

Works; Provisions of facilities for Salmon Fishing; Creation of Conservancy Fund by way of Mortgage or Sale of the Lands and Estate of the River Dee Company, or by means of Funds to be contributed by that Company or otherwise; Powers to that Company and Conservancy Board to make and carry into effect Arrangements and Agreements; Constitution of Arbitration Board; Powers to raise Moneys for purposes of Act; Powers to Great Western, London and North Western, Wrexham, Mold, and Connah's Quay Railway Companies, Shropshire Union Railways and Canal Company, Cheshire Lines Committee, Great Northern, Midland, and Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Companies to contribute; Powers to levy Tolls, Rates, and Duties; Powers to hold, mortgage, and sell Lands; Powers to improve Navigation; Provisions as to Transfer of Powers of Corporation of Chester, and Pilotage Trustees, and anchorage and other dues; Amendment or Repeal of Acts; and other purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for an Act to carry into effect the following, or some of the following, among other purposes, and to confer the following, or some of the following, among other powers, that is to say:—

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 and to the Company of Proprietors of the Undertaking for recovering and preserving the navigation of the River Dee (hereinafter called "the River Dee Company"), namely:—11 and 12 Will. III., cap. 24; 6 Geo. II., cap. 30; 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, buoying, 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 or some of the powers, duties, and liabilities now vested in the River Dee Company and in the River Dee Commissioners and the Corporation of Chester, and the 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.

To vest in such Conservancy Board the bed and soil, forelands and banks of the river, and the embankments and other works constructed by the River Dee Company for navigation purposes, or some of them.

To make effectual provision for the repair and maintenance by the River Dee Company of all their embankments, forelands, and slopes, and to enable the Conservancy Board to enter upon and repair and maintain the same, to prevent damage or danger to the navigation, and to recover and

raise the expenses thereof from the River Dee Company, or out of the rents and profits, or by mortgage or charge of the lands vested by the recited Acts in that Company.

To constitute the Conservancy Board the Harbour Authority of the port and harbour of Chester.

To confer upon the Conservancy Board powers to improve the navigation of the said river, and to make and maintain such training-walls, causeways, 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 to construct and maintain a dock or docks under the provisions of the recited Acts; 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 watercourses, 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 an Acting Conservator, Collectors, and other officers; to place buoys, perches, beacons, and mooring-stages, posts and places 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 provide landing-places and conveniences for salmon fishing.

To empower the Conservancy Board to regulate and prescribe rules for the construction of wharves, landing-places, stages, walls, docks, and other works in connection with the navigation.

To purchase by agreement lands, houses, tenements, and hereditaments, waters, buildings, and private moorings for the purposes aforesaid.

To repeal, alter, modify, or transfer to the Conservancy Board all tolls, rates, town, quay, and coal, and ballast or other rates and dues levied or authorised to be levied upon or in respect of ships, vessels, or other craft, or goods, wares, merchandise, ballast, and other commodities, laden or unladen, entering into or using the said navigation within the limits aforesaid, and all exclusive rights and privileges connected therewith; and also to levy the same or other rents, tolls, rates, and duties in respect of the navigation of the said river and estuary, and to vary or extinguish all rights and privileges which may in any manner interfere with the improvement of the navigation of the said river and estuary, or with the powers sought to be conferred by the said intended Act; and to compound for tolls; and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from tolls, rates, and duties, and to confer, vary, or extinguish other rights and privileges.

To make provision for extending the limits mentioned in the recited Acts within which the aforesaid tolls, rates, and duties may be levied and imposed.

To transfer to and vest in the Conservancy