

“ modify, relinquish, or abolish dues payable to the said Corporation; and for other purposes connected therewith;” whereby after reciting, among other things, that “ under the authority and by virtue of the several Acts of Parliament therein recited, as well as of other Acts of Parliament, and of divers charters, grants, and letters patent of Kings and Queens of this realm, and also by prescriptive right, the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of the Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid have collected, taken, levied, and received from or in respect of ships and vessels requiring ballast, the several rates and prices specified in the Act therein mentioned, of the forty-fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, and certain dues or duties, rates or tolls of various denominations from or in respect of all British ships and vessels, and from or in respect of all foreign ships and vessels entering or departing from the ports, harbours, or roadsteads of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; and that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid have not by the terms of the said several Acts of Parliament, charters, grants, and letters patent, or any of them, any power to reduce, modify, alter, relinquish, or abolish any of the rates, prices, dues, duties, and tolls imposed or granted, collected, taken, levied, and received as aforesaid; and that it is expedient that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should be empowered (under the regulations hereinafter contained) to reduce, alter, modify, relinquish, or abolish, and at any time or times thereafter to revive and re-establish any of the rates, prices, dues, duties, and tolls aforesaid, or any part or parts thereof, from time to time as to them the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should seem meet, just, and reasonable;” it is, amongst other things, enacted, that the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of the Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond aforesaid shall be, and they are thereby, authorised and empowered, from time to time, and at any time or times thereafter, upon the requisition, or with the consent of His Majesty, His heirs and successors, in His or Their Most Honourable Privy Council, to reduce, relinquish, abolish, alter, or modify all or any or either of the rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls imposed or granted by the said several grants, charters, or Acts of Parliament, or any of them, or collected, taken, levied, and received under the authority thereof respectively, or by ancient usage, custom, or prescription, or any part or parts thereof, as far as may be consistent with the charitable and other uses, purposes, and interests for which the said Corporation has been established and maintained; and that it shall also be lawful for the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being of the said Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond, at any time or times after the passing thereof, to revive and re-establish any rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls which may have been relinquished or abolished, or to increase, or otherwise alter or modify, any rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls which may have been reduced, altered, or modified under the authority of the said Act, and so

from time to time to relinquish or abolish, and revive or re-establish, and reduce or increase, alter or modify, all or any of such rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls as occasion may require, so as, nevertheless, that no such rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls shall at any time be increased beyond the amount which might be collected, taken, levied, or received by the said Corporation in respect thereof before the passing of the said Act; and it is thereby provided, that no such relinquishment, abolition, reduction, alteration, or modification, or subsequent revival re-establishment, increase, alteration, or modification, of any such rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls, or any or either of them, or any part or parts thereof, shall at any time be deemed valid or take effect until the same shall have been submitted by the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants to, and shall have been assented to and confirmed by, His Majesty, His heirs, or successors, in His or Their Most Honourable Privy Council, and such assent and confirmation shall have been signified in writing unto the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants; and that it shall be lawful for the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants to fix and determine the period (so that the same do not exceed three calendar months, from the receipt by them of such assent or confirmation as aforesaid), from and after which all and every the rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls so relinquished or abolished, shall be discontinued and no longer collected, taken, levied, or received, or from and after which all and every the rates, prices, dues, duties, or tolls so revived or re-established, reduced, increased, altered, or modified respectively as aforesaid, shall and may be collected, received, levied, or taken:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixth and seventh years of His present Majesty, intituled “ An Act for vesting light-houses, lights, and sea-marks, on the coast of England, in the Corporation of Trinity-house of Deptford Strond, and for making provisions respecting light-houses, lights, buoys, beacons, and sea-marks,” after reciting, that by the above recited Act of 3 George IV, the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants were empowered to reduce, relinquish, or modify, as therein mentioned, the tolls due to them; and that in exercise of the said power they had, with such consent, reduced and modified sundry of the tolls in the said Act mentioned, to the great relief of the owners of vessels liable thereto; and reciting, that in order to the further relief of owners of vessels it was expedient that the powers of the said Act given to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants should be enlarged and extended to the several tolls then or thereafter to be payable to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants, it is enacted, that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants may, from time to time, upon the requisition or with the consent of His Majesty in Council, reduce, relinquish, or modify the tolls then or thereafter payable to them in respect of any light-house, and, upon the like requisition or with the like consent, may revive and re-establish or increase and otherwise modify, as occasion shall require, in such manner and form, and subject to such conditions and limitations, as the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants are empowered to do in respect of the tolls mentioned in the above