

In Parliament.—Session 1885.

Dee Conservancy and Improvement.

(Constitution of Conservancy Board; Transfer to them of Navigation Powers of the River Dee, of the River Dee Commissioners and others, and of existing Navigation Works; Extension of Conservancy Limits above Wilcox Point in Chester; Constituting Board the Port and Harbour Authority within the Port of Chester; Transfer to them of Powers of the River Dee Pilotage Trust; Conferring further Powers for Improvement of Navigation, and Power to make Bye-laws; Vesting Ferries in Conservancy Board and Powers to Improve same; Construction of new Navigation and other Works; Diversion of Waters into them; Compulsory Purchase of Lands; Power to Purchase parts only of Properties; Powers of Sale, &c., of Lands by Board and Dee Company; Apportionment of Annuities and other Charges on Lands, and Powers to commute same; Acreage Rate; Powers to levy Tolls, Rates, and Duties; Powers to Board to raise Moneys; Powers to Railway Companies to Contribute and make Agreements; Power to Constitute Separate Undertakings; Contracts and Agreements by Conservancy Board, the Dee Company, Corporations, and others as to Works, &c., and Contribution of Funds; Provisions as to Outfall, &c., of Chester Sewage; Power to River Dee Company to Execute all or some of Powers of Bill; Alteration of Constitution, Capital, and Name of Dee Company; Power to Conservancy Board to Acquire all Rights and Property of Dee Company, and Provision for its Consequent Dissolution; Abolition of River Dee Commissioners, Supervisors, and Anchorage Dues; Repeal of Acts as to Statutable Depth of River; Repeal, Amendment, and Incorporation of Acts; and other purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session, by the Company of proprietors of the Undertaking for recovering and preserving the navigation of the River Dee (hereinafter called "the Company"), for leave to bring in a Bill (hereinafter called "the Bill") for the following purposes, or some of them (that is to say):—

2. To constitute, appoint, and incorporate a Conservancy Board for the improvement, protection, maintenance, and conservancy of the River Dee, and the estuary thereof, and of the navigation thereof, from a point on the said river about 30 yards above the weir or causeway at the old Dee bridge, in the township and parish of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, in the city and county of the city of Chester, down to a point called the Point of Aire, at or near the mouth of the said river on the west shore thereof, in the parish of Llanasa and county of Flint; and also down to another point called Hilbre Point, likewise at or near the mouth of the said river, on the east shore thereof, in the parish of West Kirby, in the hundred of Wirral, in the county of Chester, and including all streams, havens, creeks, bays, and inlets within the limits aforesaid, and to prescribe, define, and regulate the qualification, mode of nomination, appointment, election, retirement, and rotation of members of such Conservancy Board.

3. To transfer to and vest in the Conservancy Board on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Bill, all or some of the powers, duties, rights, privileges, and liabilities with relation to the navigation of the river now vested in the Company or in the River Dee Commissioners or their supervisors respectively, or in the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of Chester

(hereinafter called "the Chester Corporation"), or any other Corporation or person under the Acts of Parliament hereinafter mentioned, or any charter, or by prescription or otherwise, and to vest in such Conservancy Board, upon such terms and conditions as aforesaid, all or some of the embankments and other works constructed by the Company for navigation purposes, and also all or some or so much of the banks of the river, and the bed and soil thereof along the line of the existing navigation as may be defined in the Bill.

4. To constitute the Conservancy Board the Harbour Authority of the port and harbour of Chester, and also within the limits aforesaid so far as they may be outside the limits of the said port, 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 watercourses, havens, creeks, and inlets as aforesaid, and the traffic thereon; 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, and to prohibit the erection of future obstructions; 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, perches, and mooring chains in the said river and estuary; to regulate and manage the police thereof, and to regulate the traffic thereon; to compel the removal of wrecks therefrom, and to make, maintain, grant and license basins, docks, harbours, piers, wharves, jetties, quays, and landing-stages, 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.

5. To vest in the Conservancy Board the existing ferries across the navigation of the River Dee, and to make further provision for the passage of traffic across the river, and the improvement of the ferries and approaches thereto by the maintenance and establishment of steam ferries, or in such other manner as may be provided by the Bill, and to authorise the Conservancy Board to take tolls and charges for the use of the improved ferries by passengers, animals, and vehicles, and to empower the Quarter Sessions of the county of Flint, and any highway authority of any district including or adjoining the ferries and the approaches thereto, to assume the maintenance and working the said ferries and approaches, and to contribute funds therefor or for the improvement thereof, and to enter into agreements for all or any of those purposes.

6. To transfer to and vest in the Conservancy Board all or some of the existing powers of the trustees for putting into execution the Act 16 Geo. III., cap. 61 (local and personal) relating to the pilotage, buoying and lighting within the port of Chester, whether under that Act, or any Act amending the same, or the Merchant Shipping Acts, and to provide for the extinction and winding up of the trust.

7. To enable the Conservancy Board to build, purchase, hire, let, and charge for the use of