The SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

(A.)

Form of Mortgage and Charge upon the Borough Rate for securing Money borrowed.

I *A.B.* [Mayor, Alderman, *or* Councillor, *as the Case may be,*] of the [City *or* Borough of], and Chairman of a certain Meeting of the Council of the said [City *or* Borough of , *as the Case may be,*] duly holden at aforesaid on the Day of in the Year of our Lord in pursuance of the Powers to me given by an Act passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled [*insert Title of Act*], do hereby mortgage and charge all the Rates to be raised within the said [City *or* Borough] under the Description of Borough Rates by the Laws now in being with the Payment of the Sum of Pounds, which *C.D.* of hath proposed and agreed to lend, and hath now actually advanced and paid, towards defraying the Expenses of [maintaining, altering, widening, repairing, improving, *or* rebuilding, *as the Case may be,*] a certain Bridge called [*or*] certain Bridges called and within the said [City *or* Borough], and the Approaches thereto [*as the Case may be*]; and I do hereby assign the same unto the said *C.D.*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, for securing the Payment of the Sum of Pounds, and Interest for the same after the Rate of Pounds per Centum per Annum, and do order the Treasurer for the said [City *or* Borough] to pay the Interest of the said Sum of after the Rate aforesaid, half-yearly as the same shall become due, until the Principal shall be discharged, pursuant to the Directions of the said Act.

CAP. LXV.

An Act for enabling Town Councils to establish Public Libraries and Museums. [14th *August* 1850.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient to promote the Establishment and Extension of Public 'Libraries, and to give greater Facilities than now exist for establishing and extend- 'ing Public Museums of Art and Science, in Municipal Boroughs, for the Instruction and 'Recreation of the People:' 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, That an Act passed in a Session of Parliament held in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for encouraging the Establishment of Museums in large Towns,* shall from and after the passing of this Act be repealed; and that it shall be lawful for the Mayor, upon the Request of the Town Council of any Municipal Borough (the Population of which, according to the last Account taken thereof by Authority of Parliament, exceeds Ten thousand Persons), to ascertain whether the Provisions of this Act shall be adopted for such Borough, in manner following; that is to say, by causing a Notice to be affixed on or near the Door of the Town Hall of the said Borough, and on or near the Door of every Church or Chapel within the said Borough, and to be inserted in some Newspaper published in such Borough, or, if there be none such, in some Newspaper published in the County in which such Borough is situate, and circulating in such Borough, specifying on what Day, not earlier than Ten Days after the affixing and Publication of such Notices, and at what Place or Places within the said Borough, the Burgesses are required to signify their Votes for or against the Adoption of this Act; which Votes shall be received on such Day, commencing at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon and ending at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon of such Day; and the said Notice shall be to the Effect of Form No. 1. in the Schedule hereto annexed.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 43. repealed, and this Act may be adopted in any Municipal Borough.

II. And

Mayor to appoint Places for taking the Votes.

II. And be it enacted, That the Mayor shall appoint Places and Persons for taking the said Votes, and they shall be there taken by such Persons, and such Questions may be put to each Voter, and with such Liability in case of a false Answer, as at Elections under the Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in *England* and *Wales*; and the Declaration of Vote of the Voters shall be to the Effect of Form No. 2. in the said Schedule.

Burgesses on Burgess Roll entitled to vote.

III. And be it enacted, That every Burgess who shall be enrolled on the Burgess Roll for the Time being of such Borough shall be entitled to vote for or against the Adoption of this Act, and no Person who shall not be enrolled on such Burgess Roll for the Time being shall be entitled so to vote; and the Mayor, in the Presence of Two or more Members of the Town Council of such Borough, shall examine the Votes, and shall, by public Notice in manner herein-after mentioned, declare whether Two Thirds of the Votes given have been given in favour of the Adoption of the said Act; and the Adoption or Non-adoption of this Act shall be decided by such Number of Votes as aforesaid; and Notice of the Adoption of this Act by the Borough shall be forthwith given by affixing the same at or near the Door of the Town Hall of the said Borough, to the Effect of Form No. 3. in the said Schedule; and if it shall be determined in manner aforesaid that the Provisions of this Act shall be adopted for such Borough, then it shall be lawful for the Town Council to purchase or take on Rent, with or without Payment of Fine, any Lands or Buildings for the Purpose of forming Public Libraries or Museums of Art and Science, or both, and to erect, alter, and extend any Buildings for such Purpose, and to maintain and keep the same in good Repair; and that for the Purchase, building, extending, altering, and repairing such Lands and Buildings, and Payment of such Rent and Fines, and for other Purposes of this Act, and for the Payment of any Principal Money and Interest borrowed under the Authority of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Council to levy, with and as Part of the Borough Rate, or by a separate Rate to be levied in like Manner as the Borough Rate, such Sums of Money as shall be from Time to Time needed: Provided always, that the whole Amount of Rate levied for the Purposes of this Act do not in any One Year amount to more than One Halfpenny in the Pound on the annual Value of the Property in the Borough rateable to the Borough Rate.

