CHAPTER lxviii.

An Act for authorising the West Kent Main Sewerage Board to construct a new Sewer, and for amending the West Kent Main Sewerage Act, 1875; and for other purposes. A.D. 1877.

[28th June 1877.]

WHEREAS under the West Kent Main Sewerage Act, 1875, (in this Act called "the Act of 1875,") the West Kent Main Sewerage Board (in this Act called "the Board") are incorporated, and invested with powers of constructing works for the more effectual sewerage of parts of the western portion of the county of Kent, including a main sewer from the village of Beckenham to land in the parish of Dartford (in this Act called "Main Sewer No. 1"): 38 & 39 Vict. c. clxiii.

And whereas by the West Kent Main Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 1876, a deviation of a portion of the line of the said main sewer No. 1, situate in the parishes of Crayford and Dartford, was authorised, and the Act of 1875 was in certain respects amended: 39 & 40 Vict. c. lvii.

And whereas engineering difficulties have arisen in the construction of the main sewer No. 1, as authorised by the Act of 1875, and it is expedient that the Board be empowered to abandon the construction of a portion of that sewer situate in the parishes of Lewisham and Beckenham, and to construct the line of sewer authorised by this Act, partly in substitution for the portion so abandoned and partly in extension of the said main sewer No. 1:

And whereas it is expedient that further provision be made for enabling sanitary authorities to avail themselves of the sewers of the Board:

And whereas it is expedient that further borrowing and other powers be conferred on the Board, and that the provisions of the Act of 1875 as to the time, mode, and expenses of election of representatives on the Board be in some respects amended:

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And whereas plans and sections describing the lines, situations, and levels of the intended sewer and works, and plans showing the lands intended to be taken compulsorily under the powers of this Act, and a book of reference to those plans, containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and of the occupiers of such lands, have been deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Kent (which respectively are in this Act referred to as the deposited plans, sections, and book of reference):

And whereas the objects aforesaid 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 West Kent Main Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 1877.

Certain provisions of general Acts herein named incorporated.

2. The following Acts and parts of Acts (that is to say),—

The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869;

and

The provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, with respect to the temporary occupation of lands near the railway during the construction thereof,

are incorporated with this Act; and the incorporated provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, shall apply as if the line of sewer authorised by this Act were therein mentioned instead of the railway or any work, and the boundaries of the said line of sewer instead of the centre of the railway, and fifty yards instead of five hundred or two hundred yards, and as if the Board were a company.

Interpretation of terms.

3. Terms to which meanings are assigned in enactments incorporated with this Act, or which have therein special meanings, have in this Act the same respective meanings; and in this Act and (for the purposes of this Act) in enactments incorporated with this Act the term "court of competent jurisdiction" shall have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which it is used was a simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute; and the term "superior courts" shall include any court of competent jurisdiction.

Powers of Board to make new sewer.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may make and maintain, in the line and according to the levels shown on the deposited plans and sections, the following work; (that is to say,)

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A new sewer to commence in the parish of Lewisham in the county of Kent, by a junction with the main sewer No. 1 authorised by the Act of 1875, about seven hundred yards to the north-eastward of Holloway Farmhouse, at a point in the occupation road called Durham Hill Lane, about three hundred and fifty yards eastward from the junction of that lane with the road leading from the eastern end of Gipsy Lane past the said farmhouse into the Bromley Road, and terminating in the parish of Beckenham in the same county, at a point about five hundred and thirty yards to the south-westward of the booking office at the Elmers End Station on the Croydon branch of the South-eastern Railway, and about sixty yards to the north-westward of the north-western fence of the said branch railway, which said new sewer will pass from and into and be situate in the said parishes of Lewisham and Beckenham, in the county of Kent.

Power to deviate.

5. In the construction of the said line of sewer the Board may deviate from the lines thereof shown on the deposited plans to any extent within the limits of deviation marked thereon, and from the levels thereof shown on the deposited sections to such extent as they find necessary or convenient for effecting the objects of the works; and in estimating the purchase money or compensation to be paid to the owner of any land to be taken under the powers of this Act regard shall be had to the damage, if any, sustained by such owner, by reason of the power of deviating contained in this enactment; but the Board may not deviate so as to affect any public carriage-way otherwise than in accordance with the deposited sections, except with the consent of the trustees or body having the control or management of any such way.

