CAP. CIV.

An Act to extend the Powers of the Public Works (Manufacturing Districts) Act, 1863. [29th *July* 1864.]

'WHEREAS by The Public Works (Manufacturing Districts) Act, 1863, herein-after called the Special Act, Power was given to charge the Consolidated Fund with One million two hundred thousand Pounds, to be at the Disposal of the Public Works Loan Commissioners, who were thereby empowered to make (with the Authority of an Order of the Poor Law Board) Advances out of the Money for the Time being at their Disposal, whether under the Special Act or any other Act, for the Purpose of enabling Local Authorities in the Counties therein mentioned to give Employment to the Labouring and Manufacturing Classes, by Execution of Works of Public Utility and Sanitary Improvement: And whereas sundry Advances have been made by the said Commissioners in exercise of the Powers conferred upon them by the Special Act, and great Benefits have been derived therefrom: And whereas the Sums remaining at the Disposal of the said Commissioners are insufficient to meet the further Advances required for effecting the Objects herein-before mentioned, and it is expedient to make Provision for that Purpose, and for extending for a further Period the Power of the Poor Law Board to make Orders for Loans under the Special Act:' 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: 26 & 27 Vict. c. 70.

1. For the Purposes of Loans under the Special 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 further Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole Three hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, such Money to be applied exclusively under the Special 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 of Her Majesty (Chapter Eighty), and the Acts therein recited, subject nevertheless to the Provisions of the Special Act and this Act, which Provisions shall have full Effect, notwithstanding anything in the Public Works Loan Act, 1853, to the contrary contained. Charge on Consolidated Fund of 350,000*l.* to be at the Disposal of the Public Works Loan Commissioners.

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 Act of the Session of the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Eighty, and the Acts therein recited, or any of them, so far as the same can be made applicable, and are not varied by the Special Act or 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. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 80. incorporated.

3. The Power of the Poor Law Board to make Orders for Loans conferred by the Special Act shall be extended until the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five. Power to Poor Law Board to make Orders extended.

4. Where any Local Board or Local or other Authority propose to contribute to, purchase, or execute, by means of a Loan under the Special Act and this Act, any Works of Sewerage or Water Supply, the Cost whereof, in addition to and inclusive of the Amount of any Advances to such Local Board or Local or other Authority previously authorized under the Special Act or this Act, is estimated to exceed One Year's rateable Value of the Property assessable within the District in respect of which such Loan is required, the Poor Law Board may by their Order authorize such Local Board or Local or other Authority to borrow, and the Public Works Loan Commissioners may thereupon lend, for such Works, an Amount not exceeding, together with the Advances previously authorized under the Special Extension of Borrowing Powers in certain Cases.

Special Act or this Act, Two Years rateable Value of the Property assessable within the District in respect of which such Loan is required.

Local Authorities may allow Owners to repay Expenses of private Improvement Works in 30 Years, with Interest at 3*l.* 10*s.* per Cent.

5. Where any Local Board of Health or Local or other Authority shall execute any private Improvement Works by means of a Loan under the Special Act or this Act, such Local Board or Local or other Authority may allow the Owner of the Premises in respect of which such Works shall be undertaken to repay the Expenses for which such Owner may have become liable, either by virtue of the Provisions of the Local Government Act, 1858, or of any Local Act, by equal annual Instalments not exceeding Thirty, 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; and the Instalments from Time to Time due shall, together with Interest as aforesaid, be recoverable in like Manner in all respects as the Expenses for which an Owner is made liable for private Improvement Works under the Local Government Act, 1858, or any Local Act in force in the Place where such Works have been executed respectively.

Construction of Terms.

6. The Terms used in this Act shall be construed in like Manner as in the Special Act, and Section Twenty-one of that Act shall be construed as having included Parishes and Townships under separate Boards of Guardians.

Short Title.

7. The Special Act and this Act may be cited and described for all Purposes as "The Public Works (Manufacturing Districts) Acts, 1863, 1864."

CAP. CV.

An Act to explain the Statutes of Her present Majesty for amending the Laws relating to the Removal of the Poor. [29th *July* 1864.]

24 & 25 Vict. c. 55.

'WHEREAS it is enacted in the First Section of the Statute of the Twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Fifty-five, that after the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* then next the Period of Three Years should be substituted for that of Five Years specified in the First Section of the Statute Ninth and Tenth *Victoria*, Chapter Sixty-six, and that the Residence of a Person in any Part of a Union should have the same Effect in reference to the Provisions of the said Section as a Residence in any Parish: And whereas Doubts exist as to the proper Meaning of this latter Provision, and it is desirable to remove the same:' Be it therefore declared and 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:

Residence in the Parish of a Settlement not to be excluded in the Computation of Period of Residence.

1. That in the Case of any poor Person heretofore chargeable or hereafter becoming chargeable in any Parish comprised in a Union not being the Parish of his Settlement the Period of Time during which he shall have resided in the Parish of the Settlement, if in the same Union, shall not be excluded in the Computation of the Time of Residence required to render him exempt from Removal under the Statutes above referred to.

Not to apply to Orders executed.

2. Nothing herein contained shall apply to any Order of Removal made and executed before the passing of this Act.

Construction of Act.

3. The Words of this Act shall be construed in the same Manner as the said first-mentioned Act.