board over the portion of the said undertaking situate in the District) has been paid to the Local Board by the Dukinfield Local Board; and in pursuance of sub-section 13 of Section 73 of the Act of 1877, the said sum of nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-five pounds should be paid to the credit of the sinking fund applicable for the repayment of the mortgage debt of the Dukinfield Gas Company, or to the credit of the sinking fund for the redemption of gas annuities payable by the Local Board, or to the district fund;

And whereas the Act of 1877 and the Act of 1880, as partially repealed, altered, and amended by the Order, are herein-after together referred to as "the Local Acts":

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Sections 297 and 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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, the following provisions shall take effect; viz.,—

Art. I. Sections 61 and 66 of the Act of 1877 shall, so far as they affect the Local Board, be wholly repealed, except so far as the same may have been acted upon.

Art. II. The Local Acts and the Confirming Act, so far as it relates to the Order, shall be altered so as to provide as follows; viz.,—

(1.) The Local Board shall forthwith apply the sum of nine thousand pounds, part of the said sum of nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-five pounds received from the Dukinfield Local Board as aforesaid, in discharge of the said sum of nine thousand pounds borrowed by the two Local Boards in excess of their borrowing powers under sub-section (2) of Section 17 of the Act of 1880, and shall forthwith pay the sum of nine hundred and sixty-five pounds, the balance of the said sum of nine thousand nine hundred and sixty-five pounds, to the credit of the sinking fund set apart in pursuance of subdivision (8) of Article XI. of the Order.

(2.) The sums set out in column 3 of the Schedule hereto shall be deemed to be the sums payable under the Local Acts on or before the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, into the sinking funds set apart under the Local Acts in respect of the sums set out in column 2 of the said Schedule, and shall be duly paid into such sinking funds on or before the said date; and the said sinking funds shall thereafter be invested and applied as provided in subdivisions (4) and (5) of this Article.

(3.) So much of the sums set out in column 2 of the said Schedule as will not be repaid within sixty years from the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, by means of the sinking funds mentioned in subdivision (2) of this Article shall be repaid within the said sixty years either by equal annual instalments of principal, or of principal and interest, or by setting apart in every year as a sinking fund such a sum or sums as will when invested, accumulated, and applied as provided by

subdivisions (4) and (5) of this Article be sufficient, after payment of all expenses, to pay off the same within the said term.

(4.) The sinking funds mentioned in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this Article and the income thereof shall be invested in the purchase of Exchequer bills or other Government securities, or in securities in which trustees are by law for the time being authorised to invest, or in mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, or other securities issued by any Local Authority, as defined by Section 34 of the Local Loans Act, 1875, other than the Local Board, the Local Board being at liberty from time to time to vary and transpose such investments.

(5.) The Local Board may at any time apply the whole or any part of such sinking funds in or towards the discharge of the money for the repayment of which the fund is established: Provided, that the Local Board pay into the fund each year, and accumulate until the whole of the money borrowed is discharged, a sum equivalent to the interest which would have been produced by the sinking fund, or the part of the sinking fund, so applied.

(6.) The clerk to the Local Board shall, within twenty-one days after the expiration of each year ending on the Twenty-fifth day of March in which any sum is required to be paid as an instalment or to be set apart for a sinking fund under the Local Acts, or the Order, or under this Order, transmit to the Local Government Board a return in such form as may be prescribed by that Board, and verified by statutory declaration, if so required by them, showing, for the year next preceding the making of such return, the amounts which have been paid as instalments and the amounts which have been invested or applied for the purpose of such sinking fund, and the description of the securities upon which any investment has been made, and the purposes to which any portion of the sinking fund or investment or of the sums accumulated by way of interest has been applied during the same period, and the total amount (if any) remaining invested at the end of the year; and in the event of any wilful default in making such return, such clerk shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, which shall be paid to the Local Government Board, and shall be recoverable by that Board in the same manner as penalties recoverable under the Public Health Act, 1875, in a summary manner, may be recovered by parties aggrieved within the meaning of that Act.

(7.) If it appear to the Local Government Board, by that return or otherwise, that the Local Board have failed to pay any instalment required to be paid, or to set apart any sum required for any sinking fund, or have applied any portion of the moneys set apart for any sinking fund, or of the sums accumulated by way of interest, to any purpose other than those authorised, the Local Government Board may by Order direct that the sum in such Order mentioned, not exceeding double the amount in respect of which default has been made, shall be paid by way of instalment or be set apart and invested or applied as part of the sinking fund, and any such Order shall be enforceable by writ of mandamus to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

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The SCHEDULE above referred to.

1. Act under which Moneys borrowed.	2. Amount of Loans	3. Sums to be paid into Sinking Funds on or before 29 September 1886.
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Sections 60 and 74 of the Act of 1877	5,000	112 4 10
Sub-section (3) of section 73 of the Act of 1877	1,000	5 19 6
	1,050	5 14 9
Sub-section (1) of section 17 of the Act of 1880	600	3 17 8
Sub-section (2) of section 17 of the Act of 1880	30,000	194 2 6

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-first day of May, in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stansfeld, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

Dewsbury Order.