Application of certain provisions of Act of 1875.

6. The provisions of the Act of 1875 relating to the Board's sewers shall apply to the line of sewer authorised by this Act as if that line of sewer had been part of the Board's sewers authorised by the Act of 1875.

Period for completion of sewer.

7. If the line of sewer authorised by this Act is not completed within four years from the passing of this Act, then on the expiration of that period the powers by this Act granted to the Board for making the same shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as is then completed.

Board to abandon portion of main sewer No. 1.

8. The Board shall abandon the construction of so much of the main sewer No. 1, authorised by the Act of 1875, as extends from the junction therewith of the sewer by this Act authorised to the termination of the said main sewer No. 1 at Beckenham.

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Compensation for damage to land by entry, &c. for purposes of portion of sewer abandoned.

9. The abandonment by the Board, under the authority of this Act, of any portion of the main sewer No. 1 authorised by the Act of 1875 shall not prejudice or affect the right of the owner or occupier of any land to receive compensation for any damage occasioned by the entry of the Board on such land for the purpose of surveying and taking levels, or probing or boring to ascertain the nature of the soil, or setting out of the line of sewer, and shall not prejudice or affect the right of the owner or occupier of any land which may have been temporarily occupied by the Board to receive compensation for such temporary occupation, or for any loss, damage, or injury which may have been sustained by such owner or occupier by reason thereof, or of the exercise as regards such land of any of the powers contained in the Act of 1875.

Compensation to be made in respect of portion of sewer abandoned.

10. Where before the passing of this Act any contract may have been entered into or notice given by the Board for the purchasing of any land for the purposes of or in relation to the portion of the main sewer No. 1 authorised to be abandoned by this Act, the Board shall be released from all liability to purchase or to complete the purchase of any such lands; but, notwithstanding, full compensation shall be made by the Board to the owners and occupiers or other persons interested in such lands for all injury or damage sustained by them respectively by reason of the purchase not being completed pursuant to the contract or notice, and the amount and application of the compensation shall be determined in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, as amended by any subsequent Act, for determining the amount and application of compensation paid for lands taken under the provisions thereof.

Power to take lands.

11. The Board may, subject to the provisions of the Act of 1875 and of this Act, from time to time enter upon, purchase, take, and use such of the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference as may be required for the purposes of the line of sewer authorised by this Act.

Correction of errors, omissions, &c.

12. If any omission, misstatement, or erroneous description is found to have been made of any lands, or of any owners, lessees, or occupiers of any lands described or intended to be described in the deposited plans or book of reference, the Board may apply to two justices for the correction thereof, after giving ten days notice to the owners, lessees, or occupiers of the lands affected by the proposed correction; and if it appears to the justices that the same arose from mistake, they shall so certify, stating the particulars thereof, and their certificate shall be deposited (as regards both the county and parish) as if the same had originally formed part of the deposited

plans or book of reference (as the case may be), and shall be kept therewith, and shall be deemed to be part thereof; and thereupon the deposited plans or book of reference (as the case requires) shall be deemed to be corrected according to the certificate, and the Board may enter on, purchase, take, hold, and use the lands to which the certificate relates accordingly.

Powers for compulsory purchases limited.

13. The powers of the Board for the compulsory purchase of lands under this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of two years from the passing of this Act.

Repealing section 31 of Act of 1875.

14. Section thirty-one of the Act of 1875 is hereby repealed.

For protection of the Cator settled estates.

