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An Act for conferring further powers upon the Vestry of the parish of Richmond in the county of Surrey in relation to Sewage; and for other purposes. [13th July 1871.]

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WHEREAS by section three of "The Thames Conservancy Act, 1867," it was enacted that the provisions of section fifty-two and sections sixty-three to sixty-nine (both inclusive) of the Thames Navigation Act of 1866 were thereby extended so as to apply to the Thames from the City stone near Staines to the western boundary of the metropolis, and to so much of every river, stream, cut, dock, canal, and watercourse communicating with that part of the Thames as lies within three miles of the Thames, measured in a direct line therefrom: 30 & 31 Vict. c. ci.

And whereas by section seven of "The Thames Navigation Act, 1870," it was enacted that section sixty-four of "The Thames Navigation Act, 1866," should have effect as if the words "five miles" were therein inserted instead of the words "three miles," and that all provisions of that Act relative to that section should have effect accordingly: 33 & 34 Vict. c. cxlix.

And whereas the parish of Richmond in the county of Surrey is situated upon the River Thames within the limits to which the provisions of sections sixty-three to sixty-nine of "The Thames Navigation Act, 1866," apply, as extended by "The Thames Conservancy Act, 1867," as aforesaid, and the sewage of the said parish has hitherto flowed and does still flow into the River Thames within the said limits:

And whereas the Vestry of the said parish of Richmond (hereinafter called "the Vestry") are the sewer authority, having the control of the sewers and drains within the said parish:

And whereas the parish of Richmond is bounded to a large extent by the River Thames and by royal parks, and by reason thereof, and of the great increase of buildings in the parish and the neighbourhood thereof, the Vestry have hitherto been unable to provide land

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for the purpose of purifying and utilizing the sewage of the said parish:

And whereas no water is drawn by any water company from the River Thames for domestic purposes within a distance of five miles above Richmond:

And whereas it is expedient that additional powers should be given to the Vestry of purchasing, leasing, or hiring, or using lands by agreement, and constructing works for sewage purposes, and that the Vestry should be empowered to cause rates to be levied for the purposes of this Act, and to borrow money on the security of such rates, and to make other provisions for the purposes of this Act:

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Richmond (Surrey) Sewage Act, 1871."

Provisions of general Acts herein named incorporated.

2. The following Acts and parts of Acts (as far as they are applicable for the purpose and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act,) are hereby incorporated with this Act; (that is to say,) "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869," except as far as the provisions thereof relate to the purchase or taking of lands otherwise than by agreement.

Power to enter into agreements for lease of lands for sewage purposes.

3. For the purpose of receiving, conveying, storing, purifying, disinfecting, and distributing sewage, and of the construction of any works for receiving, conveying, storing, purifying, disinfecting, or distributing sewage, or for any of the above purposes, it shall be lawful for the Vestry to enter into and carry into effect agreements with the owners of any lands, and with all persons having any estate or interest in such lands, for the purchase, lease, or user by the Vestry of such lands, or of any easements therein; and it shall be lawful for the Vestry to construct any works or do any acts that may be necessary upon any lands so purchased, leased, or used by them for all or any of the purposes aforesaid.

Providing for cost of carrying Act into effect.

4. The Vestry, for the purpose of defraying any expenses incurred in carrying into effect this Act, (including all costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the applying for, preparing, obtaining, and passing of this Act,) shall and they are hereby authorised from time to time, and as often as occasion shall require, to levy a separate

rate or separate rates in the same manner as they are by their local Act passed in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, empowered to make a rate for the relief of the poor; but such rate shall be subject to the exceptions pointed out in the seventeenth section of "The Sewage Utilization Act, 1867," and shall be recoverable by the Vestry in like manner as the Vestry are now by law empowered to recover any rate made by them for the relief of the poor.

Powers of borrowing.

5. The Vestry shall have all such powers of borrowing money on the security of the rates to be raised under the powers of this Act, and of "The Sewage Utilization Act, 1867," or of either of them, as local boards have of borrowing money under "The Local Government Act, 1858," and the Acts amending that Act, on the security of the funds or rates in the said Acts in that behalf mentioned, and, except as otherwise provided by this Act, subject to the conditions and sanction under which such powers are exercised by local boards under the said Acts; and the Vestry may secure the repayment of any money borrowed by them by mortgage of any land from time to time belonging to them, and any money borrowed may be made repayable, either by instalments or by a sinking fund, within fifty years from the period of borrowing.

General powers.

6. All powers given by this Act to the Vestry shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers conferred on them by Act of Parliament, law, or custom; and such other powers may be exercised in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed; but nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorise anything which may create a nuisance.

Saving rights of the conservators.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall take away, lessen, prejudice, affect, or interfere with any of the powers, rights, authorities, and privileges of the Conservators of the River Thames.

Expenses of Act.

8. All costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Vestry.

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