BOROUGH OF DEWSBURY.

Provisional Order for altering certain Local Acts.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Dewsbury, in the West Riding of the County of York, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough ;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Borough of Dewsbury, in the West Riding of the County of York (herein-after referred to as "the Borough"), is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council (herein-after referred to as "the Corporation"), are the Urban Sanitary Authority, and the provisions of the Dewsbury and Batley Corporations (Gas) Act, 1873 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1873"), and of the Dewsbury Improvement Act, 1884 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1884"), are in force in the Borough ;

And whereas by virtue of Section 2 of the Act of 1873 Section 35 of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871, is applicable to the gas undertaking of the Corporation ;

And whereas by Section 210 of the Act of 1884 the Corporation are empowered to borrow money for the purposes therein mentioned :

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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, the following provisions shall take effect; that is to say,— A.D. 1886.

Dewsbury Order.

Art. I. Section 2 of the Act of 1873 shall be altered so that the accounts of the Corporation in respect of their gas undertaking may, if the Corporation so resolve, be made up to the twenty-fifth day of March in each year.

Art. II. The Act of 1884 shall be altered so as to provide as follows :—

(1.) The Corporation may from time to time by resolution determine that any sum or sums which the Dewsbury School Board (herein-after referred to as "the School Board") may be by law authorised to borrow or re-borrow upon the security of any rates or funds, and which the School Board may be desirous of borrowing from the Corporation, shall be lent by the Corporation accordingly.

(2.) Any sum or sums which the Corporation shall resolve to lend as aforesaid may be raised either by the issue of stock according to the provisions of the Act of 1884 or by borrowing or re-borrowing the same on mortgage of the borough fund and borough rate; and the provisions of Sections 236 to 239, both inclusive, of the Public Health Act, 1875, shall apply to all money raised by borrowing the same on mortgage under this Article.

(3.) The following provisions shall apply to moneys raised under this Order and to the payments of interest and principal in respect thereof:—

(*a.*) The sum shall be lent by the Corporation to the School Board for a period not exceeding that for which the School Board is authorised to borrow or re-borrow the same, and with a provision for repayment by annual instalments.

(*b.*) The sum shall be repaid by the Corporation within a period to expire not more than one year after that for which the same was lent by them to the School Board.

(*c.*) All sums received for interest shall be applied towards the payment of interest payable in respect of moneys raised under this Order, the balance (if any) being carried to the credit of the borough fund.

(*d.*) All sums received for principal shall be applied towards the repayment of the principal payable in respect of moneys raised under this Order, and until so applied shall be invested in the purchase of Exchequer bills, or other Government securities, or in securities in which trustees are by law for the time being authorised to invest, or in mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, or other securities issued by any Local Authority, as defined by Section 34 of the Local Loans Act, 1875, other than the Corporation, the Corporation being at liberty from time to time to vary and transpose such investments. The interest derived from such investments shall be applied in making good any loss or deficiency of or in the principal so invested that may arise by depreciation of the investments or otherwise, and if not required for this purpose shall be applied as if the same had been received for interest on the moneys lent by the Corporation.

(*e.*) If any sum payable to the Corporation for principal shall not be received within six months of the time appointed for the payment thereof, a like sum shall be set apart out of the borough fund, and

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applied or invested in place thereof by the Corporation; and if after such application or investment the sum, or any part thereof, shall be received by the Corporation, the same shall be carried to the credit of the borough fund.

Provided that paragraphs (*b*), (*c*), and (*d*) of this subdivision shall not be applicable to any money raised by the issue of stock; but in such case all sums received for interest and principal, or to be set apart out of the borough fund under paragraph (*e*) of this subdivision, shall be paid into the loans fund under the Act of 1884.

(4.) The town clerk shall, within twenty-one days after the expiration of each year ending on the twenty-fifth day of March, in which any sum is payable to the Corporation in respect of moneys lent by them under the provisions of this Order, and raised otherwise than by issue of stock, transmit to the Local Government Board a return, in such form as may be prescribed by that Board, and verified by statutory declaration, if so required by them, showing for the year next preceding the making of such return the amounts which have been received from the School Board for principal, the amounts which have been applied directly towards the repayment of the principal payable in respect of moneys raised under this Order, and the amounts which have been invested, and the description of the securities upon which any investment has been made, and the purposes to which any portion of the investment has been applied during the same period, and the total amount (if any) remaining invested at the end of the year, and in the event of any wilful default in making such return, such clerk shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, which shall be paid to the Local Government Board, and shall be recoverable by that Board in the same manner as penalties recoverable under the Public Health Act, 1875, in a summary manner may be recovered by parties aggrieved within the meaning of that Act.

