the Services of all such Persons shall be deemed to be continued by Her Majesty as if this Act had not been passed, unless and until Her Majesty thinks fit to discontinue the same.

Provision as to existing and future Regulations.

5. All Rules, Orders, and Regulations relating to Persons enrolled as Officers of Reserve to the Royal Navy made before the passing of this Act by the Admiralty, with the Consent of Her Majesty in Council, shall, with respect to all Persons enrolled before the passing of this Act, continue in force as if this Act had not been passed, and shall also extend and apply, as far as may be, *mutatis mutandis*, to all Persons so enrolled after the passing of this Act, but so that any Rules, Orders, and Regulations made as aforesaid from Time to Time under this Act may repeal or alter all or any Part of any Rules, Orders, and Regulations made before the passing of this Act, and shall, unless otherwise expressed, extend and apply as well to Persons so enrolled before the passing of this Act as to Persons so enrolled after the passing of this Act.

On passing of this Act, 24 & 25 Vict. c. 129. repealed.

6. On the passing of this Act the Act of the Session of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty, (Chapter One hundred and twenty-nine,) "to enable Her "Majesty to accept the Services of Officers of the Merchant Service as Officers of Reserve "to the Royal Navy," shall be repealed; but this Repeal shall not affect the past Operation of the said Act, or the Validity of anything already done, or any Right, Title, Obligation, or Liability already accrued thereunder.

Short Title.

7. This Act may be cited as "The Officers of Royal Naval Reserve Act, 1863."

CAP. LXX.

An Act to facilitate the Execution of Public Works in certain Manufacturing Districts; to authorize for that Purpose Advances of Public Money to a limited Amount upon Security of Local Rates; and to shorten the Period for the Adoption of The Local Government Act, 1858, in certain Cases.

[21st *July* 1863.]

25 & 26 Vict. c. 110. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 4.

'WHEREAS by an Act of the last Session of Parliament, (which was extended for a further Period by an Act of the present Session,) reciting that by reason of the closing of Mills and Factories in certain Parts of the Country great Numbers of the labouring and manufacturing Classes had been thrown out of Employment, Provision was made to enable Boards of Guardians of certain Unions to obtain temporary Aid to meet the extraordinary Demands for Relief therein:

'And whereas great Numbers of the same Classes still remain out of Employment in the Parts of the Country aforesaid, and it is expedient to make Provision for better enabling Local Authorities therein to give Employment by the Execution of Works of public Utility and sanitary Improvement:'

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:

Charge on Consolidated Fund of 1,200,000*l.*, to be at Disposal of Public Works Loan Commissioners.

1. For the Purposes of Loans under this Act, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, from Time to Time by Warrant under the Hands of Two or more of them, cause to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, or the growing Produce thereof, to the Account of the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole One million two hundred thousand Pounds, such Money to be applied exclusively under this Act, and to be at the Disposal of the Public Works Loan Commissioners in like Manner in all respects as Money placed at their Disposal under the Act of the Session of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years

Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Eighty), and the Acts therein recited, subject, nevertheless, to the Provisions of this Act, which Provisions shall have full Effect, notwithstanding anything in the Public Works Loan Act, 1853, to the contrary contained. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 80. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 40.

2. All the several Clauses, Powers, Authorities, Provisoes, Enactments, Directions, Regulations, Restrictions, Privileges, Priorities, Advantages, Penalties, and Forfeitures contained in and conferred and imposed by the said Acts, or any of them, so far as the same can be made applicable and are not varied by this Act, shall be taken to extend to this Act, and to everything to be done in pursuance of this Act, and as if the same were herein repeated and set forth. Incorporation of Provisions of Public Works Loan Acts.

3. For the Purposes of such Works as are herein-after mentioned, the Public Works Loan Commissioners may, out of the Money for the Time being at their Disposal under this or any other Act, from Time to Time lend to any such Local Board or Local or other Authority as herein-after described, namely, Power for Public Works Loan Commissioners to lend, and for Local Boards and Authorities to borrow, for the Purposes and on the Terms specified.

