

Leek Improvement.

(Extension of Limits; Alteration of Commission; Powers of Paving, Lighting, Watching, Sewering, Draining, and Improvement; Purchase or Lease of Waterworks; Transfer of Powers; Enlargement of Works; Purchase or Lease of Market Tolls; Erection of Town Hall and Market House; Power to provide Cattle Market, Cemeteries and Slaughter-houses; Incorporation of Acts; Alteration of Rates and Exemptions; and Repeal and Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament, in the ensuing session, for all or some of the following purposes, that is to say,—

To alter, amend, and enlarge the powers and provisions of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for Lighting, Watching, Cleansing, and Improving the town of Leek, in the county of Stafford," or to repeal the said Act and grant more effectual powers instead thereof, for paving, lighting, supplying with water, cleansing, sewerage, draining, regulating, watching, and improving the district within the limits hereinafter mentioned, and for the removal and prevention of nuisances, obstructions, and annoyances therein; and for giving the Commissioners to be appointed the control over all the turnpike roads, highways, streets, lane, public passages, and places within such district; to alter the rates authorised by such Act; to vary or extinguish exemptions from payment of such rates; to alter the constitution of the commission acting under such Act; to make provision for the future election of Commissioners in manner to be prescribed in the Bill; to incorporate such Commissioners; to regulate their powers and duties, and enable them to carry into effect the objects and purposes of the intended Bill.

To extend the limits of the said Act, and of the town of Leek as defined in such Act, and to comprise within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners, and the powers and provisions of the Bill, the district situate within one thousand five hundred yards, measured in a straight line each and every way from the gas lamp-post, in the centre of the market-place, in the town of Leek, and which district will comprise portions of the several townships of Leek and Lowe, Tittesworth and Leekfrith, all in the parish of Leek, in the county of Stafford, and to empower the Commissioners to execute all the powers and provisions of the intended Bill within such extended limits.

To place under the control of the Commissioners to be appointed under the Bill the paving, maintenance and repair of the present turnpike roads, streets, highways, and footways, within the district comprised within the limits as so extended; to constitute the Commissioners the surveyors of highways within such limits, and to exempt the owners and occupiers of property within such limits from the payment of rates towards the repairs of highways in the respective townships in which such property is situate; to make provision for the apportionment of such rates, and to prevent or restrict the collection of toll upon the several turnpike roads within such limits, and the expenditure of money thereon by the Trustees of such roads, and to vary or extinguish all rights and privileges, and amend any Acts relating to any such roads.

To continue and amend the powers of the said first-mentioned Act, with regard to the manufacture of gas, and the works and land to be provided for such purpose, and to enable the Commissioners to continue the manufacture of gas for the lighting of the public streets and thoroughfares, and other places, and for the supply of gas to the

inhabitants within the said extended limits, and to vest in the Commissioners to be appointed under the Bill the present Gas Works and lands situate at or near the North Staffordshire Railway Station, in the township of Leek and Lowe aforesaid, and abutting on the turnpike road from Leek to Newcastle-under-Lyme, now belonging to the Commissioners acting under the said Act, and to make provision for the discharge of the mortgage debt on such Gas Works, and to authorise the Commissioners to charge the same upon the general rates or upon the gas rents, and to enable the Commissioners to maintain and improve such gas works, and to exercise all the necessary powers for supplying gas to the inhabitants.

To make more effectual provision for the sewerage, draining, cleansing, watching, regulating and general improvement of the district within the said extended limits, and the removal and prevention of nuisances, annoyances, obstructions, encroachments, and projections, and for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the inhabitants within such extended limits, and to enable the Commissioners to cleanse and scour within such limits the brook called Ball Haye Brook, and to prevent the future drainage of sewage into such brook, and to require the diversion of the present drains so soon as a parallel sewer or other means of drainage are provided by the Commissioners along the course of such brook or any part thereof.

To enable the Commissioners to be appointed under the Bill to take on lease, and also to purchase by compulsion or agreement, the Waterworks now used for the supply of the town with water, established under the powers of an Act passed in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act for better regulating the supply of water in the town of Leek, in the county of Stafford," and the several reservoirs, pipe tracks, aqueducts, and other works belonging thereto, situate in the townships of Tittesworth, Leekfrith, Bradnop, and Leek and Lowe, or some of them, or elsewhere in the said parish of Leek, and to require the sale or lease of such waterworks to the commissioners, and to enable the Earl of Macclesfield or the parties for the time being entitled under such Act to lease and also to sell and transfer such waterworks or their rights and interests therein to the Commissioners, and the property, springs, streams, works, pipes, rights, privileges, easements, and advantages connected therewith, or which may be held and enjoyed by the said Earl under the said Act or any other Act or otherwise; and to authorise the Commissioners to execute the powers of such Act, and to levy a water rate upon the owners and occupiers of property within the extended limits, and to levy, receive, and recover rates or rents for the supply of water, and to alter existing rates, and to maintain and lay down pipes beyond the extended limits in or upon any turnpike road or highway within the parish of Leek; and also to enlarge the present reservoir, known as the Blackshawmoor Reservoir, on the south and east and west sides thereof, in the townships of Leek and Lowe and Bradnop, or one of them, in the parish of Leek; and to purchase, by compulsion or agreement, the lands for such purpose, and also to purchase additional lands, springs, streams, and waters, and, if necessary, lands for the construction of compensation reservoirs; and to supply the inhabitants within the limits of the said Act and the limits of the intended Bill before-mentioned, and to alter and amend the provisions of such Act.

To confer upon the Commissioners to be appointed powers to take on lease, and also to purchase by compulsion or agreement, the market tolls and stallages and other rates and tolls connected with the markets and fairs held in the town