(5.) If it appears to the Local Government Board by that return, or otherwise, that the Corporation have failed to apply or invest, as required by paragraphs (*d*) and (*e*) of subdivision (3) of this Article, any sum by those paragraphs required to be applied or invested, or have misapplied any of the investments or the produce of the sale thereof, the Local Government Board may, by Order, direct that the sum in such Order mentioned, not exceeding double the amount in respect of which such default or misapplication has occurred, shall be applied directly towards repayment of principal, or be invested, and any such Order shall be enforceable by writ of mandamus to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-fifth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stansfeld, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

BOROUGH OF DEWSBURY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF HECKMONDWIKE.

Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Order.

Provisional Order for altering the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Waterworks Act, 1876.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Dewsbury, in the West Riding of the County of York, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough; —

To the Heckmondwike Local Board of Health, being the Sanitary Authority for the Urban Sanitary District of Heckmondwike, in the same Riding; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Borough of Dewsbury, in the West Riding of the County of York (herein-after referred to as "the Borough"), is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council (herein-after referred to as "the Corporation"), are the Urban Sanitary Authority;

And whereas the Local Government District of Heckmondwike, in the same Riding (herein-after referred to as "the District"), is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Heckmondwike Local Board of Health (herein-after referred to as "the Local Board") are the Urban Sanitary Authority;

And whereas the provisions of the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Waterworks Act, 1876 (herein-after referred to as "the Local Act"), are in force in the Borough and the District;

And whereas by Section 3 of the Local Act certain persons appointed and to be appointed from time to time under the provisions of that Act by the Corporation and the Local Board, and their successors, were incorporated by the name of "The Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Waterworks Board" (herein-after referred to as "the Waterworks Board");

And whereas by Section 27 of the Local Act provision was made for the appointment of a Working Committee (herein-after referred to as "the Working Committee"); and by Section 40 of the Local Act it was enacted that at every meeting of the Working Committee five should be a quorum;

And whereas by Sections 44 and 45 of the Local Act certain provisions were made relating to the proceedings of the Working Committee;

And whereas by Section 99 of the Local Act it is provided that the rents which may thereby be demanded for a supply of water for domestic use shall be based on the annual value of the houses supplied:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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, the following provisions shall take effect; namely,—

Art. I. Section 40 of the Local Act shall be altered by the insertion therein of the word "four" in lieu of the word "five."

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Art. II. Sections 44 and 45 of the Local Act shall be altered by the insertion therein of the words "four clear days" in lieu of the words "two clear days."

Art. III. Sections 99, 107, and 108 of the Local Act shall be altered by the insertion throughout the same of the words "gross estimated rental" in lieu of the words "annual value" and 'annual rent or value," as the case may be.

Art. IV. The Local Act shall be further altered so as to provide as follows:—

(1.) The Waterworks Board shall have such powers and be subject to such restrictions as are conferred and imposed upon a Local Authority by Section 54 of the Public Health Act, 1875, in respect to the laying of water mains either within or without the Borough or the District.

(2.) Any water rent, payable to the Corporation or the Local Board, as the case may be, under the Local Act, may be recovered summarily.

(3.) The provisions of Section 264 of the Public Health Act, 1875, limiting the time during which actions against any Local Authority shall be commenced, shall apply to actions against the Waterworks Board as if they were a Local Authority under that Act.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-fourth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stansfeld, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

Lancaster Order.

BOROUGH OF LANCASTER.

Provisional Order for altering certain Local Acts.

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

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Borough of Lancaster, in the County of Lancaster (herein-after referred to as "the Borough"), is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council (herein-after referred to as "the Corporation"), are the Urban Sanitary Authority, and the Lancaster Water and Improvement Act, 1876 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1876"), and the Lancaster Corporation Act, 1880 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1880"), are in force in the Borough;

And whereas by Section 9 of the Act of 1876 the Corporation were, subject and according to the provisions of that Act, empowered (inter alia) to make and maintain, in the lines and situation, and according to the levels, and within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and sections, the Damas Gill Reservoir (herein-after called "the reservoir"), for the purpose of storing the surplus waters of springs, and streams to be taken and appropriated under that Act;

And whereas by Section 75 of the Act of 1880 the Corporation were empowered to borrow on the securities therein mentioned, and for purposes relating to waterworks, any sum or sums not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds:

Lancaster Order.

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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, the following provisions shall take effect; viz.,—

Art. I. Section 9 of the Act of 1876 shall be altered so as to enable the Corporation, in lieu of constructing the reservoir in the lines and situation, and according to the levels, and within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and sections mentioned in that Act, to make and maintain the reservoir on the site, at the level, and with the embankment shown on the plan and section (herein-after referred to as "the plan"), sealed with the official seal of the Local Government Board, and deposited in their office (a duplicate whereof, sealed in like manner, is deposited in the municipal offices of the Corporation), together with all necessary approaches, works, and conveniences connected therewith.

