CHAP. 71.

An Act to amend the Public Libraries Act, 1855. A.D. 1871.

[14th August 1871.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend and extend the Public Libraries Act, 1855, herein-after referred to as the "principal Act:" 18 & 19 Vict. c. 70.

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:

Local boards to put principal Act into execution.

1. Every local board, under the Public Health Act, 1848, and the Local Government Act, 1858, or either of them, is empowered, in like manner as a board under any Improvement Act, to adopt and carry into execution the principal Act.

Interpretation of terms.

2. For the purposes aforesaid, the following words in the principal Act shall have the following extended significations; viz., the word "board" shall mean any such local board as aforesaid; the words "improvement rate" shall mean the general district rate levied by any such board; the word "ratepayers" shall mean all persons assessed to and paying such general district rate; the word "district" shall mean the district in which such local board has authority to levy a general district rate; the term "Improvement Act" shall mean the Local Government Act, 1858.

Sect. 15 of recited Act not to apply to rates made by local boards.

3. So much of section fifteen of the principal Act as refers to the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, shall not apply to rates made by local boards under the principal Act; but nothing herein contained shall enable local boards to levy or expend for the purposes of the principal Act any greater sum in any year than one penny in the pound.

Provision as to borrowing by local

4. For carrying into execution the principal Act, every such local board may borrow upon mortgage of the general district rate

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boards for purposes of recited Act.

or any separate rate to be levied under the principal Act; and such borrowing shall be effected in conformity with the provisions as to borrowing contained in the Local Government Act, 1858, and the Acts incorporated therewith, in lieu of the provisions as to borrowing contained in the principal Act.

Not to apply to certain districts.

5. This Act shall not apply to any district the whole or any part of which is within any municipal borough, or within the jurisdiction of commissioners under any Improvement Act.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Public Libraries Act, 1855, Amendment Act, 1871."

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