Any Local Board acting under The Local Government Act, 1858;

Any Local Authority invested with Powers of Town Government and rating under any Local Act, by whatever Name such Local Authority may be called;

Any Commissioners or Body of Persons or other Authority having Power to levy Rates for general or special Purposes; or

Any Guardians of the Poor authorized to borrow as herein-after provided;

and any such Local Board or Local or other Authority may from Time to Time borrow from the Public Works Loan Commissioners accordingly such Sum or Sums of Money as may be required, subject and according to the following Provisions:

(1.) Any such Loan may be made for the Purposes of any permanent Works which the Local Board obtaining the Loan is authorized to execute under the Powers of the Local Government Act, 1858, or this Act, or (as the Case may be) which the Local or other Authority obtaining the Loan is authorized to execute under the Powers of any Local Act or this Act or otherwise:

(2.) Any such Loan may be made to any such Local or other Authority, whether such Local or other Authority has or has not Power to borrow under any Local Act or otherwise, independently of this Act:

(3.) Any such Loan may be made to any such Local Board or Local or other Authority to the Amount authorized by this Act, notwithstanding any Limitation of the Amount to be borrowed by such Local Board or Local or other Authority imposed by any Local Act or otherwise, but so that nothing in this Act shall be deemed to give to any Loan made under this Act Equality as to Order of Charge, or of Payment of Interest or Principal, with any Loan made or to be made under any Local Act, except only as to such Portion (if any) of the Money raised under this Act as might have been raised under the Local Act, independently of this Act:

(4.) The total Amount to be lent under this Act to any Local Board or Local or other Authority shall not exceed such Amount as would be equal to One Year's rateable Value of the Property assessable within the District or Place in respect of which any such Loan under this Act may be made:

(5.) The Interest payable in respect of every such Loan under this Act shall be at the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum:*

(6.) The Repayment of every such Loan shall be made by such Number of equal annual Instalments, not exceeding Thirty, as the Poor Law Board specify in their Order sanctioning the same; but that Board may, if they think fit, authorize the Postponement of the Payment of any Instalment becoming due within the first Three Years for a Period not exceeding Two Years:

(7.) The Repayment of any such Loan with the Interest thereon shall be secured by the Local Board or Local or other Authority to whom the Loan is made by a Mortgage of or Charge upon all or any of the Rates leviable by such Local Board or Local or other Authority, either alone or together with such other Property or Income as may be agreed on between such Local Board or Local or other Authority and the Public Works Loan Commissioners; and in the Case of

Guardians upon the Security of the Rates for the Relief of the Poor, or to be raised by the Overseers in manner herein-after provided, and it shall not be incumbent on those Commissioners to require any other Security:

(8.) Every Local Board or Local or other Authority obtaining any such Loan shall have Power by virtue of this Act to give such Security as aforesaid, and to charge such Rates, Property, or Income as aforesaid accordingly; and every such Local Board or Local or other Authority shall have Power, by virtue of this Act, and is hereby required, to levy such Rates or to make such Orders for Contributions respectively as may be requisite for the Purposes of any such Security, notwithstanding any Limitation of the Amount of Rates to be levied by such Local Board or Local or other Authority imposed by any Local or other Act or otherwise; and in the Case of any Local Board or Local Authority having rating Powers under "The Local Government Act, 1858," or any General or Local Act, such Rates may be included in and levied with the General District Rate under that Act, or any Rate levied under any General or Local Act:

(9.) The Provisions of Sections Fifty-seven and Seventy-eight of the Local Government Act, 1858, and any Provisions relative thereto, in the same or any other Act contained, shall not apply to any Loan under this Act:

(10.) Every Loan under this Act shall be made with the Authority of an Order of the Poor Law Board, which Order that Board may make if satisfied that the Circumstances of the District for which the Loan is required in reference to the Charge for the Relief of the Poor are such as to render the Loan expedient, and that all the Conditions of this Act have been complied with on the Part of the Local Board or Local or other Authority desiring to obtain the Loan; and any such Order of the Poor Law Board shall be sufficient to authorize the Public Works Loan Commissioners to make any such Loan, and shall not be liable to be questioned in any Court of Law or Equity.

