

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 Wm. IV., cap. 88; "The Dee Standard Restoration Act, 1851," and 31 Vic., cap. 25 (which Acts are hereinafter called "the recited Acts"); and also of the local and personal Act, 16 Geo. III., cap. 61, relating to pilotage, buoys, and lighting within the Port of Chester; and of all other Acts, charters, grants, customs, rights, and privileges which may be inconsistent or would interfere with the exercise of the powers and provisions of the intended Act.

To transfer to and vest in a Conservancy Board to be appointed and incorporated under the powers of the intended Act all the powers, duties, and liabilities now vested in the River Dee Company and in the River Dee Commissioners and their supervisors respectively under the recited Acts, or as modified or enlarged by the intended Act, with respect to the recovering and preserving the navigation of the River Dee within the county of Flint and the county of Chester, and county of the city of Chester, from the sea to a certain point within the liberties of the city of Chester, called Wilcox Point, and including all streams havens, creeks, bays, and inlets within the limits aforesaid, and to vest in such Conservancy Board the embankments and other works constructed by the River Dee Company for navigation purposes, and also the banks of the river, and the bed and soil of the river along the line of the existing navigation, and all land lying between such banks and embankments.

To constitute the Conservancy Board the Harbour Authority of the port and harbour of Chester, and to confer upon the Conservancy Board powers to improve the navigation of the said river, and to make and maintain such embankments, mounds, fences, river walls, dams, cuts, sluices, locks, reservoirs, channels, and other works as may be necessary for the purposes of such improvement; and also to make Bye-laws for the regulation, improvement, and management of the said River Dee and the estuary thereof, and such other rivers, streams, and water-courses, havens, creeks, and inlets as aforesaid; to set out boundaries, and to widen, deepen, straighten, dredge, protect, and otherwise improve the bed, channel, and banks of the said river, and of all parts of the waters and estuary connected therewith; to remove all obstructions to the free navigation of the said river and estuary; to impose penalties on all persons placing or continuing obstructions, or throwing, emptying, or depositing ballast in the said river or estuary; to appoint and remove Harbour Masters, Collectors, and other officers; to place buoys, beacons, and mooring chains in the said river and estuary; to regulate and manage the police thereof; to compel the removal of wrecks therefrom, and to make, maintain, grant, and license basins, docks, harbours, piers, jetties, and quays, with all proper conveniences for the navigation and improvement of the said river and estuary, and for the safety and convenience of ships, steam-vessels, and other craft navigating the same.

To enable the Conservancy Board to construct and maintain in the counties of Chester and Flint, and the county of the city of Chester, the several works following, viz.:-

(1) A navigable canal within and along the existing bed and channel of the River Dee, commencing at Wilcox Point and terminating at a point on the River Dee a little to the westward of St. Mark's Church, Connah's

Quay, in the parish of Northop, and to strengthen and make watertight the present banks and embankments, and to make new banks and embankments where necessary, together with such weirs, locks, gates, sluices, salmon passes, and other works as may be necessary for the purpose of such navigable canal.

- (2) To extend and improve the present training walls, and to make new training walls, and to execute such other works as may be necessary, to define, improve, and maintain the access from the said canal to Mostyn Deep.
- (3) To dredge, scour, open, deepen, widen, straighten and improve, the bed, banks, shores, and channels of the River Dee (either before or after the making of the said canal), from Wilcox Point to the sea.
- (4) A cut or channel for carrying off the drainage waters that now flow into the River Dee on the western side of the said river, with all necessary works appertaining thereto, such cut or channel commencing at Saltney, in the parish of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, in the city and county of the city of Chester, at or near a point where the Saltney branch of the Great Western Railway crosses on the level the turnpike road from Chester to Hawarden, and terminating in the existing channel of the River Dee at a point measuring 600 yards or thereabouts from the west side of the Western Railway wharf at Connah's Quay in a north-westerly direction, in the parish of Northop, and county of Flint.
- (5) A cut or channel, for carrying off the drainage waters that now flow into the River Dee, on the eastern side of the said river, with all necessary works appertaining thereto, such cut or channel commencing in the parish of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, in the county of Chester, in a brook called Finchett's Gutter (which there forms the boundary between the county of Chester and the city and county of the city of Chester), at a point measuring 600 yards or thereabouts in a northerly direction from the Cheese Stage, and terminating in the parish of Northop, in the county of Flint, at a point in the existing channel of the said river, on the north-eastern side thereof, measuring 700 yards or thereabouts from the west side of the said Western Railway Wharf at Connah's Quay.

The foregoing works will be made from, through, into, or in the parishes, townships, and extra-parochial places following, or some of them, in the counties of Chester and Flint, and the county of the city of Chester, or some or one of them, namely, St. Mary-on-the-Hill, St. Bridget, St. Martin, Blacon-cum-Crabwall, St. Oswald's, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Saltney, Bretton, Manor and Rake, Mancot, Aston, Shotton, Sealand, Hawarden, Wepre, Golftyn, Kelsterton, Leadbrook Major and Leadbrook Minor, Northop, Flint, Coleshill, Coleshill Fawr, Coleshill Fechan, Bagillt Fechan, Bagillt Fawr, Whelston, Holy well, and Greenfield.

To authorise the Conservancy Board to cross, stop up, alter or divert, either temporarily or permanently, roads, streets, highways, bridges, footways, ways and rights of way, railways, tramways, canals, aqueducts, rivers, navigations, streams, pipes, sewers, drains, and watercourses which it may be necessary to cross, stop up, alter or divert for the purposes of the intended works and of the intended Act, and for the same purpose to deviate laterally and vertically to any extent from the lines and levels of the works, as