CHAPTER lxvi.

An Act for amending and extending the Thames Embankment Act, 1862, and for other purposes. A.D. 1872.

[27th June 1872.]

WHEREAS by the Thames Embankment Act, 1862, (in this Act called the Embankment Act of 1862,) the Metropolitan Board of Works (in this Act called the Board) were authorised to make an embankment on the left bank of the Thames, and on the embankment a public roadway, and to make an approach road, new streets, and approaches connected therewith: 25 & 26 Vict. c. 93. (Public.)

And whereas by section twenty-five of the Embankment Act of 1862 it was (among other things) enacted to the effect that the roadway, new streets, and approaches aforesaid, and the sole power, authority, and duty of paving, repairing, cleansing, lighting, and watching thereof respectively, and also the rating of lands and hereditaments situate and being within the same, should be under the care, management, control, and jurisdiction of the same vestries, board, district boards, commissioners, or persons as the other streets in the wards, districts, parishes, or places in which the same respectively should be situate:

And whereas the Board have made the embankment authorised by the Embankment Act of 1862, which is now known as the Victoria Embankment, and have made thereon a public roadway:

And whereas it is not reasonable that the local authorities of such districts, parishes, and places as are mentioned in section 25 of the Embankment Act of 1862 should be burdened with the whole of the expenses imposed on them by that section, and it is expedient that parts of those expenses be transferred to and be borne by the Board on behalf of the metropolis generally:

And whereas it is expedient that further powers be conferred on the Board in relation to the Victoria Embankment, and the roadway thereon, and the public ornamental grounds connected therewith:

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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 Thames Embankment North Act, 1872.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

"The Embankment Act of 1862" means the Thames Embankment Act, 1862:

"The Board" means the Metropolitan Board of Works:

"The Victoria Embankment" means the Embankment made under the Embankment Act of 1862:

"Roadway" includes the carriageway and footways of the roadway.

Transfer to Board of authority over and property in roadway, &c.

3. The roadway on the Victoria Embankment shall (notwithstanding anything in the Embankment Act of 1862) be under the management, control, and authority of the Board, and they shall have the sole power, authority, and duty of paving, macadamizing, maintaining, repairing, watering, cleansing, and lighting the same, and the same roadway, and the walls, railings, and fences thereof, (subject nevertheless to section 77 of the Embankment Act of 1862, and except such parts of the said walls, railings, and fences as are, so far as regards the lands coloured blue and green respectively on the Crown plans mentioned in the Embankment Act of 1862, on the land side of the said roadway,) and the trees, lamp-posts, and other things thereon, are hereby vested in and the same shall belong absolutely to the Board.

Power to make byelaws.

4. The Board may, subject to the provisions of this Act, from time to time make byelaws for all or any of the following purposes; (namely,)

For protection of the Victoria Embankment, and of the roadway thereon, and of the walls, railings, and fences thereof by this Act vested in the Board, and of the trees, lamp-posts, and other things thereon:

For protection of the public ornamental grounds belonging to the Board for the time being on the site of or near to the embankment and roadway, and of the trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, grass walks, seats, and other things therein:

For prevention of the posting of bills or placards, and the writing, stamping, cutting, printing, drawing, or marking in any manner

of any word or character, or of any representation of any object, on any wall, railing, fence, tree, lamp-post, walk, pavement, or seat, or elsewhere on or in the embankment or roadway or ornamental grounds:

For preservation of order and good conduct among persons frequenting the said ornamental grounds:

Generally for prevention or restraint of acts or things tending to the injury or disfigurement of the embankment, roadway, or the said ornamental grounds, or anything in or on the same, or to interference with the use of the said ornamental grounds by the public for purposes of exercise and recreation.

Regulation respecting byelaws.

5. The provisions of the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, respecting the making, contents, confirmation, approval, publication, and evidence of byelaws, and of proceedings before justices, and recovery of penalties thereunder, shall extend and apply to byelaws under this Act, and byelaws under this Act shall be deemed byelaws within the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Acts amending the same.

For protection of the Inner and Middle Temple.

6. No provision of this Act, and no byelaw to be made thereunder, shall be taken to vest in the Board, or to give the Board any right in or jurisdiction over any wall, railing, fence, or other boundary now or hereafter to be erected upon the lands belonging to the Honourable Societies of the Inner and Middle Temple between the Victoria Embankment and any part of such lands, or to repeal, alter, or contravene, or in any way to impede the execution or performance of the provisions of sections 28, 29, 30, 31, or 41 of the Embankment Act of 1862, or any of the stipulations contained in a certain specification referred to in section 29 of the said last-mentioned Act, and bearing date the 26th day of May 1862, and made under the hand of the Right Honourable William Cowper, then Chief Commissioner of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings, or otherwise to take away, lessen, prejudice, or affect any estate, right, interest, jurisdiction, franchise, power, privilege, and immunity, claim, or demand of, or any liability to, the two said societies respectively or either of them, or their respective trustees, treasurers, or masters of the bench, whether under Act of Parliament, charter, grant, agreement, specification, prescription, custom, usage, or otherwise, or any right, interest, claim, or demand of the two societies respectively, or either of them, in any way relating to the Temple land or any part thereof, or any works thereon or in connexion therewith.

Saving rights of the Marquess of Salisbury and others.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall authorise or empower the Board to make any byelaw for all or any of the purposes aforesaid which shall in anywise prejudice, lessen, affect, or interfere

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with any rights, easements, advantages, or privileges which the Marquess of Salisbury, his heirs, sequels in rights, or assigns, or his or their lessees or tenants of houses and premises in Cecil Street and Salisbury Street, respectively have, possess, or enjoy, or is or are entitled to under or by virtue of the 62nd or any other section of the Embankment Act of 1862, or under or by virtue of any Act or Acts amending the said Act of 1862, but all such rights, easements, advantages, and privileges shall remain in full force and effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever as if this Act had not been passed; and further, that every byelaw which the Board may from time to time make under the provisions of this Act shall be absolutely void and of no effect so far as it prejudices, lessens, affects, or interferes with any of the said rights, easements, advantages, or privileges of the said Marquess of Salisbury, his heirs, sequels in right, or assigns, or his or their lessees or tenants.

Expenses of execution of Act.

8. The expenses incurred by the Board in the execution of this Act shall be paid out of the Metropolitan Consolidated Rate.

Expenses of Act.

9. The costs, charges, and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing of and applying for and the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Board.

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