Application of Money borrowed.

4. Any Local Board or Local or other Authority obtaining a Loan under this Act shall apply the whole of the Money borrowed exclusively for the Purposes of such permanent Works as aforesaid, and shall not apply any Part thereof in or towards paying off any Debt or Charge existing at the Time of the making of such Loan other than such as may be due in respect of such Works.

Postponement or withholding of Instalments of Loan when Works not proceeded with satisfactorily.

5. The Money borrowed shall be advanced by the Public Works Loan Commissioners in such Instalments as the Poor Law Board shall from Time to Time by any Order direct; and the Payment by the Public Works Loan Commissioners of any such Instalment may be postponed or withheld on a Notice from the Poor Law Board certifying that the Works in respect of which the Loan was authorized are not being proceeded with, in conformity with the Plan proposed, to the Satisfaction of the Poor Law Board.

Appointment of inspecting Engineer.

6. One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State may, upon the Application of the Poor Law Board, appoint from Time to Time an Engineer or Engineers to report to that Board upon any Works proposed to be executed, or in the course of being executed, or completed, by means of a Loan under this Act, and the Engineer or Engineers so appointed shall have full Power and Authority, at all reasonable Times, to examine the Plans, Specification, and Estimates of such Works, to enter upon and survey such Works or the Site thereof, and to inspect the Accounts of any Local Board or Local or other Authority in relation thereto.

Abridgment of Time requisite for Adoption of Local Government Act.

7. For facilitating the Adoption of The Local Government Act, 1858, the following Provisions shall, until the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, take effect and be in force:

(1.) Section Twelve of that Act, and any Provision relative thereto, shall be read and construed as if the Words "a Week's" were substituted in that Section for the Words "a Month's:"

(2.) Section Seventeen of that Act, and any Provision relative thereto, shall be read and construed as if the Words "Fourteen Days" were substituted in that Section for the

the Words "Twenty-one Days," and as if the Words "Seven Days" were substituted in that Section for the Words "Fourteen Days:"

(3.) Section Twenty of that Act, and any Provision relative thereto, shall be read and construed as if the Words "Twenty-one Days" were substituted throughout that Section for the Words "Two Months:"

(4.) Section Three of The Local Government Act Amendment Act, 1863, shall not apply to Appeals against Resolutions of Adoption in Cases coming within the Operation of this Act.

Mode of proceeding on Acquisition of Powers under Local Government Act.

8. Where any Local Authority acquires under this Act any Powers by virtue of Section Fifteen of The Local Government Act, 1858, which are repugnant to or inconsistent with those of the Local Act, the Local Authority shall proceed under the Powers and Provisions of The Local Government Act, 1858; and wherever in any such Case the last-mentioned Act and the Local Act contain Provisions for effecting the same or a similar Object, but in different Modes, the Local Authority may proceed under The Local Government Act, 1858, or under the Local Act.

In every such Case of Acquisition of Powers under this Act, Section Twelve of The Local Government Act, 1858, and any Provision relative thereto, shall be read and construed as if the Words "a Week's" were substituted in that Section for the Words "a Month's."

Power to abandon the Local Government Act.

9. Section Four of "The Local Government Act Amendment Act, 1863," shall apply to any Place which may adopt "The Local Government Act, 1858," under this Act, notwithstanding the Population of such Place is more than Three thousand.

Mode of proceeding in respect of the paving, &c. of private Streets.

