

the improvement of the navigation of the said river or estuary, or with the powers sought to be conferred by the said intended Act, and to compound for tolls, rents, rates, and duties, and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from tolls, rates, and duties, and to confer, vary, or extinguish other rights and privileges.

To exempt and discharge the white sands and the lands already reclaimed, or which shall hereafter be reclaimed, either forthwith or when the said lands respectively shall be sold or otherwise conveyed or alienated, and to exempt and discharge all lands which have heretofore belonged to and have been sold or otherwise conveyed or alienated by the River Dee Company from all liability with respect to the maintenance of the said navigation, and the banks, causeways, and other works connected therewith, and the compensation for damage which may have been or may be occasioned by the acts or defaults of the River Dee Company, or the Conservators, and from the payment of two annuities to the Hawarden Embankment Trustees, and the maintenance of two ferries across the River Dee below Chester, and the maintenance and repair of certain roads, and all other general liabilities, absolute or contingent, touching the matters aforesaid, imposed on the said lands, or the owners or occupiers thereof, by or in consequence of the acts hereinafter specified, relating to the River Dee Company, or by the intended Act.

To enable and require the Conservators for all or some of the purposes herein specified, or for such purposes as shall from time to time be subsisting, to impose and lay on the owners and occupiers of all lands already reclaimed from the River Dee, and on the owners and occupiers of all such lands as shall hereafter be reclaimed, an annual acreage or other rate, and that either in addition to or in substitution for the charges, burdens, or liabilities to which such lands are or may be subject, with usual powers of distress and entry if such rates shall be unpaid.

To enable the said Conservators to redeem or commute the annuities of £200 and £50 payable by the River Dee Company to the Hawarden Embankment trustees by the payment of a capital sum, or by such other means as the Act may define, and as may be agreed on between the parties, and to authorise the said trustees to enter into such agreement and to accept any such sum of money or other consideration for the redemption or commutation of the said annuities.

To vest in the Conservators, and to empower them to hold, sell, lease, let, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of, farm, work, and use, with all the powers of absolute owners, all lands which may hereafter be reclaimed in and from the said river and estuary.

To define, mete, and set out the boundaries of the lands which have already been reclaimed, and to provide for the manner in which, and the terms and conditions on which such lands are to be held and enjoyed by the persons or corporation or corporations in whom the same are or may be vested.

To enable the Conservators to raise money upon security of reclaimed and other lands and hereditaments and property, and on the credit of the tolls, dues, rates, taxes, and contributions to be granted, transferred, or imposed under the said Act for carrying the purposes thereof into execution, and to confer upon the Conservators all such powers, and to make such provisions as may be deemed necessary for carrying into effect the objects of the said intended Act, or such powers and provisions as are usually inserted in Acts of a similar nature.

To enable the said Conservators, to make and carry into effect agreements and arrangements with the River Dee Company, their mortgagees, or creditors, or any person having any claim against the River Dee Company and with the River Dee Commissioners, and with all other public bodies, companies, and persons with respect to any matter or thing relating directly or indirectly to any of the objects or purposes of the said intended Act or otherwise.

To enable the Conservators to pay off, take up, or otherwise deal with the whole or any part of any moneys borrowed by, or any debts contracted by the River Dee Company, and to fix and determine the rank and position of any creditors of the River Dee Company and the amount of their debts.

To enable the Conservators to apply any funds of which they may become possessed for all or any of the purposes of the said intended Act, and to borrow money on mortgage or otherwise for those purposes, and to attach to the securities for any money so to be borrowed any preference or priority which they may think fit.

To incorporate with the intended Act all or some of the provisions of "The Commissioners' Clauses Act, 1847;" "The Companies' Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845;" "The Companies' Clauses Act, 1863;" "The Harbour, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act, 1847;" "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869," and any other Acts or provisions which it may be necessary or expedient to incorporate for effecting the objects of the said intended Act.

To alter, modify, and amend the constitution of the River Dee Commissioners and of the River Dee Company and the powers vested in them, and their rights, privileges, duties, and obligations in so far as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the said intended Act or otherwise.

To amend and enlarge, and in certain respects repeal, the powers and provisions of the several Acts following, or such of them as may be still in force, and of any other Acts relating to the navigation of the River Dee, namely, 11 and 12 Will. III., being an "Act to enable the mayor and citizens of the city of Chester to recover and preserve the navigation upon the River Dee," and (local and personal) 6 Geo. II., cap. 30, being "An Act to recover and preserve the navigation of the River Dee, in the county palatine of Chester;" 14 Geo. II., cap. 8; 17 Geo. II., cap. 28; 26 Geo. II., cap. 35; 31 Geo. III., cap. 88; 5 and 6 Will. IV., cap. 88; "The Dee Standard Restoration Act, 1851;" and "31 Vic., cap. 25," and of the local and personal Act 16 Geo. III., cap. 61, relative to pilotage, buoying, and lighting within the port of Chester, also of the several local and personal Acts following, or some of them, relating to the Lower King's Ferry Road, in the county of Flint (that is to say), 5 and 6 Will. IV., cap. 4; 1 Vic. cap. 19; 23 and 24 Vic. cap. 32; and also all other Acts, charters, grants, customs, rights, and privileges which directly or indirectly affect the River Dee or the said navigation or the River Dee Company, and which may be inconsistent or would interfere with the exercise of the powers and provisions of the intended Act.

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

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