

City of York.

Freemen's Strays or Common Pastures' Regulation.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session, for an Act to provide for the better regulation of the Strays or Common Pastures belonging to or usually stocked and enjoyed by the resident freemen and freemen's widows of the four ancient wards of the city of York, called Micklegate Ward, Bootham Ward, Monk Ward, and Walmgate Ward, which said strays or common pastures belonging to Micklegate Ward, are situate in the several parishes of Saint Mary Bishophill the Elder, Saint Mary Bishophill the Younger, and Holy Trinity Micklegate, in the city of York and county of the same city, and townships of Dringhouses and Middlethorpe, in the West Riding of the county of York, and which said strays or common pastures belonging to Bootham Ward are situate in the townships of Clifton and Huntington, in the North Riding of the county of York, and which said strays or common pastures belonging to Monk Ward are situate in the townships of Heworth and Huntington, and parish of Saint Olave Marygate, in the North Riding of the county of York, and parishes of Saint Saviour and Saint Cuthbert, in the city of York and county of the same city, and which said strays or common pastures belonging to Walmgate Ward are situate in the township of Gate Fulford and parishes of Saint Paul Heslington, and Saint Lawrence, in the East Riding of the county of York, or some or one of them.

And in such Act will be inserted powers and provisions authorising the making of lists or rolls for each of the said ancient wards of the freemen and freemen's widows, for the time being, entitled to stock the said strays or common pastures; and also powers and provisions authorising the resident freemen of each and every of the said four ancient wards to elect, annually or otherwise, separate wardens and pasture masters for each and every such ward, and also two auditors of the pasture accounts of each ward; and also powers and provisions enabling the wardens and pasture masters of each ward to appoint a treasurer or clerk and other officers, and to sue and be sued in the name of their treasurer or clerk, for the time being.

And notice is hereby also given, that in the said Act provisions will be inserted for restricting the rights of the freemen and freemen's widows, having or claiming to be interested in the strays or pastures of more than one ward, to the strays or pastures belonging to Micklegate Ward; and for enabling all persons, whether freemen or non-freemen, to stock the said pastures, the freemen and freemen's widows for the time being entitled to stock the same, having fourteen days' preference in taking the gates.

And notice is hereby also given, that in the said Act powers and provisions will be inserted authorising the division of the surplus income, arising from the strays or common pastures, belonging to each of the said ancient wards, after deducting all expenses by the said Act to be authorised to be deducted thereout, amongst the freemen and free-

men's widows of each ward, who shall stock or be entitled to stock the said strays or common pastures, and claim to participate in such division of the surplus income, within a time to be limited by the said Act for that purpose.

And notice is hereby also given, that in the said Act powers and provisions will be inserted, authorising the wardens and pasture masters so to be elected for each and every of the said ancient wards, from time to time, to make such rules and regulations as they shall think fit, for the fencing, draining, and improving the said strays or common pastures belonging to the ward for which they shall be elected, and for the time being under their care, and to fix the time or times when the same respectively shall be broken or depastured; and when the same shall be shut up and closed, and at any time to postpone the opening or shutting thereof, and to order and direct in what manner the same shall be used and stocked, and to limit and settle the number of horses, cows, cattle, or other beasts to be turned into the said strays or common pastures, or any of them, or any part thereof, and from time to time to alter and change the custom and manner of feeding or depasturing such strays or common pastures, but not to authorise any oxen, steers, sheep, mules, asses, pigs, or entire male cattle, to be depastured therein, and from time to time to fix and determine into which or which part of such strays or common pastures such cattle may be turned, and to ascertain and fix the amount of head money which every person, whether freeman or non-freeman, or freeman's widow, stocking the said strays or common pastures, shall pay to the treasurer of the wardens and pasture masters thereof, before he or she shall be permitted to turn any stock thereon, and the time and manner in which the same shall be payable, and also all such other rules, regulations, and bye-laws, as shall from time to time be deemed necessary for the good government and management of the said strays or common pastures, and for the good government of the members, officers, and servants of the said wardens and pasture masters, and to impose fines for the breach of such rules, regulations, and bye-laws. And notice is also hereby given, that in such Act powers will be inserted enabling the wardens and pasture masters so to be elected for each of the said ancient wards to appoint herdsmen and other sufficient and proper persons and servants to superintend the fencing, draining, and improving the strays or common pastures under their care, and the stocking thereof, and to enforce the bye-laws, rules, orders and regulations which shall from time to time be made by the said wardens and pasture masters for the purposes aforesaid, and to allow to the herdsmen and other officers and servants appointed by them, such salaries, wages, and other emoluments as such wardens and pasture masters shall from time to time think fit. And notice is also hereby given, that in such Act powers will be inserted: to enable the wardens and pasture masters of each of the said ancient wards, to purchase up, vary, or extinguish all existing rights or privileges in any manner connected with the strays or common pastures under their care, which can in any way interfere