10. With respect to any Works to be executed in exercise of the Powers contained in Section Sixty-nine of "The Public Health Act, 1848," and Section Thirty-eight of "The Local Government Act, 1858," by means of any Loan under this Act:

(1.) The Notice required to be given prior to the Execution of such Works by the Local Board or Local Authority may be in the Form prescribed by "The Local Government Amendment Act, 1861," or to the like Effect, and may be served by delivering the same to or at the Residence or Place of Business of the Person or Persons to whom it is addressed, or by delivering the same to some Person upon the Premises in respect of which the Works are required, or, if there be no Person upon the Premises who can be so served, by fixing such Notice upon some conspicuous Part of the Premises, or advertising the same in One or more of the Newspapers circulated in the Place:

(2.) Specifications and Estimates of the Works, certified by the Surveyor of the Local Board or Local Authority, shall be deposited for Inspection, with the Plan and Sections, in the Manner required by "The Local Government Act (1858) Amendment Act, 1861;" and when the Works affect the Property of more than One Person, the Estimates shall show the proposed Apportionment of the Expenses of the Works in respect of such Properties respectively:

(3.) Any Person to whom such Notice as aforesaid has been given may, before the Expiration of the Period limited thereby for the Execution of the Works mentioned therein, object to the Execution of such Works in the Manner specified, and to the proposed Apportionment of the Expenses of executing the same, and may give Notice in Writing within the Period aforesaid to the Local Board or Local Authority of the Matters objected to:

In default of giving the Notice lastly required, it shall not be competent for such Person to question the Validity of any Rate or Charge made by the Local Board or Local Authority for defraying or securing the Expenses incurred by them in executing such Works, except on the Ground that the same have not been executed in conformity with the Plan, Section, Specification, or Estimates thereof:

(4.) In case of Notice of Objection as aforesaid, the Local Board or Local Authority may thereupon require that the several Matters objected to shall be referred to Arbitration in the Manner prescribed by "The Public Health Act, 1848," before they proceed to execute the Works in question, and the Result of such Arbitration shall be final:

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(5.) The Charge upon any Property affected by the Works executed under this Section in respect of the Expenses incurred by any Local Board or Local Authority in the Execution of such Works shall have Priority over any Mortgage or other Incumbrance upon such Property, and shall be recoverable in the Manner provided by "The Public Health Act, 1848," and "The Local Government Act, 1858," for the like Purpose.

Objections, &c.

11. No Objection shall be allowed at the Hearing of any Information or other Proceeding under this Act on the Ground of any alleged Defect in Substance or in Form in any Notice, Summons, Complaint, or Order made or issued under this Act, or on account of any Variance between such Notice, Summons, Complaint, or Order and the Evidence adduced at the said Hearing, unless it shall appear to the Justices present and acting at the said Hearing that the said alleged Defect or Variance has misled the Person by or on whose Behalf the said Objection is taken; but if the said Justices shall be of opinion that the said alleged Defect or Variance has misled such Person, it shall be lawful for the said Justices to amend the same, and to adjourn the Hearing of such Information or Proceeding to such Time and on such Terms as they shall think fit.

Additional Powers for Local Boards or Local Authorities to execute Works of Improvement.

12. Any Local Board or Local or other Authority (except Guardians) shall have Power to execute, by means of any Loan under this Act, all or any of the following Works, subject to the restrictive and saving Clauses and Provisions contained in The Local Government Act, 1858, so far as the same are applicable to the Execution of any such Works, in addition to the Works authorized by The Local Government Act, 1858, or any Local Act; that is to say, any such Local Board or Local or other Authority shall have Power—

To acquire, drain, lay out, plant, or otherwise improve any Common or other Lands used or intended to be used as Places of Public Recreation, to construct, improve, or enlarge any Reservoir for Water Supply, and to lay down or extend the requisite Pipes for such Reservoir;

To widen, deepen, cleanse, embank, straighten, or otherwise improve any River, Stream, or Brook;

and also to enter into any Agreement respecting the Execution of any such Work, or the Apportionment of the Cost thereof, with any Person or Authority interested in any such Lands, River, Stream, or Brook, or in any Property adjoining thereto, or likely to be beneficially or otherwise affected by any such Work.

Power for Execution of private Improvements by Agreement with Owners of Property.

