

In Parliament.—Session 1887.

Reading Corporation.

(Extension of Borough; dissolution of Reading Union Rural Sanitary Authority; alteration of wards, and of governing body; apportionment of debts of added area; agreements with Local and other Authorities; exemption of property in added area from existing rates; provision for detaching portions of added area from parishes of which they form part and for constituting same separate parishes and extension of powers of Guardians of Reading Union; extension of School Board District and alteration or abolition of existing School Boards; provisions as to lunatics; extension of water limits; provisions as to roads in added area; amendment of Reading Gas Acts, 1862, 1870, and 1880, and variation of gas charges; further powers as to sewerage and drainage; purchase of lands for extension of sewage farm; acquisition of undertaking of Reading Cemetery Company and constitution of Borough a Burial Board District, and appropriation of further lands for cemetery purposes; acquisition of undertaking of Reading Cattle Market Company, and further provisions as to Markets; improvement of Silly Bridge and Tow-path, and other provisions with reference to Kennet Navigation, and Agreements with Thames Conservators; further provisions as to buildings, and powers to make bye-laws and enforce penalties; private improvement expenses; power to provide bands, concerts, and entertainments; further police powers; Committees of Council; further borrowing powers, and power to lend moneys to other Authorities; Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Reading in the county of Berks, acting by the Council of the said borough under the Municipal Corporations Acts, the Public Health Act, 1875, and the several other public local and personal Acts relating to the said borough (hereinafter called "the Corporation"), intend to apply to Parliament in the ensuing Session for an Act for all or some of the following purposes, that is to say:—

1. To alter, extend, and enlarge for municipal, sanitary, local government, highway, educational, poor law, and all other purposes (except Parliamentary purposes), the boundaries of the municipal borough of Reading, in the county of Berks, and of the urban sanitary district of the said borough (hereinafter called "the existing borough"), and to include in and incorporate with the borough and urban sanitary district as proposed to be extended (hereinafter called "the extended borough"), in addition to the existing borough, the parishes and places, or parts of parishes and places, hereinafter described, or some of them, or some part or parts thereof respectively, all in the county of Berks, and which parishes and places or parts thereof are hereinafter called "the added area," that is to say:—

The whole of the hamlet of Whitley in the parish of Saint Giles, Reading;

The whole of the tithing of Southcot in the parish of Saint Mary, Reading;

So much of the parish or place called the parish or liberty of Earley as lies within a line drawn from the centre of the River Thames at the north-eastern corner of the boundary of the existing borough, to and along the east side of the towpath and

footway on the eastern side of the River Kennet as far as the south-westerly side of the South Eastern Railway, thence along the south-westerly side of the said railway as far as the westerly side of the road in the said parish or liberty of Earley in which Saint Peter's Church is situate, and thence in a southerly direction along that side of the same road to the Wokingham-road, and across that road to and along the westerly side of the approach road leading into Whiteknights Park as far as the south-westerly side of the road which skirts the northern boundary of the said park, thence along the south-westerly side of the last-mentioned road in a westerly direction as far as the boundary between the said parish or liberty of Earley and the said hamlet of Whitley.

So much and such parts of the parish of Shinfield as comprises the lands situate in that parish which belong to the Corporation and are held by them for the purposes of the disposal of sewage and as part of their sewage farm, and including a piece or pieces of land now belonging to Richard Benyon, and bounded on the east by Foudry Brook, and on the north and south by the said lands belonging to the Corporation.

So much and such parts of the parish of Burghfield as are situate on the east side of the Berks and Hants Extension Railway of the Great Western Railway Company, and on the north side of the bridge carrying the road from Small Mead over the said Extension Railway and of the eastern approach to such bridge.

So much of the parish of Tilehurst as is comprised within a line drawn from a point on the southern side of the Great Western Railway where the same crosses the western boundary of the existing borough along the southern side of the said railway to the western side of a road or lane called Scours Lane, thence in a southerly direction to and across Oxford-road and along the south side of the said road in an easterly direction to and in a southerly direction along a ditch or fence which passes through Penhams Shaw to the point where that ditch or fence meets the boundary of the ecclesiastical district of St. George, Tilehurst, thence along such boundary in a south-easterly direction to Grovelands-road, and along the south-westerly side of the same road to and across Tilehurst-road, and in an easterly direction along the southern side of Tilehurst-road to the angle in that road at or near the entrance lodge to Prospect Park, thence in a straight line across that park in a southerly direction to the southern side of the Bath-road at the easternmost point where the boundary of the tithing of Southcot leaves such road.

2. To provide for the merging in the extended borough of the district of the Reading Union Rural Sanitary Authority, and for the dissolution of such district and authority, and for the transfer to the Corporation of all the jurisdiction and powers of that authority, and to detach and sever such portions of the added area as are situate within the respective districts and jurisdictions of the Wokingham Union Rural Sanitary Authority and the Bradfield Union Rural Sanitary Authority, and of any other sanitary, highway, educational, or other authority now exercising any jurisdiction or authority within the added area from the districts and jurisdictions of such authorities respectively, and to provide for the repair and maintenance of the roads, streets, and highways therein, and to make all such further and other provision as may be