Art. II. Section 11 of the Act of 1876 shall be altered so as to provide that the Corporation, in the construction of the reservoir as authorised by Article I. of this Order, may deviate vertically from the levels shown on the plan,—

(*a*) in the case of the reservoir, to any extent not exceeding three feet upwards and four feet downwards, and

(*b*) in case of other works to any extent not exceeding ten feet.

Art. III. The Act of 1876 shall be altered so as to provide that the period prescribed by Section 13 shall not apply to the reservoir or works referred to in Article I. of this Order, or to any works required to be made in connexion therewith or incidental thereto.

Art. IV. The Act of 1880 shall be altered so as to provide that the Corporation may, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, borrow on mortgage of the borough fund and borough rate, and of the revenue arising from their water undertaking, or of either of such securities, either together or separately, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole ten thousand pounds, in addition to the sum of fifteen thousand pounds which by Section 75 of the Act of 1880 the Corporation were empowered to borrow with respect to water, and any moneys so borrowed shall be applied for the purposes of the water undertaking of the Corporation, and such borrowing shall be subject to the provisoes to Section 75 of the Act of 1880, and to all the provisions contained in the Act of 1880 as altered by this Order, so far as such provisions are applicable to moneys borrowed for water purposes, except that the moneys to be borrowed under this Article shall be repaid in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (4) and (5) of Section 234 of the Public Health Act, 1875.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board this Twenty-fifth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stansfeld, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

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Southport Order.

BOROUGH OF SOUTHPORT.

Provisional Order for altering and amending certain Local Acts.

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

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Borough of Southport, in the County of Lancaster, is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council (herein-after referred to as "the Corporation"), are the Urban Sanitary Authority, and the Southport Improvement Act, 1871 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1871"), the Southport Improvement Act, 1875 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1875"), and the Southport Improvement Act, 1876 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1876"), are in force in the said District;

And whereas by Section 102 of the Act of 1871 the Corporation are empowered for all or any of the purposes of that Act, by agreement, to purchase any lands which shall be deemed necessary by the Corporation, not exceeding ten acres for the purposes of parks and ten acres for other purposes;

And whereas by Section 148 of the Act of 1871 the Corporation were empowered to borrow, on the securities therein mentioned (which included the cemetery rate), any sum not exceeding in the whole one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds;

And whereas by Section 149 of the Act of 1871 it was (inter alia) provided that out of the moneys raised on the credit of the cemetery rate a sum of five thousand pounds should be applied in enlarging the cemetery;

And whereas by Section 42 of the Act of 1876 the Corporation were empowered to borrow, on the securities therein mentioned, any sum not exceeding in the whole three hundred and seventy-six thousand pounds;

And whereas by Section 43 of the Act of 1876 it was (inter alia) provided that out of the money so borrowed a sum not exceeding fifty-three thousand pounds should be applied for markets, slaughter-houses, workmen's dwellings, and the other improvements by that Act authorised;

And whereas by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board dated the Fourth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty (herein-after referred to as "the Order"), and duly confirmed by the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Abingdon, &c.) Act, 1880, Section 42 of the Act of 1876 was altered so as to enable the Corporation to borrow any sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of thirty thousand pounds, in addition to the said sum of three hundred and seventy-six thousand pounds:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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, the following provisions shall take effect; viz.,—

Art. I. Section 102 of the Act of 1871 shall be altered by the insertion therein of the words "twenty-five acres for other purposes" in lieu of the words "ten acres for other purposes."

Art. II. Section 148 of the Act of 1871 shall be altered so as to enable the Corporation to borrow in manner in that section mentioned, and subject to the provisions of that Act except as is herein-after mentioned, on security of the rates authorised to be raised and levied for the purposes of that Act, and of the borough fund and borough rate, any sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of six thousand pounds in addition to the sum of one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds authorised to be borrowed by that section.

Provided always, that no part of the said sum of six thousand pounds shall be borrowed without the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Art. III. Section 149 of the Act of 1871 shall be altered in such a manner that the amount thereby authorised to be expended in enlarging the cemetery shall be deemed to be eleven thousand pounds.

Provided always, that of the said sum of eleven thousand pounds no more than five thousand pounds shall be so expended without the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Art. IV. Section 42 of the Act of 1876 as altered by the Order shall be further altered so as to enable the Corporation to borrow in manner in that section mentioned, and subject to the provisions of that Act, except as is herein-after mentioned, on the security of the rates authorised to be raised and levied for the purposes of the Act of 1871, the Act of 1875, and the Act of 1876, and the borough fund and borough rate, any sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of five thousand pounds, in addition to the sum of four hundred and six thousand pounds authorised to be borrowed by that section as altered by the Order.

Provided always, that no part of the said sum of five thousand pounds shall be borrowed without the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Art. V. Section 43 of the Act of 1876 shall be altered in such a manner that the amount thereby authorised to be expended for markets, slaughter-houses, workmen's dwellings, and the other improvements by that Act authorised, shall be deemed to be fifty-eight thousand pounds.