13. Any Local Board or Local or other Authority may, agree, but in the Case of Guardians not without the Approval of the Poor Law Board, with the Owner of any Lands in or adjoining to or near their District to make any Road or to execute any Work of Drainage or of private Improvement through, in, or on such Lands, at the Expense of the Owner, and may allow the Owner Time for Repayment of the Amount expended, and receive the same by annual Instalments, not being less than One Thirtieth Part of the entire Sum, with Interest at not less than the Rate of Three Pounds Ten Shillings *per Centum per Annum* upon the Sum from Time to Time remaining unpaid.

Where such Owner has a limited Estate or Interest only in such Lands, he may, by an Instrument in the Form set forth in the Schedule to this Act, with such Variations as Circumstances may require, charge the Inheritance of such Lands with the Amount so expended, and with the Amount of the Costs incurred by the Local Board or Local or other Authority, and by such Owner in relation to the Security to be given by him, together with Interest for the aggregate of those Amounts, at the Rate aforesaid, and may, by the same Instrument, declare the Manner and Times of the Payment of such Interest and of the Instalments aforesaid; and all the Provisions of The Local Government Act, 1858, with respect to the Recovery and Redemption of Private Improvement Rates shall apply, as far as may be, to every such Charge.

Provided, that no such Instrument shall operate so as to charge the Estate or Interest of any Person taking in succession after such limited Estate or Interest, until a Certificate, signed by an Engineer to be appointed as aforesaid, has been endorsed thereon, to the Effect that in the Opinion of such Engineer the Works in respect of which such Charge is intended to be created have been duly executed, and will effect such a permanent Increase in he yearly

yearly Value of the Lands to be charged as will render the Amount expended an Outlay beneficial to the Inheritance; and every such Certificate, so signed, shall be conclusive Evidence that the Engineer by whom the same is given has been duly appointed for the Purpose aforesaid.

In this Section the Term "Owner" means the Person who is for the Time being in receipt, whether on his own Account or as Trustee for any other Person, of the Rackrent of the Lands affected by such Works; or who, if such Lands were let to a Tenant at Rackrent, would for the Time being be entitled to the Receipt thereof, whether on his own Account or as Trustee for any other Person: Provided that any Person holding any Lands under a Lease shall not be entitled to be deemed the Owner thereof within the Meaning of this Section unless he holds the same for a Term whereof Thirty Years at least are unexpired at the passing of this Act, or for Lives whereof Two at least are subsisting at the passing of this Act, and where such Years or Lives are not unexpired or subsisting the Person entitled to the Reversion immediately expectant on the Determination of such Lease shall be deemed the Owner within the Meaning of this Section.

Power for Guardians, where there is no Local Board or Local Authority, to borrow for useful Works.

14. If the Guardians of any Union, Parish, or Township should, at a Meeting held after special Notice in Writing sent to every elected and *ex officio* Guardian of the Union, determine that it would contribute to the Health or Convenience of the Inhabitants of any Place for which such Guardians are the Local Authority for executing the Powers of the Nuisances Removal Acts that any of the following Works should be executed; *viz.*,

That any Pond, Pool, open Ditch, Sewer, or Drain should be drained, cleansed, covered, or filled up;

That any Highway or public Road or Footpath should be made, levelled, or improved;

That any River, Stream, or Brook should be widened, deepened, cleansed, embanked, straightened, or otherwise improved;

That a Sewer or Drain should be made or improved;

That a Well should be dug;

That a Reservoir for Water Supply should be constructed, improved, or enlarged, or the requisite Pipes connected with any Reservoir for Water Supply be laid down, improved, or extended;

That any Common or other Lands used or intended to be used as Places of Public Recreation should be drained, laid out, planted, or otherwise improved; or