Town Councils to provide the Things necessary for the Enjoyment of such Museums and Libraries, and to appoint proper Officers.

IV. And be it enacted, That out of the Monies to be raised under the Provisions of this Act it shall be lawful for the Town Council, or for such Committees as they shall appoint for all or any such Purposes, from Time to Time to purchase and provide such Fuel, Lighting, Fixtures, Furniture, and other similar Matters, for the convenient and useful Occupation and Enjoyment of such Libraries, Museums, and Premises, and to appoint such Officers and Servants, with Salaries and Remuneration, and to make such Rules and Regulations for the Safety and Use of the said Libraries and Museums, and for the Admission of Visitors and others, as to them shall seem fit; and that any such Committee may be appointed for such Times only and composed of such Persons (whether Members of the Council or not) as the Council may think fit, and may at any Time be dissolved by the said Council.

Council, with Approbation of Treasury, may borrow Money on Credit of Borough Rates, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That for the Purchase of such Lands, and the erecting, extending, altering, and repairing of such Buildings, it shall be lawful for the Council of any such Municipal Borough as aforesaid, from Time to Time, with the Approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to borrow at Interest such Sums of Money as may be required for the same, on the Security of the said yearly Amount of Borough Rate authorized by this Act.

Buildings for Museums and Libraries, and the Property therein, to be held by the Council of the Borough in trust for the Benefit of the Inhabitants.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Lands and Buildings so purchased, erected, extended, or altered as aforesaid, and also all Books, Maps, and Specimens of Art and Science which may be presented to, and all Fixtures, Furniture, and Articles of every Description which may be presented to or purchased for, any such Library or Museum, or to or for the said Council for the Purposes of such Library or Museum, or to or for any Committee appointed by them, shall be vested in and held upon trust for ever by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough in which such Library or Museum shall be situated, and shall be managed by the Council of the Borough (or by a Committee or Committees appointed by them), and kept

kept in fit and proper Order, for the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the Borough and others resorting thereto.

Admission to Museums, &c. to be free.

VII. And be it enacted, That Admission to such Libraries and Museums shall be free of all Charge.

If Burgesses determine not to adopt this Act, it shall not be again proposed for Two Years.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if the Burgesses shall determine in the Manner aforesaid against the Adoption of this Act, it shall not be lawful within Two Years after such Determination again to take the Votes of the Burgesses of the said Borough in manner aforesaid for the Purpose of ascertaining whether the Provisions of this Act shall be adopted for such Borough.

Museums begun or established under repealed Act to be maintained, &c.

IX. And be it enacted, That, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said Act hereby repealed, all Museums established or begun under the Provisions of the said repealed Act may be lawfully maintained, completed, and managed by the Ways and Means in this Act provided, in all respects as if such Museums had been established and begun under the Sanction and Provisions of this Act.

Short Title of Act.

X. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament and in legal Instruments it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "Public Libraries Act, 1850."

Act may be amended, &c.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

SCHEDULE.

No. 1.

In pursuance of the Provisions of an Act of Victoria, Chapter for enabling Town Councils to establish Public Libraries and Museums, the Burgesses of this Borough are hereby required, on the Day of to signify by a Declaration, either printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, and to be delivered to the Mayor or his Deputy at the Places under mentioned, their Votes for or against the Adoption of the aforesaid Act.

(Signed) *A. B.*, Mayor.

N. B.—The Situation, Division, and Allotments of the different Places for delivering the said Votes are as follows: [*Here insert the Place or Places at which the Burgesses are to vote, in like Manner as in Elections under the Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales.*]

No. 2.

I do hereby vote [for *or* against, *as the Case may be,*] the Adoption of the Act of the Year of the Reign of Queen Victoria, Chapter , for enabling Town Councils to establish Public Libraries and Museums.

(Signed) *A. B.*

[*Here insert the Name of the Street, Lane, or other Place in which the Property for which the Voter appears to be rated on the Burgess Roll is situated.*]

No. 3.

Notice is hereby given, that this Borough has adopted the Provisions of an Act of the Victoria, Chapter , for enabling Town Councils to establish Public Libraries and Museums, and that the Numbers of the Majority and Minority of Votes given for or against the Adoption of the said Act are as follow; that is to say, Votes for the Adoption of the said Act, and Votes against it.

Dated this Day of A. D.

(Signed) *A. B.*, Mayor.