Provided always, that of the said sum of fifty-eight thousand pounds no more than fifty-three thousand pounds shall be so expended without the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Art. VI. The Act of 1871 and the Act of 1876 shall be further altered so as to provide that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in those Acts, the Corporation shall discharge all moneys borrowed under the powers conferred by this Order within such period, not exceeding sixty years from the date of borrowing thereof, as the Corporation, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, may in each case determine, by equal annual instalments of principal or of principal and interest, or by means of a sinking fund set apart, invested, accumulated, and applied in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections (4) and (5) of Section 234 of the Public Health Act, 1875: Provided that the Corporation shall not have power under Section 152 of the Act of 1871

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to re-borrow any moneys borrowed under the powers conferred by this Order and paid off by instalments.

Art. VII. The Act of 1871 and the Act of 1876 shall be further altered and amended so as to provide as follows :—

(*a.*) The town clerk shall, within twenty-one days after the expiration of each year during which any sum is required to be paid as an instalment, or to be set apart for a sinking fund, in respect of moneys borrowed under the powers of borrowing conferred by this Order, or in respect of moneys re-borrowed for the repayment of moneys so borrowed, transmit to the Local Government Board a return, in such form as may be prescribed by that Board, and verified by statutory declaration, if so required by them, showing, for the year next preceding the making of such return, the amounts which have been paid as instalments, and the amounts which have been invested or applied for the purposes of such sinking fund, and the description of the securities upon which any investment has been made, and the purposes to which any portion of the sinking fund or investment, or of the sums accumulated by way of interest, has been applied during the same period, and the total amount (if any) remaining invested at the end of the year, and, in the event of any wilful default in making such return, such clerk shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, which shall be paid to the Local Government Board, and shall be recoverable by that Board in the same manner as penalties recoverable under the Public Health Act, 1875, in a summary manner may be recovered by parties aggrieved within the meaning of that Act.

(*b.*) If it appears to the Local Government Board, by that return or otherwise, that the Corporation have failed to pay any instalment required to be paid, or to set apart any sum required for any sinking fund, or have applied any portion of the money set apart for any sinking fund, or of the sums accumulated by way of interest, to any purposes other than those authorised, they may, by Order, direct that the sum in such Order mentioned, not exceeding double the amount in respect of which default has been made, shall be paid by way of instalment, or be set apart and invested, or applied as part of the sinking fund ; and any such Order shall be enforceable by writ of mandamus, to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-fourth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stansfeld, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF ULVERSTON. A.D. 1886.

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Provisional Order for altering a Local Act.

To the Ulverston Local Board, being the Sanitary Authority for the Urban Sanitary District of Ulverston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Local Government District of Ulverston, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Ulverston Local Board (herein-after referred to as "the Local Board") are the Urban Sanitary Authority, and the Ulverston Local Board Act, 1874 (herein-after referred to as "the Local Act"), is in force in the said District;

And whereas by Section 27 of the Local Act it was enacted that in consideration of the gasworks and the undertaking of the Ulverston Gaslight and Coke Company being vested in the Local Board, the Local Board should grant to the holders of the original stock and of the additional share capital of the said Company perpetual annuities to the total amount of one thousand and seventy-three pounds;

And whereas by Section 47 of the Local Act the Local Board are empowered from time to time, by agreement with any annuitant, to redeem all or any of his annuities;

And whereas by Section 49 of the Local Act it is enacted that the Local Board shall, in order to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the annuities, by agreement, after the expiration of five years from the passing of that Act, every year set apart and appropriate a sum equal to one hundredth part of the capitalised value at twenty years purchase of the annuities for the time being subsisting, and shall cause such sum to be invested and accumulated as therein mentioned;

And whereas by Section 50 of the Local Act the Local Board are empowered to apply the sinking fund to be so created in redemption of such of the annuities as the Local Board may from time to time be able to redeem, and in paying off from time to time the moneys (if any) borrowed for the purpose of such redemption: Provided that, whenever any of the annuities have been redeemed, the Local Board shall thenceforward, until the whole of the annuities have been redeemed, and all moneys borrowed for the purpose of such redemption, have been paid off and discharged, pay into the sinking fund every year, in addition to the other sums therein-before required to be set apart and appropriated, a sum equal to the annual amount of the annuities redeemed;

And whereas by Section 110 of the Local Act the Local Board were empowered to borrow, on the securities therein mentioned, the sums and for the purposes in that section set forth;

And whereas by Section 111 of the Local Act it is enacted that whenever the Local Board agree to redeem any of the annuities, according to the provision in that behalf therein-before contained, they may borrow, on the securities mentioned in Section 110 of the Local Act, in addition to any moneys which they have borrowed or are authorised to borrow, such sums of money as shall be sufficient to redeem the annuities in accordance with the said provision;

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And whereas by Section 122 of the Local Act it is enacted that the period within which any money thereafter to be borrowed by the Local Board under the authority of that Act, except for the redemption of the annuities, is to be paid off by means of a sinking fund, or otherwise, shall be sixty years from the passing of that Act;