That any other Work of public Utility or sanitary Improvement should be executed;

such Guardians may procure a Plan of such Works, and an Estimate of the Cost thereof, and lay the same before the Poor Law Board, who, upon being satisfied that such Works may be properly undertaken and executed, may, by an Order, authorize the Guardians to borrow, and thereupon the Public Works Loan Commissioners may lend to the Guardians, subject and according to the Provisions herein-before contained, such Money as the Poor Law Board may consider necessary for the Works so approved, the Repayment of such Money, with Interest at the Rate aforesaid, to be secured by the Guardians by a Mortgage of or Charge upon the Rates raised or to be raised in manner herein-after mentioned; the Guardians shall cause such Works to be executed, subject to the restrictive and saving Clauses and Provisions contained in The Local Government Act, 1858, so far as the same are applicable to the Execution of any such Works, paying the Cost thereof out of the Money so borrowed, with Power nevertheless, if they think fit, from Time to Time to appoint a Committee or Committees of their own Body, of which Committee the elected Guardian or Guardians of any such Place and the Justices of the Peace resident therein shall *ex officio* be Members, if not otherwise elected, to act in and for One or more of the Places for which the Guardians are the Local Authority, and every Committee so appointed shall have the full Power to direct and superintend the Execution of such Works within the specified Place or Places for which the Committee is appointed.

Manner in which Parishes are to contribute towards the Repayment of Loans to Guardians.

15. The Instalments of Principal in Repayment of any Loan under this Act to Guardians shall, with the Interest on so much of the Loan as from Time to Time remains unpaid thereon, be contributed and raised in manner herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,)

(1.) Where the Works for which the Loan has been advanced shall be undertaken for a Place maintaining its own Poor, the Instalments and the Interest shall be contributed

tributed by the Overseers upon the Order of the Guardians out of the Poor's Rate, in like Manner as the other Claims of the Guardians upon them:

(2.) Where the Works shall be undertaken for Two or more such Places the Instalments and the Interest shall be apportioned by the Guardians between such Places in proportion to the Costs of the Works undertaken therein respectively, as set forth in the Estimate for the same, approved of by the Poor Law Board, and the Instalments and Interest when so apportioned shall be contributed by the Overseers of such Places respectively upon the Order of the Guardians as aforesaid:

(3.) Where the Works shall be undertaken for a Place, for Part only of which the Guardians are the Local Authority, the Instalments and the Interest shall be contributed by the Overseers upon the Order of the Guardians, but the Overseers shall raise the Amount from Time to Time as required by a Rate upon all the rateable Property within that Part of such Place within which the Guardians are the Local Authority, as if such Part were a separate Place maintaining its own Poor; and such Rate shall be made and enforced in like Manner in every respect as a Rate for the Relief of the Poor:

(4.) Where the Works shall be undertaken for One or more Places maintaining their own Poor, and also for One or more such Places, for Part only of which the Guardians are the Local Authority, the Instalments and the Interest shall be apportioned by them between such Places and Parts of Places respectively, and shall be contributed and collected by the Overseers in manner herein-before provided with respect to Contributions from such Places and Parts of Places respectively.

Incorporation of Lands Clauses Act, except as to compulsory Powers.

16. The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and any Act amending the same, except with respect to the taking of Lands otherwise than by Agreement, shall be incorporated with this Act; and for the Purposes of those Acts this Act shall be deemed the Special Act, and the Local Board or Local or other Authority exercising the Powers of this Act shall be deemed the Promoters of the Undertaking.

Incorporation of Clauses of 10 & 11 Vict. c. 16. with respect to Mortgages.

17. The Clauses of The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to the Mortgages to be executed by the Commissioners, except so far as the same may be inconsistent with the Provisions of the said Act of the Session of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty (Chapter Eighty), or of any of the Acts therein recited, shall be incorporated with this Act; and in the Construction of this Act and of the said incorporated Clauses this Act shall be deemed the Special Act, and the Local Board or Local or other Authority to which a Loan is made shall be deemed to be the Commissioners.

Validity of Mortgages notwithstanding Irregularities of Proceedings.

