CHAPTER ccxxii.

An Act for amending the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act 1877. [18th August 1882.]

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WHEREAS by the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act 1877 (in this Act referred to as "the Act of 1877") the Metropolitan Board of Works (in this Act referred to as "the Board") were authorised to make the new streets and street improvements and other works in the said Act mentioned; 40 & 41 Vict. c. ccxxxv.

And whereas by section thirty-three of the Act of 1877 provision was made with respect to the accommodation of such of the labouring classes as would be displaced in the execution of the purposes of the said Act by the removal of the houses occupied either wholly or in part by them;

And by the said section certain obligations in relation to such removal and accommodation were imposed upon the Board;

And whereas by reason of such obligations the Board have been prevented from carrying into effect certain of the purposes of the said Act;

And whereas a Select Committee was appointed by the House of Commons on the 20th day of February 1882 to consider the working of the Artizans' and Labourers' Dwellings Improvement Act 1875 and the amending Act of 1879 with a view of considering how the expense of and the delay and difficulty in carrying out these Acts might be reduced and also of inquiring into any causes which might have prevented the reconstruction of dwellings for the artizan class to the full extent contemplated and authorised by these Acts and of recommending such amendments as might be most expedient for carrying out the full intention of these Acts and also to consider the working of the Metropolitan Streets Improvement Acts 1872 and 1877 and of 31 and 32 Vict. c. 130 and 42 and 43 Vict. c. 64; 38 & 39 Vict. c. 36. 35 & 36 Vict. c. clxiii.

And whereas the said Committee on the 19th day of June 1882 made their report to the House of Commons and thereby recommended amongst other matters that subject to certain conditions in

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the said report stated the Board should forthwith be relieved of the obligations imposed by the said section thirty-three of the Act of 1877 so far as the same were applicable (inter alia) to the Gray's Inn Road improvement by the Act of 1877 authorised.

And whereas it is expedient to give effect to such recommendation and for such purpose to make provisions such as are in this Act contained;

And whereas the Board have caused a plan called and in this Act referred to as "the Gray's Inn Road plan" to be prepared showing the lands to be taken for the purposes of the Gray's Inn Road improvement authorised by the Act of 1877 and the same has been deposited with the respective clerks of the peace for the county of Middlesex and for the city of Westminster.

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be accomplished without the authority of Parliament;

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it 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 (that is to say):—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act 1877 (Amendment) Act 1882 and the Metropolitan Street Improvements Act 1877 and this Act may be cited together as the Metropolitan Street Improvements Acts 1877 and 1882.

Amendment of Act of 1877 as to Gray's Inn improvement.

2. The Board shall in the exercise of the powers by the Act of 1877 conferred upon them for the taking of lands for the purposes of the Gray's Inn Road improvement by the said Act authorised be subject to the conditions following:—

(1.) The Board may as soon as may be after the passing of this Act exercise the said powers with respect to the lands coloured blue on the Gray's Inn Road plan and lying south of Baldwin's Gardens and such parts of the lands coloured pink and yellow on the Gray's Inn Road plan as are situate between Holborn and the Town Hall of the Holborn District Board of Works.

(2.) The said lands coloured blue shall be appropriated exclusively to the erection of artizans dwellings and when artizans dwellings have been erected thereon but not before the Board may remove the buildings on the lands coloured green on the Gray's Inn Road plan and the said lands coloured green shall be appropriated exclusively to the erection of artizans dwellings and when artizans dwellings have been erected on the said lands coloured green but not before the Board may remove the

buildings on the remainder of the lands situate to the north of the said Town Hall and authorised to be taken by the Act of 1877 for the purposes of the said Gray's Inn Road improvement but the part of the said lands coloured purple on the Gray's Inn Road plan except such portion thereof as may be appropriated to the widening of Elm Street shall be appropriated exclusively to the erection of artizans dwellings.

(3.) The artizans dwellings to be erected on the lands coloured blue green and purple respectively on the Gray's Inn Road plan shall be sufficient to accommodate not less than one thousand two hundred persons belonging to the labouring classes.

(4.) All the lands coloured pink on the Gray's Inn Road plan shall be appropriated exclusively to the widening of the Gray's Inn Road as by the Act of 1877 authorised.

Section 33 of Act of 1877 not to apply to lands shown on the Gray's Inn Road plan.

3. From and after the passing of this Act the provisions contained in section thirty-three of the Act of 1877 shall cease to be in force with respect to the lands shown on the Gray's Inn Road plan and authorised to be taken by the Act of 1877 and in relation thereto the Act of 1877 shall be read as though the said section were not contained therein.

Certificate of Secretary of State as to compliance with Act to be conclusive.

4. A certificate signed by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State as to the compliance by the Board with the provisions of this Act in relation to the number of persons belonging to the labouring classes displaced and to the accommodation provided in artizans dwellings for persons belonging to the labouring classes shall be conclusive evidence of such compliance.

Expenses of Act.

5. The costs charges and other expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act or incurred by the Board with reference thereto shall be paid by the Board.

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