And whereas by Section 123 of the Local Act the Local Board are required either to pay off the respective moneys borrowed for purposes other than the redemption of annuities by annual or other instalments, or otherwise, within sixty years, reckoned from the passing of that Act, or else to appropriate as a sinking fund every year, and until the respective moneys so borrowed are fully paid off, a sum not less than one sixtieth part of the respective moneys so borrowed, such sinking fund to be invested, accumulated, and applied according to Section 84 of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847;

And whereas by Section 129 of the Local Act the Local Board are empowered, by agreement, to redeem the yearly payment or sum of three pounds, payable under the bond of the said gas company as compensation for damage done in executing works, on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed on;

And whereas in pursuance of the powers of borrowing conferred by Section 110 of the Local Act, the Local Board, on or about the Eighteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, borrowed from the London Assurance Company certain sums, amounting in the whole to the sum of thirty-three thousand pounds, repayable, as to one half thereof, by thirty equal annual instalments of principal, and, as to the other half thereof, at the expiration of thirty years from the said Eighteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six;

And whereas by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board dated the Fifteenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (herein-after referred to as "the Order"), and duly confirmed by the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (No. 5) Act, 1885, the Local Act was altered so as to enable the Local Board, in addition to the sums by that Act authorised to be borrowed, to borrow the sums and for the purposes in the Order mentioned;

And whereas the Local Board have redeemed the sum of eighty-six pounds four shillings of the said annuities, and have borrowed for the purpose of such redemption the sum of one thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds sixteen shillings, of which the sum of nine hundred and twenty-one pounds sixteen shillings now remains unpaid:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Section 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, and by any other Statutes in that behalf, do hereby Order that, from and after the Twenty-ninth day of September, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six (herein-after referred to as "the commencement of this Order"), the following provisions shall take effect; viz.,

Art. I. Section 49 of the Local Act shall be altered so that, except so far as the same may have been acted upon, the following provisions shall have effect in lieu of the provisions therein contained:—

(1.) The Local Board shall, in order to provide for the redemption by agreement, of the annuities (including the said yearly sum of three pounds

mentioned in Section 129 of the Local Act), and for the repayment of the moneys borrowed for the redemption of such annuities, annually pay into a sinking fund a sum equal to one-hundredth part of the capitalised value at twenty-five years purchase of the annuities (including the said sum of three pounds) which at the commencement of this Order are subsisting, and a sum equal to one-hundredth part of the balances which at the commencement of this Order remain outstanding in respect of moneys borrowed by the Local Board for the redemption of the annuities: the first payment to such sinking fund to be made on or before the Thirtieth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

(2.) The Local Board shall invest such sinking fund and the income thereof in the manner mentioned in subdivision (3.) of Article III. of this Order.

(3.) Any sum which at the commencement of this Order is standing to the credit of the sinking fund established under Section 49 of the Local Act shall be forthwith carried to the credit of the sinking fund to be established under this Article.

Art. II. Section 50 of the Local Act shall be altered as follows:—

(1.) By the insertion after the word "annuities" in the third line thereof of the words "including the yearly sum of three pounds mentioned in "Section 129 of the Local Act"; and

(2.) By the omission therefrom of the first proviso thereto, and the insertion in lieu thereof of the following words:—

Provided that the Local Board pay into the sinking fund each year, and accumulate until the whole of the annuities have been redeemed, and all moneys borrowed for the purpose of such redemption have been paid off and discharged, a sum equivalent to the interest which would have been produced by the sinking fund or the part of the sinking fund so applied.

Art. III. Section 123 of the Local Act shall be altered so as to provide as follows:—

(1.) The Local Board, in order to repay the moneys borrowed under the powers conferred by the Local Act (except moneys borrowed for the redemption of the annuities, and except the said sum of thirty-three thousand pounds borrowed from the London Assurance Company as aforesaid, and not including moneys borrowed under the Order), shall annually pay into a sinking fund such a sum or sums as will, together with the sums which should at the commencement of this Order be standing to the credit of the sinking fund established under the said section, according to a reasonable calculation for the time being, with accumulations in the way of compound interest, be sufficient, after payment of all expenses, to pay off the moneys so borrowed (except as aforesaid) on or before the Thirtieth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four: the first payment to such sinking fund to be made on or before the Thirtieth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

(2.) Any moneys re-borrowed by the Local Board for the purpose of repaying to the London Assurance Company the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred pounds which will become payable on the Eighteenth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and six, as above recited, shall be repaid by them on

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or before the Thirtieth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, either by equal annual instalments of principal, or of principal and interest, or by setting apart in every year as a sinking fund such a sum or sums as will, according to a reasonable calculation for the time being, with accumulations in the way of compound interest, be sufficient, after payment of all expenses, to pay off the moneys so re-borrowed on or before the last-mentioned date: the first payment to such sinking fund to be made on or before the Eighteenth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and seven.