15. For the protection of the Cator settled estates, in the parishes of Lewisham, Bromley, and Beckenham, of which estate Albemarle Cator, of Woodbastwick Hall, in the county of Norfolk, Esquire, is or claims to be tenant for life in possession (herein-after referred to as the "Cator estate"), through which estate it is intended that the Board's sewer shall be carried, the following provisions shall have effect; that is to say,

(a.) The Board shall not, except by agreement with the said Albemarle Cator, or his assigns, or other the person or persons for the time being entitled to the possession or the receipt of the rents and profits of the Cator estate (herein-after collectively referred to as the owner or owners of "the Cator estate"), purchase or take any part thereof for any purpose whatsoever, nor shall the Board exercise, as regards the Cator estate or any part thereof, any of the provisions incorporated with this Act of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, but the Board may purchase and take, and such owner or owners of the Cator estate may and shall sell and grant to them accordingly, an easement or right of user for the purposes of constructing and maintaining the new sewer by this Act authorised (herein-after referred to as "the sewer"), and of making ventilating shafts, gulleys, and side entrances (subject to and in accordance with the other provisions herein-after contained), and the easement so to be acquired by the Board shall be lands within the meaning of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869, and such owner or owners shall from time to time, as well during the construction as after the completion of the sewer, afford to the Board all reasonable means of access thereto, and shall also during such construction permit the Board to erect

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temporary sheds and workshops, and to mix and prepare (but not to burn) materials so far as may be reasonably necessary for the construction of the sewer; provided that no such shed or workshop shall be erected nor any materials stored within one hundred yards of any dwelling-house upon the Cator estate without the consent of the owner or owners of the Cator estate:

(b.) The owner or owners of the Cator estate, and his or their lessees or tenants, shall be entitled from time to time to cause his or their sewers or drains to empty sewage from the said estate in the parish of Beckenham into the sewer at such points within the said parish as may be agreed upon between such owner or owners and the Board, or, failing agreement, at such points as shall be settled, at the expense of the Board, by the President for the time being of the Institution of Civil Engineers, giving to the Board ten days previous notice of his or their intention so to do; and he and they shall comply with the reasonable regulations (if any) of the Board in respect of the size and construction of the sewers and the mode in which the communication between such sewers and the main sewer are to be made, and shall, in making any such communication, be subject to the control of any person who may be appointed by the Board to superintend the making of such communication, but so far as practicable surface and subsoil water shall in all cases be excluded from such drains or sewers: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be held to exempt the owner or owners of the said Cator estate, his or their lessees or tenants, from any sewerage or other rate:

(c.) Subject as herein-after mentioned, the Board shall effectually and at their own expense fill in, restore, and level the surface of all ground (including roads) of the Cator estate opened or disturbed in the execution of the works, and restore all such ground and surface thereof, as nearly as may be, to its former state and condition in all cases where the upper side of the covering of the sewer shall not be less than one foot below the natural surface of the ground or the surface of the road, as the case may be:

(d.) Where the upper side of the covering of the sewer is above the present surface of the ground, or is not more than one foot below such surface, then the sewer shall, at the expense

of the Board, be inclosed in an embankment of such form that the upper side of the sewer shall be covered by one foot of well-rammed earth, extending across the whole width of the sewer; and such embankment shall be sloped off at each side at a slope of not less than two horizontal to one vertical, and the surface and slopes shall be neatly finished off with nine inches of top soil and turfed:

(e.) The Board shall use every effort so to construct and maintain the sewer and the works connected therewith as not injuriously to affect the stability or salubrity of any building now or hereafter to be erected on the Cator estate. If any such building be injuriously affected as aforesaid, full compensation shall be made by the Board to the owner or owners of the Cator estate, and his or their lessees or tenants:

(f.) Unless the Board shall construct the sewer where it will pass through the Cator estate of sufficient strength to allow of houses and other buildings being thereafter erected over the sewer upon any land forming part of the Cator estate, the Board shall, whenever and wherever required by the owner or owners of the Cator estate for the bonâ fide purpose of erecting any building, strengthen the sewer sufficiently for that purpose, and the owner or owners of the Cator estate, their lessees or tenants, shall be entitled to erect houses and other buildings over the same:

(g.) The owner or owners of the Cator estate may from time to time construct roads on, over, across, or along the top of the sewer, and for that purpose may from time to time deposit soil and ballast or other materials alongside of and upon the sewer, and so as (if he or they think fit) to raise the level of the ground upon, over, or adjoining the sewer to such height as he or they may think necessary: Provided always, that any materials so to be deposited shall be of sufficient thickness and so deposited as to protect the sewer ventilators or other works from injury by reason of such deposits, or the user or construction of any such road:

