

time to time to enter into and carry into effect contracts and agreements for or with respect to the working, use, management, and maintenance of the said intended railways and works, or any part or parts thereof respectively, the supply of rolling stock and plant, and of officers and servants, for the conduct of the traffic of the said intended railways, and with respect to the payments to be made and the conditions to be performed with respect to such working, use, management, and maintenance, the interchange, accommodation, conveyance, and delivery of traffic coming from, over, or destined for the said intended railways, and the railways of the said other Companies or either of them, and the division and appropriation of the receipts arising from that traffic which may be made between the said Companies touching any of the matters aforesaid, or in reference thereto, under the provisions of Part III (Working Agreements) of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863.

The Bill will also incorporate with itself some or all of the provisions of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845;" "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863;" "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847;" "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845;" "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860;" "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845;" and "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863;" and it will amend and enlarge, as far as may be requisite for all or any of the foregoing purposes, the powers and provisions of the Acts relating to the Bristol and Exeter and Devon and Somerset Railway Companies, or any or either of them respectively,

And notice is hereby given, that on or before the 30th day of November instant, duplicate plans and sections describing the lines, situations, and levels of the proposed railways and works, and the lands, houses, and property in or through which they will or may be made, together with a book of reference to such plans, containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and of the occupiers of such lands, houses, and other property; also an ordnance map, with the lines of railway delineated thereon, so as to show their general course and direction, and a copy of this Notice, as published in the London Gazette, will be deposited for public inspection with the Clerk of the Peace for the county of Devon, at his office at Exeter, in the said county, and on or before the same day a copy of so much of the said plans, sections, and books of reference as relates to each parish or extra-parochial place in or through which the said intended railways and works are proposed to be made, or in which any lands or other property to be taken are situate, together with a copy of this Notice, as published in the London Gazette, will be deposited for public inspection with the parish clerk of each such parish, at his residence, and in the case of any extra parochial place, with the clerk of some parish immediately adjoining thereto, at his residence.

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 12th day of November, 1873.

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Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

(Alteration of Harbour Rates—Retrospective Application of New Rates—Repeal of Existing Provisions as to Revision of Harbour Rates—Provisions as to Allowance or Disallowance of items in Conservancy Account in Accounts of Board—Application of Harbour Rates—Provisions as to Expenses of Raising, &c., Wrecks or Obstructions to Navigation—Arrangements with Owners, &c., of Coasting Vessels as to Town Dues—Repeal or Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made to Parliament next session by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (hereinafter called "the Board") for leave to bring in a Bill for the purposes or some of the purposes following, that is to say:

1. To repeal or vary the harbour rates which the Board are now authorised to demand and take upon or in respect of vessels sailing to or from the port of Liverpool, and to authorise the Board to demand and take in lieu thereof, other harbour rates not exceeding in amount the rates levied for conservancy purposes on vessels using the docks or property of the Board.

2. To make the new harbour rates applicable, or to authorise the Board to apply the same by agreement to vessels which may have come into or gone out of the port of Liverpool within such period prior to the passing of the Bill as may be prescribed by the Bill, and to provide for the payment by or to the Board of the difference in the case of any such vessel between the old and new rates.

3. To repeal sections 242, 243, and 244 (as to revision of harbour rates) of the Mersey Dock Acts Consolidation Act, 1858 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1858"), and to make other provision with reference to the allowance or disallowance of any items in the conservancy accounts of the Board, with reference to harbour rates, and the hearing of parties interested in the rates, with reference to such allowance or disallowance. To repeal or vary the 239th section of the Act of 1858, and to provide that moneys arising from harbour rates shall be deemed part of and applicable to the same purposes as the conservancy receipts of the Board, or to such other purposes as the Bill may provide. To provide for the payment out of the conservancy receipts of the Board of certain legal and parliamentary costs, charges, and expenses incurred in relation to the harbour rates of the Board.

4. To repeal or amend, in whole or in part, section 59 of the Act of 1858, and to make provisions with respect to the recovery of the expenses of raising, destroying, removing, or taking away wrecks of vessels or sunken vessels, or other obstructions or impediments to the navigation or use of the docks of the Board, or elsewhere, within the port of Liverpool, or any of the sea channels leading thereto, and the persons and property to be liable for such expenses, or any deficiency thereof.

5. To enable the Board from time to time to enter into and carry into effect, or to vary and rescind agreements or arrangements with the owners or masters of or agents for vessels trading coastwise to or from Liverpool, or with persons interested in goods, merchandise, or cargo carried by such vessels, with respect to the amount or mode of calculation or payment or time of payment of town dues in respect of all or any goods, merchandise, articles, or things forming the cargoes or part of the cargoes of such vessels.