(3.) The Local Board shall invest the sinking funds mentioned in subdivision (1.) of Article I. of this Order, and in subdivisions (1.) and (2.) of this Article, and the income thereof, in the purchase of Exchequer bills or other Government securities, or in securities in which trustees are by law for the time being authorised to invest, or in mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, or other securities issued by any Local Authority, as defined by Section 34 of the Local Loans Act, 1875, other than the Local Board, the Local Board being at liberty from time to time to vary and transpose such investments.

(4.) The Local Board may at any time apply the whole or any part of the sinking funds mentioned in subdivisions (1.) and (2.) of this Article in or towards the discharge of the money for the repayment of which the fund is established: Provided that the Local Board pay into the fund each year, and accumulate until the whole of the money borrowed is discharged, a sum equivalent to the interest which would have been produced by the sinking fund or the part of the sinking fund so applied.

(5.) Any sum or sums which at the commencement of this Order is or are or should be standing to the credit of any sinking fund established under Section 123 of the Local Act shall be forthwith carried to the credit of the sinking fund to be established under subdivision (1.) of this Article.

Art. IV.—(1.) The clerk to the Local Board shall, within twenty-one days after the expiration of each year ending on the Twenty-fifth day of March in which any sum is required to be paid as an instalment or to be set apart for a sinking fund in respect of moneys borrowed under the provisions of the Local Act as altered by this Order, transmit to the Local Government Board a return, in such form as may be prescribed by that Board, and verified by statutory declaration, if so required by them, showing, for the year next preceding the making of such return, the amounts which have been paid as instalments, and the amounts which have been invested or applied for the purpose of such sinking fund, and the description of the securities upon which any investment has been made, and the purposes to which any portion of the sinking fund or investment or of the sums accumulated by way of interest has been applied during the same period, and the total amount (if any) remaining invested at the end of the year; and in the event of any wilful default in making such return, such clerk shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, which shall be paid to the Local Government Board, and shall be recoverable by that Board in the same manner as penalties recoverable under the Public Health Act, 1875, in a summary manner, may be recovered by parties aggrieved within the meaning of that Act.

(2.) If it appears to the Local Government Board by that return, or otherwise, that the Local Board have failed to pay any instalment required to be paid,

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or to set apart any sum required for any sinking fund, or have applied any portion of the moneys set apart for any sinking fund, or of the sums accumulated by way of interest, to any purposes other than those authorised, the Local Government Board may, by Order, direct that the sum in such Order mentioned, not exceeding double the amount in respect of which default has been made, shall be paid by way of instalment, or be set apart and invested or applied as part of the sinking fund, and any such Order shall be enforceable by writ of mandamus to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Art. V. The Local Act shall be further altered so as to provide that the provisions of Sections 245, 247 (except so much thereof as has been repealed by the District Auditors Act, 1879), 249, and 250 of the Public Health Act, 1875, relating to accounts and their audit, and the provisions of the District Auditors Act, 1879, so far as the same are applicable, shall apply to the accounts of the Local Board under the Local Act as hereby altered, and to the audit of such accounts.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-fourth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

James Stansfeld, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT OF WIDNES.

Provisional Order for altering a Local Act and a Confirming Act.

To the Widnes Local Board, being the Sanitary Authority for the Urban Sanitary District of Widnes, in the County of Lancaster; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the Local Government District of Widnes, in the County of Lancaster (herein-after referred to as "the District"), is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Widnes Local Board (herein-after referred to as "the Local Board"), are the Urban Sanitary Authority, and the Widnes Local Board Act, 1875 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1875"), as amended by the Provisional Order of the Local Government Board herein-after recited and by another Provisional Order of the Local Government Board dated the Twenty-fourth day of April, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and duly confirmed by Parliament (which last-mentioned Order does not affect the subject-matter of this Order), is in force in the District;

And whereas on the Thirty-first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, the Local Board owed, in respect of moneys borrowed

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by the Local Board under the Widnes Improvement Act, 1867, and the Sanitary Acts:—

	£	s.	d.
(*a.*) On gasworks account - - -	28,540	0	0
(*b.*) On waterworks account - - -	64,269	0	4

and such debts are herein-after respectively referred to as "the original gas debt" and "the original water debt";

And whereas by Section 26 of the Act of 1875 the Local Board, in addition to their existing debt, were (inter alia) empowered, under the authority and for the purposes of the Act of 1875, to borrow the following sums; viz,—

	£
(*a.*) For purposes of that Act with respect to gas -	30,000
(*b.*) For purposes of that Act with respect to water -	70,000

And whereas by Sections 30 and 31 of the Act of 1875 provision was made for the formation of sinking funds for the repayment of the original gas debt, the original water debt, and the moneys borrowed for the purposes of that Act with respect to water and with respect to gas;

