SUPPLIED FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE

# CHAPTER 35.

An Act to make provision for the Construction of Works in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the purpose of the Royal Navy, and to amend the Law relating to the Acquisition of Land for Naval Purposes. A.D. 1895.

[6th July 1895.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the construction of the works specified in the schedule to this Act both in the United Kingdom and in the colonies in the schedule mentioned:

And whereas by the Defence Act, 1842, and the enactments amending the same (in this Act referred to as the Defence Acts), and by the Military Lands Act, 1892, powers are conferred on a Secretary of State for the acquisition of land for the defence of the realm, and for the military purposes of any portion of Her Majesty's military forces, and it is expedient to extend those Acts to the Admiralty and Her Majesty's naval forces: 5 & 6 Vict. c. 94. 55 & 56 Vict. c. 43.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1.** The Admiralty may forthwith proceed to construct the works as specified in the schedule to this Act at the places therein mentioned, and for that purpose may acquire such lands and execute such works as they may deem expedient. Power for Admiralty to construct scheduled works.

**2.**—(1.) With a view to the purchase of land in the United Kingdom for the purposes of this Act, or for any purpose of Her Majesty's Navy, the Defence Acts, and the Military Lands Act, 1892, except so far as it relates to a volunteer corps, shall have effect as if they were herein re-enacted with the substitution of the Admiralty for a Secretary of State, and for the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and for the Ordnance Department, and of naval for military, and naval service for ordnance service. Powers of Admiralty as to purchase of land. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 94. 36 & 37 Vict. c. 72. 55 & 56 Vict. c. 43.

(2.) All land acquired by the Admiralty in pursuance of this Act shall vest and be managed under the Admiralty Lands and Works Act, 1864, and sections nine to nineteen of that Act shall apply accordingly, and the provisions of the Defence Act, 1842, for the like purpose shall not apply. 27 & 28 Vict. c. 57. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 94.

A.D. 1895.

Issue of money out of Consolidated Fund for expenses of scheduled works.

**3.** The Treasury shall issue out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof such sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of one million pounds as may be required by the Admiralty for commencing, advancing, or completing the works as specified in the schedule to this Act.

Restrictions on applications of money issued.

**4.**—(1.) Before any moneys are issued for the purpose of expenditure under any one of the heads in the schedule to this Act, the Admiralty shall submit to the Treasury an estimate, with such details as may be required by the Treasury, of the expenditure under that head for which it is for the time being proposed to issue money, together with the statement of a date by which the work or portion of work therein provided for is expected to be completed.

(2.) There shall be no excess of any expenditure proposed by the estimate under any head in the schedule above the amount stated for that head in the schedule, unless the Admiralty previously certify that the excess will be compensated by a saving under some other head, and that the excess will not cause the total expenditure to exceed the total sum specified in the schedule, and the Treasury are satisfied that the certificate is correct, and sanction the expenditure, and upon such sanction being given the said saving may be applied towards the payment of the said excess.

Borrowing to raise money for purposes of Act.

**5.**—(1.) The Treasury may, if they think fit, at any time for the purpose of providing money for sums to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund under this Act, or repaying to that fund all or any part of the sums so issued, borrow money by means of terminable annuities for such period not exceeding thirty years from the passing of this Act as the Treasury may fix, and all sums so borrowed shall be paid into the Exchequer.

(2.) The said annuities shall be paid out of the moneys annually provided by Parliament for naval services; and, if those moneys are insufficient, shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund or the growing produce thereof, but shall not be payable as part of the permanent annual charge for the National Debt.

Accounts of expenditure.

**6.**—(1.) The Admiralty shall cause to be made out an account, in the form required by the Treasury, showing:—

(*a*) the money expended in pursuance of this Act, and the purposes on which that money was expended, distinguishing the expenditure under each of the heads in the schedule to this Act; and

(*b*) any securities created for providing such money.

(2.) The accounts of expenditure under this Act shall be audited and reported upon by the Comptroller and Auditor General as appropriation accounts in manner directed by the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act, 1866.

29 & 30 Vict. c. 39.

Short title.

**7.** This Act may be cited as the Naval Works Act, 1895.

# SCHEDULE.

## HEADS OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.

| Works. | Total Estimated Cost. | Estimated Expenditure to 31st March 1895. | Further Amount required | To be provided in 1895–6. | Expected Date of Completion. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (*a.*) Enclosure and Defence of Harbours against Torpedo Attack— | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Gibraltar— | | | | | |
| Completion of present mole | 83,000 | 20,000 | 63,000 | 30,000 | 1899–1900 |
| Extension of do. | 310,000 | 2,000 | 308,000 | 80,000 | |
| Detached mole | 585,000 | — | 585,000 | 75,000 | |
| Deepening harbour | 48,000 | — | 48,000 | 10,000 | |
| Dolphins | 48,000 | — | 48,000 | — | — |
| Portland Breakwater | 650,000 | — | 650,000 | 90,000 | 1900–1 |
| Dover Breakwater, &c. | 1,920,000 | — | 1,920,000 | 10,000 | 1905–6 |
| (*b.*) Adapting Naval Ports to present Needs of Fleet— | | | | | |
| Deepening harbours and approaches. | 960,000 | 99,000 | 861,000 | 300,000 | 1898–9 |
| Keyham Dockyard extension | 1,920,000 | — | 1,920,000 | 80,000 | 1902–3 |
| Portsmouth Docks | 339,000 | 100,000 | 239,000 | 150,000 | 1896–7 |
| Gibraltar Dock or Docks | 361,000 | 4,000 | 357,000 | 80,000 | 1899–1900 |
| Hong Kong Dockyard extension | 290,000 | — | 290,000 | 10,000 | 1900–1 |
| (*c.*) Naval Barracks, &c.— | | | | | |
| Chatham Naval Barracks | 347,000 | — | 347,000 | 27,000 | 1897–8 |
| Portsmouth do. | 595,000 | — | 595,000 | 1,000 | 1899–1900 |
| Walmer Marine Depôt (extension). | 20,000 | — | 20,000 | 20,000 | 1895–6 |
| Keyham Engineers' College (extension). | 30,000 | — | 30,000 | 20,000 | 1896–7 |
| (*d.*) Superintendence and Miscellaneous Charges. | 300,000 | — | 300,000 | 17,000 | — |
| | | | 8,581,000 | 1,000,000 | |

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