CHAPTER 33.

An Act to amend the Metropolis Management Acts. [29th June 1875.]

WHEREAS by section one hundred and sixty-three of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, it is provided that any sewers rate raised under that Act shall, as regards all land used as arable, meadow, or pasture ground only, or as woodland, orchard, market garden, hop, herb, flower, fruit, or nursery ground, be assessed and levied in the proportion of one fourth part only of the net annual value of such land:

And whereas by section one hundred and sixty-four of the same Act it is also provided that where any property was, at the time of the issuing of the first commission under the Act of the eleventh and twelfth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and twelve, entitled to exemption from or to any reduction or allowance in respect of the sewers rate, such exemption, reduction, or allowance shall be observed and allowed in levying any sewers rate under that Act:

And whereas by virtue of the said recited Act, and the Acts amending the same, the Metropolitan Board of Works do assess the several parts of the metropolis according to the basis on which the printed totals of the valuation lists sent out by the clerk of the managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District under "The Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869," are made, and issue their precepts for sums of money which, by reason of the recited exemptions, cannot be levied upon some of the property included in such assessment, or can only be levied at one fourth of the amount included in such assessment, whereby the parts of the metropolis wherein such exemptions exist are compelled to make a rate at an increased amount in order to meet such precepts:

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:

Metropolitan Board of Works to make abatement on assessment of parts of metropolis containing property exempt from sewers rate.

1. From and after the sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six the Metropolitan Board of Works, in every assessment made by them upon such parts of the metropolis as contain property wholly or partially exempt from sewers rate, and in the precepts issued for obtaining payment of the sums so assessed, shall make an allowance or abatement equal to the reduction or exemption which, under the one hundred and sixty-third and one hundred and sixty-fourth sections of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, is required to be made in levying any rate for the purpose of meeting such precepts.

Totals of value of property so exempt to be inserted in valuation lists.

2. The overseers and assessment committees acting under the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869, shall cause the totals of the gross and rateable value of the property so wholly or partially exempt from sewers rate, and the extent of such exemption, to be ascertained and inserted in the valuation lists which will come into force on the sixth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and in every valuation list which shall thereafter be made by them.

Totals to be printed.

3. The said lists shall be sent by the assessment committees before the first day of November in each year to the clerk of the managers of the Metropolitan Asylum District, who shall print and send the said totals and extent of exemptions, with the other totals of gross and rateable value required to be printed and sent by the seventeenth section of the said Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869.

Appeal in case of unfairness, &c.

4. Any unfairness or incorrectness in the said totals and extent of exemptions may be appealed against in the manner provided for appealing against totals of gross or rateable value under section thirty-two of the Valuation (Metropolis) Act, 1869.