

an Act for the following, or some of the following, among other purposes, namely:—

To enable the Corporation to apply the rents, revenues, and incomes of the lands and property known as the Bridge House Estates, by borrowing money on the security thereof or otherwise towards the establishment, maintenance, leasing, and subsidising one or more free ferries for the convenience of the public wishing to cross the River Thames below London Bridge, and at the points hereinafter more particularly described.

To enable the Corporation to acquire, lease, or purchase, by compulsion or agreement, any lands, landing-places, jetties, stairs, quays, approaches, or other works or buildings on the River Thames, or the banks or shores thereof, or adjoining or near thereto, in the counties of Middlesex and Surrey, and to purchase by compulsion or agreement the works, landing-stage, property, and undertaking of the Thames Steam Ferry Company (Limited), and to authorise the Corporation and any other public body, company, person, or persons, or any or either of them, to enter into and carry into effect any arrangements and agreements for the licensing, erecting, and providing of landing and other places, and as to the establishment and maintenance of ferries, and as to the purchase, lease, or use thereof by the Corporation upon such payments or advances either in gross or annual sums, or by way of loan, or for such other considerations as may be authorised by the Bill.

To enable the Corporation to build, purchase, hire, work, use, and let steam and other vessels of every and any description, and otherwise to provide for carrying passengers, animals, vehicles, and goods across the said River Thames to and from the counties of Middlesex and Surrey.

To enable the Corporation to use the quays, stairs, or landing-places, on any public docks or piers on the River Thames upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed in the Bill.

To provide for the good government and police of the ferries and landing-places, for the regulation and licensing of porters, for the making of bye-laws, rules, and regulations, and imposing penalties, and for laying down moorings and other works and conveniences for the use of vessels thereat.

And, with a view to future legislation, to enable the Corporation to obtain information and to keep a register of the traffic passing over the before-mentioned ferries, and as far as practicable to ascertain the destination of such traffic.

To repeal, alter, or enlarge all or any of the powers and provisions of the following Acts relating to the Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of Watermen and Lighterman of the River Thames, viz.: 8 and 9 Vic., cap. 78; the Watermen's and Lightermen's Amendment Act, 1859, and all other Acts, charters, grants, bye-laws, rules, and regulations relating to the Watermen's Company.

To repeal, alter, or enlarge all or any of the powers and provisions of the Acts relating to the Conservators of the River Thames, viz.: The Thames Conservancy Act, 1857; the Thames Conservancy Act, 1864; the Thames Navigation Act, 1866; the Thames Conservancy Act, 1867; the Thames Navigation Act, 1870; the Thames Conservancy Act, 1878; the Thames Navigation Act, 1883, and all other Acts relating to the Conservators of the River Thames; the Blackfriars Bridge Act, 1863; the Southwark Bridge Transfer Act, 1865; and the Blackfriars and Southwark Bridges Act, 1867; and any other Acts affecting the objects of the said Bill.

To authorise the Corporation and the Commissioners of Metropolitan Police from time to time to enter into and vary agreements and arrange-

ments with respect to the appointment, regulation, payment, maintenance and dismissal of constables, superintendents, and other officers, to keep the peace and preserve order, and generally to exercise police authority at the piers or landing-places and approaches thereto, and to enable the Corporation to establish, make, and maintain at the points hereinafter more particularly described:—

1. A ferry, with all necessary works, approaches, and conveniences connected therewith, from Iron-gate-stairs, Little Tower-hill, in the extra-parochial places or precincts of Tower Within and St. Katherine, or one of them, in the county of Middlesex, to Horsleydown Old-stairs, near Horsleydown-lane, in the parish of St. John, Horsleydown, in the county of Surrey.

2. To make and maintain a pier, jetty, or landing-place in connection with such before-mentioned ferry in the said extra-parochial place or precinct of Tower Within and the bed and shore of the River Thames, commencing at a point 15 feet or thereabouts westward of the said Iron-gate-stairs, and extending in a southerly direction into the River Thames for a distance of 150 feet, or thereabouts.

3. To make and maintain a pier, jetty, or landing-place in connection with such last-mentioned ferry, in the said parish of St. John, Horsleydown, and the bed and shore of the River Thames, commencing at a point 25 feet or thereabouts westward of the said Horsleydown Old-stairs, and extending in a northerly direction into the River Thames for a distance of 150 feet, or thereabouts.

To authorise the Corporation to widen and improve the southern end of Little Tower-hill, from the Tower Gateway there to the River Wall, which widening and improvement will be situate in the said extra-parochial place or precinct of Tower Within.

To authorise the Corporation to lay chains, or other mechanical appliances, across and in the bed of the River Thames from shore to shore for the purpose of working such ferries or either of them.

To authorise the purchase, lease, and extinguishment of all or any rights of ferry, or other public or private rights upon or across the River Thames which would in any way interfere with the proposed undertaking.

To deviate laterally from the lines of the intended works respectively to the extent shown on the plans hereinafter mentioned, and to deviate vertically from the levels of the said works respectively shown on the sections hereinafter mentioned.

To cross, divert, alter, and stop up, either temporarily or permanently, any roads, streets, highways, thoroughfares, courts, alleys, bridges, sewers, drains; streams, watercourses, pipes, stairs, quays, piers, slips, and landing places within the limits of, or which would interfere with, the proposed works.

To enable the Corporation to acquire or purchase by compulsion or agreement any lands landing-places, jetties, stairs, piers, quays, easements, or approaches, or other works or buildings in or upon the River Thames, or the banks or shores thereof, or adjoining or near thereto, in the counties of Middlesex or Surrey, or either of them, necessary for the proposed undertaking.

To vary and extinguish any rights and privileges connected with the River Thames, or with any lands, houses, or buildings proposed to be purchased, taken, entered upon, or interfered with for the purposes of the intended Act, or which would in any manner impede or interfere with such purposes, or any of them, and to vary and extinguish other rights and privileges which