And whereas by a Provisional Order of the Local Government Board dated the Second day of May, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and duly confirmed by the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Aspull, &c.) Act, 1879 (which Order and Act are herein-after respectively referred to as "the Order" and "the Confirming Act"), the Act of 1875 was altered so as to enable the Local Board, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, to borrow, in addition to the original gas debt, and the original water debt, and to the said sums of thirty thousand pounds and seventy thousand pounds respectively, (*a.*) for the purposes of the Act of 1875 with respect to gas, forty thousand pounds; and (*b.*) for the purposes of the Act of 1875 with respect to water, seventy thousand pounds; and all the provisions of the Act of 1875 relating to the borrowing and repayment of moneys authorised to be borrowed thereunder for the purposes of that Act with respect to gas, and for the purposes of that Act with respect to water, were made applicable to the borrowing and repayment of all moneys borrowed for such purposes respectively under the powers of borrowing conferred by the Order;

And whereas the original gas debt, together with any sums borrowed by the Local Board with respect to gas before the commencement of this Order, under the Act of 1875 as altered by the Order, are herein-after referred to as "the existing gas debt," and the original water debt, together with any sums borrowed by the Local Board with respect to water before the commencement of this Order, under the Act of 1875 as altered by the Order, are herein-after referred to as "the existing water debt":

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by Sections 297 and 303 of the Public Health Act, 1875, 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 referred to as "the commencement of this Order"), the following provisions shall take effect, namely,—

Art. I. The Act of 1875 and the Confirming Act, so far as it relates to the Order, shall be altered so that the provisions of Sections 30 and 31 of the Act

of 1875 shall no longer apply either to the existing gas debt or to the existing water debt.

Art. II. The Act of 1875 and the Confirming Act, so far as it relates to the Order, shall be further altered so as to provide as follows :—

(1.) The Local Board, in order to repay the existing gas debt, or so much and such parts thereof as shall at any time be outstanding, shall, out of the rates and revenues upon which the same is charged, set apart in every year as a sinking fund such a sum or sums as will, with accumulations in the way of compound interest, be sufficient, after payment of all expenses, to pay off the sum of fifty-three thousand four hundred and ninety-six pounds within forty-five years from the Twenty-ninth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

(2.) The Local Board, in order to repay the existing water debt, or so much and such parts thereof as shall at any time be outstanding, shall, out of the rates and revenues upon which the same is charged, set apart in every year as a sinking fund such a sum or sums as will, with accumulations in the way of compound interest, be sufficient, after payment of all expenses, to pay off the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand eight hundred and eight pounds within forty-seven years from the Twenty-ninth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

(3.) The first annual payment to each of the said sinking funds shall be made as soon as practicable after the commencement of this Order, and each subsequent annual payment shall become due on the Twenty-ninth day of June in each year.

(4.) The Local Board shall invest such sinking funds and the income thereof in the purchase of Exchequer bills or other Government securities, or in securities in which trustees are by law for the time being authorised to invest, or in mortgages, debentures, debenture stock, or other securities issued by any local authority as defined by Section 34 of the Local Loans Act, 1875, other than the Local Board, the Local Board being at liberty from time to time to vary and transpose such investments.

(5.) The Local Board may at any time apply the whole or any part of either of such sinking funds in or towards the discharge of the money for the repayment of which the sinking fund is established, provided that the Local Board pay into the fund each year and accumulate, until the whole of the money in respect of which the fund is established is discharged, a sum equivalent to the interest which would have been produced by the sinking fund or part of the sinking fund so applied.

(6.) The clerk to the Local Board shall, within twenty-one days after the expiration of each year during which any sum is required to be set apart for the sinking funds in respect of the existing gas debt and the existing water debt, or in respect of moneys re-borrowed for the repayment of those debts respectively, transmit to the Local Government Board a return, in such form as may be prescribed by that Board, and verified by statutory declaration, if so required by them, showing, for the year next preceding the making of such return, the amounts which have been invested or applied for the purposes of such sinking funds, and the description of the securities upon which any investment has been made, and the purposes to which any portion of the sinking funds or

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investments, or of the sums accumulated by way of interest, has been applied during the same period, and the total amounts (if any) remaining invested at the end of the year; and in the event of any wilful default in making such return, such clerk shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds, which shall be paid to the Local Government Board, and shall be recoverable by that Board in the same manner as penalties recoverable under the Public Health Act, 1875, in a summary manner may be recovered by parties aggrieved within the meaning of that Act.

(7.) If it appears to the Local Government Board, by that return or otherwise, that the Local Board have failed to set apart any sum required for any sinking fund, or have applied any portion of the money set apart for any sinking fund, or of the sums accumulated by way of interest, to any purposes other than those authorised, they may, by Order, direct that the sum in such Order mentioned, not exceeding double the amount in respect of which default has been made, shall be set apart and invested, or applied as part of the sinking fund; and any such Order shall be enforceable by writ of mandamus, to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Twenty-fourth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

(L.S.)

JAMES STANSFELD, President.
HUGH OWEN, Secretary.

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