

value of the property subject to the said rates. And the Bill will or may provide for the commutation of any rates payable under the provisions thereof by the payment of a gross sum by the owners, tenants, or occupiers of any property liable for the payment of such rates.

6. To enable the Metropolitan Board of Works to contribute towards the funds of the Conservators either for the general purposes of the conservancy, or for any specific purpose to be defined by the said board, and the powers contained in the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth sections of the "Metropolitan Commons Act, 1866" (29 and 30 Vict., cap. 122), shall apply to any such contributions.

7. To enable the Conservancy Board to borrow from time to time money upon the security of the rates so to be levied by them, and of any other property belonging to them; and to apply the moneys so to be borrowed, and also any revenue derived by them from their rates, or otherwise, to the purposes of the Bill; and the Bill will for this and for other purposes incorporate with itself the necessary provisions of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847.

8. To empower the Poor Law Board to prescribe such regulations as they from time to time think fit with respect to all matters which the Bill requires to be performed by the overseers of parishes or by the guardians of unions, and with respect to the payments to be made by the Conservators in respect thereof.

9. The Bill will vary or extinguish all manorial rights, rights of way, or other rights or privileges which can interfere with its objects; and it will confer other rights and privileges, especially in favour of the National Rifle Association, and of certain corps or regiments of volunteers, and it will contain generally such powers as will enable the Conservators to fulfil the objects of the Bill, namely, the preservation and improvement of the commons, and the maintenance of them as places of exercise and recreation.

10. Printed copies of the proposed Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, on or before the 21st day of December next.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1870.

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In Parliament.—Session 1871.

Wandsworth Common.

(Vesting of Wandsworth Common (including Plough Green) in a Conservancy Board; Levying of Rates on parishes of Battersea and Wandsworth; Borrowing of Money; Bye-laws.)

APPPLICATION is intended to be made to Parliament in the next session thereof, for leave to bring in a Bill for the following, or some of the following, among other purposes:

1. To confirm any agreement made between the Right Hon. John Poyntz, Earl Spencer, K.G., and certain other parties, whereby the said Earl agrees to convey his estate and interest (subject to certain exceptions and restrictions) in Wandsworth Common (in which expression Plough Green is included) to a body of Conservators, to represent public and local interests, whose duty it shall be to keep the common open and uninclosed, and to protect and preserve the same for purposes of exercise and recreation; or the Bill will itself vest the common, subject as aforesaid,

in the Conservators. The common is within the manor of Battersea and Wandsworth, and within the parishes of Battersea and Wandsworth, in the county of Surrey.

2. The appointment and incorporation of a body of Conservators, to be in the first instance in part nominated or designated in the Bill, and partly appointed by members of Her Majesty's Government, and to be subsequently partly so appointed and partly elected in the manner to be defined by the Bill, by tenants or occupiers of property within the rateable area proposed to be formed by the Bill, which rateable area is intended to consist of the said parishes of Battersea and Wandsworth, such parishes being comprised for poor law purposes within the Wandsworth and Clapham Union.

3. To impose on the overseers of the said parishes, or on the guardians of the said union, the duty of furnishing to the Conservators a list of the electors in their union; and the Bill will contain provisions as to the qualifications of the electors of Conservators and of the Conservators, and as to the times and methods of election.

4. To enable the Conservators to keep the common, subject to certain exceptions to be defined in the Bill, open, uninclosed, uninclosed, and to prevent and abate all encroachments thereon, and to prevent the removal therefrom of all turf, gravel, mould or soil, and the cutting of any gorse, heather, timber, or other trees or shrubs; to enable them to drain, level, and improve and plant the common, and to build lodges on the same for the preservation thereof; and to enable them from time to time to make, vary, and rescind, and to enforce bye-laws, rules, and regulations for the purposes and with respect to the matters aforesaid, subject to such restrictions and confirmation as the Bill shall define, and to impose penalties for the breach of such bye-laws, and the said bye-laws may extend to the prevention of nuisances and the preservation of order on the common, the exclusion therefrom of gipsies, beggars, and vagabonds, the regulation of persons resorting thereto for sports and games, and all other matters necessary for the maintenance of the said common as a place of recreation and exercise. And the Bill will or may quiet the title to all inclosures of the common made by leave of the said Earl or his predecessors in title, or to certain of the said inclosures:

5. To enable the Conservators for the purposes of the said Bill, and of any annual or other payments to be made to Earl Spencer under the said agreement, or for the redemption of any such annual sums, to impose rates in respect of all property rated to the poor rate, within the rateable area, such rates being either uniform, or graduated and differential, and being assessed either on the tenant or occupier of the rateable property, or to be assessed proportionately on the overseers of the poor of the said parishes, or on the guardians of the said union; and the Bill will in the latter cases provide for the payment by the said overseers, or by the said guardians, out of the poor rate for the said parishes, or for the said union, of the amounts due from them, and for the recovery by the Conservators of such contributions from the said overseers or guardians, and the levying by the said overseers or guardians, of increased rates within the said parishes or union.

And the Bill will require the said overseers, or the said guardians of the said union, to furnish from time to time to the Conservators, at their request, returns of the annual rateable value of the property subject to the said rates. And the Bill will or may provide for the commutation of