

Levying Rates or Assessments for Maintenance of Roads; Abolition of Tolls at Wellington Suspension Bridge and Road; Provisions as to payment of debt affecting the Wellington Suspension Bridge and Road by the Commissioners of Supply of the County of Aberdeen, the Aberdeen County Road Trustees, and the Banffshire Road Trustees, or one or more of them; Powers to Town Council and Kincardine County Road Trustees to remove and discontinue or to rebuild Wellington Suspension Bridge; Aberdeenshire Roads Act, 1865, and Banffshire Roads Act, 1866, to remain in force, notwithstanding Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878; Amendment of Acts; Payment of Costs of Act; and other Purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh and City of Aberdeen (in this Notice called the 'Town Council'); the Commissioners of Supply of the County of Aberdeen, and the Aberdeen County Road Trustees (with concurrence of the Banffshire Road Trustees), or one or more of those bodies, for an Act (in this Notice called the 'intended Act'), to effect the following or some of the following among other purposes (that is to say):—

1. To provide for the abolition, from and after a date to be determined by the intended Act, of the Burgh of Aberdeen Road Trust, constituted under the provisions of The Aberdeenshire Roads Act, 1865, as amended by The Aberdeen Municipality Extension Act, 1871; and for the transference to and vesting in the Town Council of the whole roads, highways, and bridges within the Burgh Road district, and of the whole powers, rights, and duties of the Burgh of Aberdeen Road Trustees, under and by virtue of those Acts, and to make all needful provisions with reference to such abolition, transfer, and vesting.

2. To enable the Town Council to apportion the cost of managing, maintaining, and keeping in repair the roads, highways, and bridges beyond the Municipal Boundary of the Burgh as it now exists, or as it may be extended by Parliament, but within the Parliamentary Boundary of the Burgh, in equal moieties between the district within such existing or extended Municipal Boundary and the district within that portion of the Parliamentary Burgh which lies beyond such existing or extended Municipal Boundary, or in such other proportion as may be prescribed by the intended Act, and to authorize the Town Council to impose and levy rates or assessments on all owners and occupiers of lands and heritages within such districts for the purposes of, and to such an extent and amount, and in such manner as may be defined by the intended Act, and to alter and vary existing rates or assessments.

3. To provide for the abolition as from and after the 15th day of May 1883, or from and after such other date as may be prescribed by the intended Act, of the Tolls or Pontages now levied at the Wellington Suspension Bridge at Aberdeen, under and by virtue of the Acts of Parliament relating to that Bridge.

4. To authorize the Commissioners of Supply of the County of Aberdeen, out of the County General Assessment, the Aberdeen County Road Trustees, out of the General Debt Assessment, and the

Banffshire Road Trustees, out of the General Debt Assessment, jointly, or separately in such proportions as may be agreed or determined by the intended Act to provide for the payment of the proportion of the debt now chargeable on the County of Aberdeen, under and by virtue of The Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, in connection with the Wellington Suspension Bridge and Road Trust, and to free and relieve the Town Council of the proportion of debt now existing in connection with the said Wellington Suspension Bridge and Road, as affecting the Burgh of Aberdeen.

5. To enable the Town Council to take over, manage, and maintain, freed from debt, the portion of the said Wellington Suspension Bridge and Road within the Parliamentary Boundary of the Burgh of Aberdeen, and to authorize the Town Council to impose and levy rates or assessments on all owners and occupiers of lands and heritages within the Municipal Boundary of the Burgh, as it now exists, or as it may be extended by Parliament, for the purpose of defraying the cost of such management and maintenance, and to such an extent and amount, and in such manner as may be defined by the intended Act.

6. To authorize the Town Council and the Kincardine County Road Trustees to discontinue, remove, and take down, in whole or in part, or to alter, reconstruct, or rebuild the said Wellington Suspension Bridge, and to enable the Town Council, for the purpose of defraying their proportion of the cost of such removal, alteration, reconstruction, or rebuilding, to raise money by borrowing on the credit and security of the rates and assessments, leviable by them, or any of them, and to make provision for the repayment of the sums so to be borrowed.

7. To provide that, notwithstanding anything contained in The Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, the powers and provisions of The Aberdeenshire Roads Act, 1865, and The Banffshire Roads Act, 1866, or some of them, shall remain and continue in full force and effect, subject to such amendments thereon respectively as may be made by the intended Act, or otherwise to provide that, notwithstanding anything contained in The Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878, the County of Aberdeen shall, for all purposes of that Act, be held to include those portions of the County of Banff which are therein included by virtue of 'The Aberdeenshire Roads Act, 1865.'

8. To alter, amend, extend, enlarge, or repeal, in so far as may be necessary for carrying into effect the objects and purposes of the intended Act, the Acts of Parliament following, or some of them, that is to say: The Aberdeenshire Roads Act, 1865, The Banffshire Roads Act, 1866, The Aberdeen Municipality Extension Act, 1871, The Aberdeen Corporation Act, 1881, The Local and Personal Act, 10 Geo. IV. cap. 43, The Wellington Suspension Bridge and Road Act, 1860, and the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Act, 1878.

9. To amend The Aberdeenshire Roads Act, 1865, as regards the following sections, and in the following particulars, viz.:—As regards section 24, to provide that District Trustees may nominate and appoint Tenant Trustees as General Trustees at any meeting of the District Trustees, and as regards section 67, to provide that the period limited for giving notice of proposed alterations on the List of County Bridges shall be shortened, and to remove doubts as to the mode of assess-