

In Parliament.—Session 1884.

Manchester Ship Canal.

(Incorporation of Company; Acquisition, compulsorily or by agreement, of Undertakings, Estate, and Rights of Company of Proprietors of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation and of the Bridgewater Navigation Company (Limited) including the Mersey and Irwell Navigations and the Runcorn and Latchford, the Manchester and Salford Junction, the Duke of Bridgewater's and the Runcorn and Weston Canals; Power to deepen and improve parts of Rivers Mersey and Irwell; New Ship Canal from near Old Quay Docks, Runcorn, to Manchester, with Low-water Channel thereto from Garston and subsidiary Low-water Channel to Stanlow Point, secured by Training Walls; Training Wall to River Weaver and to Ellesmere Port; Docks at Manchester and Warrington; Diversion of Waters of Rivers Mersey, Irwell, and Weaver, and their tributaries; Discontinuance for the purposes of Navigation of portions of the Rivers Mersey and Irwell, and of the Runcorn and Latchford Canal; New Railways, Deviation of Railways of London and North Western and Great Western Railway Companies, and of Cheshire Lines Committee, and of the Bridgewater Canal; New Roads; Abandonment of portions diverted, and of portions rendered useless, of Rivers Mersey and Irwell and Runcorn and Latchford Canal; Interference with Roads and Bridges; Compulsory Purchase of Lands, Houses, and Property; Additional Lands; Sale and Lease of Lands; Creating Port of Manchester; Bonded Warehouses; Levying of New and Alteration of Existing Tolls and Charges; Bye-Laws; Agreements with said Railway Companies and Committee, and Corporations; Traffic Arrangements with Railway, Canal, and Navigation Companies; Transfer of Undertaking of Company to a Trust in certain events; Payment of Interest out of Capital; Costs of Bill of 1883; Incorporation and Amendment of Acts.)

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament, in the ensuing Session, for leave to introduce a Bill for the following, or some of the following, among other purposes (that is to say):—

1. To incorporate a Company (hereinafter called "the Company") for the purposes of the Bill.

2. To transfer to and vest in, or to provide for the transfer to and vesting in, the Company of the undertakings known as the Mersey and Irwell Navigations, and all or some of the lands, easements, canals (including the Runcorn and Latchford Canal, and the Manchester and Salford Junction Canal), cuts, trenches, locks, weirs, sluices, passages, bridges, arches, feeders, backwaters, foreshore, docks, basins, quays, warehouses, wharves, and buildings, and all other the estate, real and personal property, rights (including the right to levy tolls), powers, and privileges of the Company of Proprietors of the Mersey and Irwell Navigation, whether vested in or possessed by them, or in or by any person or persons, trustee or trustees, on their behalf, or in or by the Bridgewater Navigation Company (Limited) as their successors or assigns, upon such terms as may have been or may be agreed on between the Company and the said proprietors and the said Bridgewater Navigation Company, or as in default of agreement may be settled by arbitration or otherwise defined in the Bill.

3. To enable the Company to acquire, compulsorily or by agreement, the undertakings, or

any part or parts of the undertakings known as the Duke of Bridgewater's Canals, and the Runcorn and Weston Canal, together with the branch canals connected therewith respectively, vested in or belonging to the Bridgewater Navigation Company (Limited), and all lands, foreshore, docks, basins, quays, warehouses, buildings, wharves, works, and conveniences, goodwill and other property and effects belonging to or occupied by that Company, or possessed by or vested in any person or persons, trustee or trustees, for or on behalf of such Company, for the purpose of their business as common carriers and wharfingers, and all vessels, machinery, and plant belonging to or used by the said Navigation Company, together with all rights, easements, powers, and privileges for the supply of the said canals and navigations respectively with water, and for the use and maintenance thereof, and for the levying of tolls and charges with respect to the use of the said undertakings respectively, and the making of bye-laws, rules, and regulations, and the right to act as common carriers, or any of them, and the benefit and obligation of all contracts and agreements with relation to the said undertakings, or any of them, and all other the estate, lands, buildings, real and personal property, rights, easements, powers, and privileges granted to or possessed by or vested in the said Navigation Company, or by or in any person or persons, trustee or trustees, for or on behalf of that Company.

4. To confirm any memorandum or articles or heads of agreement already entered into, or which may be hereafter entered into by or on behalf of the said Navigation Company or the said Company of Proprietors on the one hand, and by or on behalf of the Company on the other hand, touching any of the foregoing matters.

5. To enable the Company in the counties of Lancaster and Chester to construct and maintain a ship canal navigable to Manchester, and for that purpose to exercise the following powers, and to construct, maintain, regulate, and renew the following works, or some of them, or some part or parts thereof (that is to say):—

Number 1.—A training wall, commencing in the bed of the estuary of the River Mersey at a point in or adjoining the township and parish of Eastham, in the county of Chester, about 5 furlongs and 6 chains (measured in a south-westerly direction) from the lighthouse at Garston, and thence proceeding in a south-easterly, easterly, and north-easterly direction in, over, and upon the bed of the said estuary to and terminating in the said estuary at a point in or adjoining the township of Widnes, in the parish of Prescott, in the county of Lancaster, at the western end of the north pier of the central span of the bridge carrying the London and North Western Railway over the River Mersey at or near Runcorn Gap.

Number 2.—A training wall, commencing in the bed of the River Mersey, or of the estuary thereof, at a point in or adjoining the township of Widnes, in the parish of Prescott, in the county of Lancaster, at the eastern end of the said north pier of the said bridge at or near Runcorn Gap, and thence proceeding in an easterly direction in, over, and upon the bed of the River Mersey or of the said estuary, for a distance of about 1 mile to and terminating at a point in the bed of the River Mersey or of the estuary thereof, in or adjoining the township and parish of Runcorn, in the county of Chester, about 4 furlongs and 3 chains from the western end of the north