

referred to as "The Level"), to make, renew, maintain, and repair sea walls, banks, embankments, groynes, and other defences against the sea, watercourses, sewers, drains, and other works within the Level, whether such liability arise by reason of ownership, frontage, tenure, custom, prescription, covenant, or otherwise; and to empower the Commissioners to require such owners (including in that expression all persons having limited interests, who under the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, are enabled to sell and convey lands), and to empower such owners, to make such commutation in consideration of a gross sum or an annual rent-charge, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and generally upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed on between the Commissioners and such owners, or as may be settled by arbitration, or defined by the Bill, or prescribed by Parliament.

2. To authorise the application of purchase and compensation money paid into the Bank of England, under the provisions of any Act of Parliament and of Trust Funds, to the commutation of such liability.

3. To make provision for the recovery of any rent-charges and gross sums payable in respect of such commutation, and to make such rent-charges and sums a first charge on the lands exonerated from such liability; and to confer on the Commissioners in respect thereof the powers and remedies of a mortgagee with power of sale, and to authorise the Commissioners to enter on and let any such lands for the recovery of such rent charges and the interest on such sums.

4. To confer on the Commissioners all necessary powers for the construction and maintenance of new works, and for the maintenance and repair of existing works, including the purchase of lands by agreement, and the entry on, and the temporary occupation of lands; and to enable them to create and accumulate a reserve fund for such purposes.

5. To empower the Commissioners to hold lands which already have been, or hereafter may become, forfeited for non-fulfilment of such liability, or otherwise acquired, and to sell the same or any part or parts thereof by auction or private contract, and subject to any general or special conditions, or to let the same, and to provide for the application of the purchase money therefor and the rents thereof.

6. To repeal and re-enact with or without alteration, and, if thought fit, to consolidate the provisions now in force with respect to the assessing, levying, collecting, and payment of rates and taxes.

7. To alter, extend, and amend, or to repeal, and make other provisions with respect to the borrowing powers of the Commissioners, and to enable them from time to time to borrow moneys by mortgage, debenture stock, debentures, or annuities, and to charge the moneys borrowed on all or any of the rates, rents, and taxes for the time being leviable by or payable to them.

8. To divide or to make provision for the dividing of the said Level, or any part or parts thereof, from time to time, or at any time, into districts, for the purpose (therein or in any part thereof) of the making and maintaining of new, and the altering, regulating, and maintaining of existing roads, droves, footways, and bridges (hereinafter referred to generally as roads), not being public highways nor repairable *ratione tenuræ*.

9. To provide for the appointing within any or every such district of a Road Committee or other body, surveyor or surveyors, waywarden or waywardens, or other officer or officers, for

the making, maintaining, and supervision roads, with all or any of the powers and liabilities attaching by law to surveyors of highways, and such other powers as may be deemed expedient for securing such making, maintenance, and supervision, and generally for carrying into effect all or any of the powers of the intended Act, and to provide for the salaries or remuneration to be paid to such officers.

10. To authorise for the purposes of the intended Act the acquisition by agreement of lands, easements, and hereditaments, and the right of entry on lands, and the occupation thereof either temporarily or permanently, and the procuring thereof of road materials.

11. To authorise the sale, lease, letting, or exchange of lands not required for the purposes of the Act, and particularly lands, whether waste or otherwise, situate at the sides of, and used with or for the purposes of such roads, and not required for the purposes thereof.

12. To authorise vestries or other the road authorities of any parishes or areas within or adjoining the said Level, to enter into and fulfil agreements for the making and maintaining of such new roads, and the maintaining, altering, and varying of such existing roads, and either wholly or in part, and upon such terms, payment (annual or in gross), and conditions as may be agreed on; and for those purposes or any of them to levy rates and taxes, and to raise money on the security thereof, and of any other rates from time to time leviable by them respectively.

13. To provide for the assessing and levying of rates, taxes, contributions, and charges on the owners, lessees, and occupiers thereof, and upon all persons and Corporations in respect of any lands, property, rights, or interests which may be benefited by the carrying into execution the powers of the intended Act, or any of them for the purpose of defraying the costs, charges, and expenses of obtaining the intended Act, and of carrying the same into execution, and to provide for the apportioning between all or any one or more of the districts of costs, charges, and expenses incurred in any district or districts.

14. The Bill will contain all such powers and provisions as may be deemed expedient for the assessing, levying, and enforcing payment of such rates, taxes, contributions, and charges; and for the exempting of any lands, hereditaments, persons, and Corporations, wholly or partially, from the payment thereof, or of any portion thereof respectively; and for the altering and varying from time to time of such assessments and levies.

15. To authorise agreements with such owners, lessees, and occupiers, persons and Corporations, with respect to the apportionment and payment of the composition for, and the exemption from, such rates, taxes, contributions, and charges.

16. To authorise the raising from time to time of such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes of the intended Act, on the credit and security of the rates, taxes, contributions, and charges to be levied and received thereunder for all or any of the purposes of the intended Act from time to time.

17. The powers of the intended Act, so far as they relate to roads, will or may be conferred on the Commissioners, or a committee or committees thereof, or on Commissioners to be constituted by, or appointed and elected under the powers of, the intended Act, or on officers to be from time to time appointed by some one or more of such bodies.

18. To vary and extinguish all rights and privileges which will interfere with the full exe-