

confer exemptions from, and from time to time compound for any such tolls, rents, rates, duties, and other payments, and to alter existing tolls, rates, and charges.

23. To authorise and empower the Company to collect and recover for and on behalf of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board such of the harbour dues as under the provisions of "The Mersey Docks Act, 1874," would be payable to that Board on vessels entering the said Ship Canal.

24. To empower the Company from time to time to make, alter, and enforce bye-laws, rules and regulations for all or any of the purposes of the Bill, and especially for the following or any of the following purposes:—For prohibiting, removing, and regulating the placing of any matters or things which, in the judgment of the Company, may interfere with the navigation of the said rivers, within the Harbour and Port of Manchester or of the said Ship Canal, or the safe and convenient user of them, or either of them, or of the docks, premises, or works of the Company; for regulating the use of the said Ship Canal; the speed of vessels navigating the same; the use of docks, locks, landing-stages, tramways, warehouses, transit and other sheds and works connected therewith respectively, and the conduct of the masters, officers, and crews of vessels, and of other persons using and frequenting the same; for prescribing the terms and conditions for and payment on which licenses for tug-boats and masters thereof shall be granted, suspended, or declared to be forfeited by the Company, and for regulating the conduct of persons so licensed; for regulating the times and manner of paying, and the places for payment of the tolls, rates, and charges for the use of the said Ship Canal, and any channel leading thereto, docks, tramways, warehouses, transit and other sheds, works, and appliances of the Company, and for the use of tug-boats, whether of the Company or otherwise.

25. To authorise and require the Company to contribute annually from their funds towards the salary and expenses of the Acting Conservator, Clerks of the Peace, and other officers and persons employed in the execution of the powers and provisions of the Local and Personal Act, 5 and 6 Vic., c. 110, such sum as may be fixed in the Bill or prescribed by Parliament.

26. To empower the several municipal Corporations and Local Authorities in the counties of Lancaster and Chester (all of which are hereinafter included under the expression "Local Authorities") or any of them on the one hand, and the Company on the other hand, to enter into and fulfil contracts and agreements for or in relation to the construction and maintenance of all or any part or parts of the works to be authorised by the Bill, the acquisition and appropriation of lands and property, the prevention of floods, the construction of sewers, the contribution of funds, the holding of shares in the capital of the Company, the execution of works, and the exercise of all or any of the powers of the Bill by the Company, or by such Local Authorities, or any of them, solely or jointly with the Company, and to sanction and confirm any such contracts or agreements which may have been, or which during the progress of the Bill may be made for or in relation to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, and to confer on such Local Authorities respectively, all or any of the powers of the Bill, and all other necessary powers, and to enable them for all or any of the purposes of the Bill to apply their respective corporate funds, and to borrow further

moneys by mortgage, debenture stock, or annuities, and to charge the same upon all or any rates, tolls, rents, and revenues, leviable by or payable to them respectively, and to empower any such Local Authority to nominate and appoint a director or directors of the Company, and to provide for and enable them to receive remuneration for their services without thereby disqualifying themselves from acting as members of the corporate body to which they belong.

27. To provide for the transfer to a body of trustees or commissioners of the undertaking, rights, powers, privileges, and duties of the Company in such circumstances and upon such terms and conditions as may be contained in the Bill or prescribed by Parliament, and to make provision for payment to the Company of any sums payable to them as the consideration for such transfer; and the Bill will or may provide further for the constitution of such trustees or commissioners, and for constituting all or some of the directors of the Company, at the time of such transfer, a portion of such trustees or commissioners.

28. To authorise the Company, for all or any of the purposes of the Bill, to enter into and fulfil contracts and agreements; and the Bill will or may confirm any such contract or agreement which may have been entered into prior to the passing of the Bill.

29. To enable the Company, notwithstanding anything contained in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," to pay out of the capital or any of the funds of the Company, interest or dividends on any shares or stocks of the Company.

30. The Bill will vary or extinguish all rights and privileges inconsistent with, or which would or might in any way interfere with its objects, and will confer other rights and privileges, and will or may incorporate with itself, subject to such modifications and exceptions as the Bill may provide, the provisions of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," "The Companies Clauses Act, 1869," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869," "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," "The Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act, 1847," and will or may, so far as may be necessary, alter, amend, extend, and repeal the provisions of the following, among other Local Acts, namely:—7 George I., c. 15; 34 George III., c. 37; 6 and 7 William IV., c. 115; 3 Vic., c. 15; "The Cheshire Lines Act, 1872," and "The Cheshire Lines Act, 1875," and any other Acts directly or indirectly relating to or affecting the Company of Proprietors of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation, or their undertaking; 9 and 10 Vic., c. 204, and any other Acts directly or indirectly relating to or affecting the London and North Western Railway Company or their undertaking; 24 and 25 Vic., c. 134, and any other Act or Acts directly or indirectly relating to or affecting the London and North Western Railway Company and the Great Western Railway Company jointly.

"The Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway (Extension to Liverpool) Act, 1865," "The Cheshire Lines Transfer Act, 1865," "The Cheshire Lines Act, 1867," and any other Acts directly or indirectly relating to or affecting the undertaking of the Cheshire Lines Committee; 12 and 13 Vic., c. 81, and any other Acts directly or indirectly relating to the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company and their undertaking; 9 and 10 Vic., c. 71, and any other Acts directly or indirectly relating to the Great Northern Railway Company and their