18. Every Mortgage for securing Money lent under this Act purporting to be executed by any such Local Board or Local or other Authority as herein-before described, except Guardians, in manner provided by the Clauses of The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, herein incorporated, and every like Mortgage purporting to be executed by the Guardians of any Union, Parish, or Township as aforesaid, shall constitute a complete and valid Security on the Rates, Property, and Income thereby expressed to be mortgaged, and shall give to and impose on the Local Board or Local or other Authority intrusted with the levying of the Rates thereby expressed to be mortgaged, or authorized to make Calls for Contributions as herein-before mentioned, the Power and Obligation from Time to Time to levy such Rates, or to make and enforce such Calls, as the Case may be, to an Amount sufficient to maintain any such Works, and to discharge, in manner provided by such Mortgage, the Principal and Interest expressed to be thereby secured, notwithstanding any Defect or Irregularity in the Election, Appointment, Constitution, or Proceedings of such Local Board or Local or other Authority, and notwithstanding any Vacancy in the Number of Persons, or any Disqualification of any Person or Persons being a Member of or constituting such Local Board or Local or other Authority, and notwithstanding that any Person or Persons may have assumed to act as Member or Members of such Local Board or Local or other Authority, or as such Authority, though not legally elected, appointed, constituted, or qualified as such Member, Members, or Authority.

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19. Where the Public Works Loan Commissioners make a Loan in pursuance of any such Order of the Poor Law Board as herein-before mentioned, and take a Mortgage for securing Repayment of the same, purporting to be made under the Authority of this Act, they shall not be bound to require Proof that any Condition imposed by this Act has been duly complied with; and in every such Case the Local Board or Local or other Authority shall have full Power and is hereby required to levy the Rates mortgaged, or to make and enforce such Calls for Contributions as aforesaid, as the Case may be, for Repayment of the Money borrowed, with Interest, notwithstanding that any such Condition may not have been complied with; and it shall not be competent to any Ratepayer or other Person to question the Validity of any such Mortgage or Rate on the Ground that any such Condition had not been complied with. Validity of Security on Rates notwithstanding Defect in compliance with Conditions of Act.

20. The Poor Law Board shall not make an Order for a Loan under this Act in any Case after the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, unless they think fit to make an Order after that Day with a view to the Completion of Works then already begun. Limitation of Time for obtaining Loans.

21. This Act shall extend and apply only to Boroughs, Parishes, Towns, Districts, and Places within or comprising the Unions situate wholly or in part in the Counties of *Chester*, *Lancaster*, and *Derby*. Extent of Act same as that of Union Relief Aid Acts.

22. The Word "Overseers" shall include Churchwardens in the Case of any Parish to which this Act applies. Interpretation.

23. This Act may be cited as The Public Works (Manufacturing Districts) Act, 1863. Short Title.

SCHEDULE.

THIS DEED, made the Day of One thousand eight hundred and sixty- , witnesseth, that *A.B.*, of being the Owner within the Meaning of "The Public Works (Manufacturing Districts) Act, 1863," of the Lands mentioned in the Schedule hereto, by virtue and in exercise of the Power in this Behalf vested in him by the said Act, and of every other Power enabling him in this Behalf, doth hereby charge the Inheritance of such Lands with the Sum of Pounds, being the Amount expended by [*describe the Local Board or Local or other Authority*] in the Execution of the following Works for the Improvement of the said Lands [*describe the Works*], and with the Sum of Pounds, being the Amount of the Costs incurred by the said Local Board [*or Local or other Authority*] and the said *A.B.* as such Owner as aforesaid in relation to this present Security, making together the Sum of Pounds, together with Interest for the same aggregate Sum of Pounds at the Rate of per Centum per Annum from the Day of until full Payment thereof; and doth hereby declare that the said Principal Money and Interest shall be paid by the Owner for the Time being of the said Lands to the said Local Board [*or Local or other Authority*] in manner following; namely, the Interest on such Principal Sum of Pounds, or on so much thereof as from Time to Time remains unpaid, shall be paid by equal half-yearly Payments on the Day of and the Day of in every Year, the First Payment of such Interest to be made on the Day of One thousand eight hundred and sixty- ; and such Principal Sum of Pounds shall be paid by equal annual Instalments on the Day of in every Year, the first of such Instalments to be paid on the Day of One thousand eight hundred and sixty- .

In witness whereof the said *A.B.* hath hereunto set his Hand and Seal the Day of One thousand eight hundred and sixty- .

Witnesses.

C.D.

E.F.

A.B. (L.S.)