(h.) It shall not be lawful for the Board for the purpose of maintaining or repairing the sewer at any time hereafter to enter into any dwelling-house situate on the Cator estate without the consent of the occupier thereof:

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(i.) The Board shall so construct the sewer that neither during the construction thereof nor by means of the sewer when constructed shall the flow of the Chaffinch Stream, the Beck, or the River Ravensbourne be obstructed or impeded at any time, and wherever any surface drainage, sewer, or under drain is interfered with, due provision shall be made by and at the expense of the Board for providing an outlet to such sewer or drain:

(j.) So far as the sewer is intended to pass through the Cator estateit shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the deposited sections or in this Act, be so constructed that the bottom of the invert of the sewer shall in no place be more than one foot above the line shown on the deposited sections unless with the consent in writing of the owner or owners of the Cator estate:

(k.) Whereas the Cator estate has been or is to be laid out for building purposes, and the line of the sewer through that estate has been settled in relation to existing or to intended roads, it shall not be lawful for the Board to deviate more than fifteen feet laterally from the line of the sewer through the said estate, as laid down upon the deposited plans for so much of the sewer as passes through the Cator estate in the parish of Beckenham, notwithstanding any limits of deviation or anything contained on those plans, or in this Act, or in the Act of 1875, except with the consent of the owner or owners of the Cator estate:

(l.) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act of 1875, it shall not be lawful for the Board or any other constituent authority to construct or maintain, or to put into or keep in operation, any pumping station, with engines, pumps, or other apparatus or appliances, for the carrying or the raising, by gravitation or otherwise, of the sewage of any part of the Cator estate or of any of the neighbouring lands into the sewer, unless such pumping station shall be at least five hundred yards, or such smaller distance as the owner or owners of the Cator estate shall approve in writing, from the nearest part of the Cator estate:

(m.) Nothing in the Act of 1875 or in this Act shall take away, diminish, or affect the right of the owner or owners of the Cator estate, or his or their lessees or tenants, to any compensation to which otherwise he or they would be entitled under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845.

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Power for certain sanitary authorities to avail themselves of the Board's sewers.

16. The following sanitary authorities (that is to say),—

The Local Board for the district of Croydon;
The Local Board for the district of Sevenoaks; and
The Sevenoaks Rural Sanitary Authority,

shall be entitled for the purpose, but only for the purpose, of disposing of the sewage of their respective districts to have a communication of any of their respective sewers made by the Board into a sewer of the Board, on such terms and conditions as to the time and mode of making and as to maintaining the communication, as to the annual or other payment (if any) to be made in respect of the communication, and otherwise as may be agreed on between the respective sanitary authority and the Board, or as, in default of agreement, may be settled on the application of either party by the Local Government Board, whose decision shall be binding and conclusive.

Amendment of provisions of Act of 1875 as to election of members of Board.

17. The provisions of the Act of 1875, relating to the election of members of the Board, shall be amended as follows:

First, with reference to the election of the two members representing the parish of Beckenham (herein-after referred to as "the Beckenham members"), section seventy-six of the Act of 1875 is hereby repealed, from the words "and such election" to the end of the section; and in lieu thereof, be it enacted, that the election of the Beckenham members shall be held in the same manner and at the same time as elections of guardians of the poor are held; and for the purpose of such election the clerk for the time being to the Bromley board of guardians shall be the returning officer, and the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority shall pay to the returning officer, for the performance of his duties in regard to such election, such sum, not exceeding twenty pounds, as they shall determine (which sum shall include the remuneration of the persons who may have been appointed or employed to assist him in conducting and completing the election); but where voting papers have been delivered the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority shall pay to the returning officer, in addition to any sum which he may receive under the foregoing provision, the sum of twopence in respect of each person separately assessed to the poor rate of the parish of Beckenham, exclusive of that part of the said parish which is in the Beckenham Sewerage Act, 1873, referred to as the Beckenham sewerage area, and the amount of the said fee shall in either case be deemed to be special expenses incurred by the Bromley Rural Sanitary Authority,

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under the powers of the Act of 1875, in respect of the parish of Beckenham, exclusive of the said Beckenham sewerage area, and shall be levied and paid accordingly by the overseers of the said parish:

Secondly, with reference to the appointment of members of the Board other than the Beckenham members, section seventy-nine of the Act of 1875 is hereby repealed; and in lieu thereof, be it enacted, that at their first meeting after the fifteenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in every subsequent year, each constituent authority shall appoint the whole number of their representatives on the Board, but an outgoing representative shall always be capable of being re-appointed:

All the members of the Board in office at the date of the passing of this Act shall continue to hold office until their successors are appointed in pursuance of this section and the appointment is notified in manner prescribed by section seventy-eight of the Act of 1875.

Casual vacancies.

18. Whereas by section eighty of the Act of 1875 it is enacted that a casual vacancy among the members of the Board shall be filled up by the body by whom the vacating member was appointed; be it enacted, that the person appointed to fill any such vacancy shall continue in office only so long as the person in whose place he is appointed would have been entitled to continue in office; provided that any casual vacancy which exists or occurs among the Beckenham members of the Board shall be filled up by an election to be held in the same manner as an annual election of those members, but within three months after the occurrence of the vacancy, and it shall be the duty of the returning officer to hold such election when required by the Board, and he shall be entitled to the same fee for holding the same as he would be entitled to for holding an annual election.

Further power for Board to borrow.

19. The Board may from time to time, with the consent of the Local Government Board, but not otherwise, borrow at interest, on the security of the contributions of the constituent authorities and of the other revenue of the Board under this Act, such money as they think requisite, not exceeding in the whole the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, and may mortgage the contributions and revenue aforesaid to secure repayment of the money so borrowed, with interest, accordingly.

Borrowing powers to be exercised, subject to the provisions of the

20. Any moneys which the Board are authorised to borrow under this Act may be borrowed by the Board either in manner provided by and subject to the provisions of the Act of 1875, or

in manner provided by and subject to the provisions of the Local Loans Act, 1875; and for the purposes of this enactment the Board shall be deemed to be a local authority within the meaning of the last-mentioned Act.

Act of 1875 and Local Loans Act, 1875.

21. All money borrowed by the Board under the authority of this Act shall be applied by them in the construction of the works authorised by this Act, and for the purchase of any lands they may from time to time be authorised to purchase, and in the execution of any purposes of the Act of 1875 to which borrowed money is under that Act applicable, and not otherwise.

Application of borrowed money.

22. The Board shall pay off all moneys borrowed by them under the authority of this Act within sixty years after borrowing the same, either by instalments or by means of a sinking fund appropriated for that purpose, and with the accumulations thereof (if any) from time to time applied for that purpose, subject to the provisions either of the Act of 1875 or of the Local Loans Act, 1875, as the case may be.

Period for repayment of borrowed money.

23. All moneys paid into any sinking fund established for the purpose of paying off any moneys which may have been or may hereafter be borrowed by the Board, in manner provided by and subject to the provisions of the Act of 1875, shall be invested in securities in which trustees are for the time being authorised by law to invest, and any such investments may be from time to time varied or transposed, and all dividends and other annual sums received in respect of such investments shall as soon as may be after they are received be paid into such sinking fund, and invested by the Board in like manner.

Securities for investment of sinking fund.

24. The clerk to the Board shall, within twenty-one days after the expiration of each year during which any sum is required to be set apart for a sinking fund established for the purpose of paying off moneys borrowed under this Act, and in manner provided by the Act of 1875, transmit to the Local Government Board a return in the form prescribed by that Board, and verified by statutory declaration, if so required by them, showing the amount which has been invested for the purpose of such sinking fund during the year preceding the making of such return, and the description of the securities upon which the same has been invested, and also showing the purposes to which any portion of the moneys invested for the sinking fund have been applied during the same period, and the total amount remaining invested at the end of the year; and in the event of any wilful default in making such return, such clerk shall

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be liable to a penalty of not exceeding twenty pounds. If it appear to the Local Government Board by such return or otherwise that the Board have failed to set apart the sum required by this Act for the sinking fund, or have applied any portion of the moneys set apart for that fund to any purposes other than those authorised by this Act, the Local Government Board may, if they think it just, and after hearing the Board, if desiring to be heard, by order direct that a sum not exceeding double the amount in respect of which such default shall have been made shall be set apart and invested as part of the sinking fund, and such order shall be enforceable by writ of Mandamus, to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, and this section shall extend to payment of instalments as far as the nature of the case admits.

Application of section 243 of 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55. to the borrowing powers of the Board.

25. Whereas the purposes for which the Board were incorporated and invested with powers are purposes for which the Local Government Board are authorised by section two hundred and seventy-nine of the Public Health Act, 1875, to form by provisional order a united district under a joint board; but such district could not be formed in pursuance of that section by reason of a portion of the district of the Board being within the metropolis, under the management of the Metropolitan Board of Works, and it is expedient to give to the Board the like powers of borrowing as they would have had under sections two hundred and forty-three and two hundred and forty-four of the Public Health Act, 1875, if the Board had been constituted by such provisional order as aforesaid; be it therefore enacted, as follows:

Section two hundred and forty-three of the Public Health Act, 1875, shall have effect as if the Board were a local authority within the meaning of that section, and as if the expression "this Act" in that section included the West Kent Main Sewerage Act, 1875, and this Act.

As to works affecting South-eastern Railway Company.

26. Any works to be constructed, laid down, or executed in exercise of the powers conferred by this Act crossing or otherwise interfering with any railway, or the stations, bridges, or works thereof, at any time belonging to or worked or occupied by the South-eastern Railway Company, shall be done under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of the principal engineer having the charge of such railway, stations, bridges, and works respectively, and according to plans to be reasonably approved by him before any such works are begun, and he may appoint and employ such necessary inspectors and watchmen as he may think proper to superintend the execution of the works, and to secure the safety of such railway, stations, bridges, or works; and the cost of

all such works, as well as of the superintendence thereof, as before provided for, shall be borne and defrayed by the Board; and such works shall be carried out so as not to cause any injury to any such railway, stations, bridges, or works, or any interruption of the passage or conduct of traffic over or at any such railway or stations; and if any injury owing to or by reason of the construction or repair of any of the said works shall arise to any such railway, stations, bridges, or works, or interruption to any such traffic, the Board shall make full compensation in respect thereof to the South-eastern Railway Company.

As to works affecting London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company.

27. Any work to be constructed, laid down, or executed in exercise of the powers conferred by this Act crossing or otherwise interfering with any railway, or the stations, bridges, or works thereof, at any time belonging to or worked or occupied by the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company, shall be done under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of the principal engineer having the charge of such railway, stations, bridges, and works respectively, and according to plans to be reasonably approved by him, before any such works are begun, and he may appoint and employ such necessary inspectors and watchmen as he may think proper to superintend the execution of the works and to secure the safety of such railway, stations, bridges, or works, and the cost of all such works, as well as of the superintendence thereof, as before provided for, shall be borne and defrayed by the Board, and such works shall be carried out so as not to cause any injury to any such railway, stations, bridges, or works, or any interruption of the passage or conduct of traffic over or at any such railway or stations; and if any injury owing to or by reason of the construction or repair of any of the said works shall arise to any such railway, stations, bridges, or works, or interruption to any such traffic, the Board shall make full compensation in respect thereof to the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Company.

Saving agreement with Bromley Local Board.

28. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held to prejudice, alter, or affect the provisions of an agreement dated the fourth day of July eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entered into between the Board of the one part, and the Local Board for the district of Bromley of the other part, in pursuance of the fifty-first section of the Act of 1875, or the provisions of the Act of 1876, with reference to contributions of constituent authorities being local boards.

Expenses of Act.

29. The costs, charges, and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing of and applying for, and the obtaining

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and passing of this Act, shall be paid by the Board out of money borrowed or contributions raised by them under the powers of this Act and of the Act of 1875, and such costs, charges, and expenses shall, before the same become chargeable, be examined and allowed by some person to be authorised by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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