

London Gazette, will be deposited with the parish clerk of each such parish, at his place of abode.

Printed copies of the Bill for the intended Act, will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, on or before the 21st day of December next.

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Witham Drainage.

(Widening and Improvement of Hobhole Sluice and deepening of Sluice Outfall; Exemption from Jurisdiction of Commissioners of Sewers and other bodies; Compulsory purchase of Lands, &c.; Application of authorized Monies and repeal or variation of Sec. 52 of the River Witham Outfall Improvement Act, 1880; Provisions for cleansing Drains and for prevention of fouling Drains, and Penalties; Further provisions with respect to Collection, &c., of Rates and Taxes and Penalties for non-payment thereof within prescribed period; Remission of certain Acre Taxes now leviable on "Severed Lands" in Langrville and Coningsby; Vesting in Commissioners and District Commissioners of powers, &c., under Land Drainage Act, 1861, &c.; Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing session, by or on behalf of the General Commissioners for Drainage by the River Witham (hereinafter called "the Commissioners"), acting under the Act of the second year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter 32, "for draining and preserving certain low lands called the Fens, lying on both sides of the river Witham, in the county of Lincoln, and for restoring and maintaining the navigation of the said river from the High Bridge in the city of Lincoln, through the borough of Boston, to the sea," and under the (local) Acts following, or some of them, viz., 41 Geo. 3, cap. 135; 43 Geo. 3, cap. 118; 52 Geo. 3, cap. 108; 58 Geo. 3, cap. 60; 2 and 3 Vict., cap. 34; the Witham Drainage Act, 1865; the Witham Drainage (Fourth District) Act, 1867; the River Witham Outfall Improvement Act, 1880; the River Witham Drainage Act, 1881; the River Witham Outfall Improvement (Extension of Time) Act, 1885; and the Witham Drainage (Steeping River) Act, 1885 (which Acts and all Acts amending the same, and all or any other Acts relating to or affecting the commissioners or their district or the River Witham, are hereinafter referred to as "the Witham Drainage Acts") for leave to bring in a Bill for an Act for effecting the purposes or some of the purposes following, viz.:

To authorize the Commissioners to alter and improve the sluice across a certain drain, called or known as Hobhole Drain, falling into the River Witham or Boston Haven, in the parishes of Fishtoft and Wyberton, or one of them in the parts of Holland, in the county of Lincoln, by the construction of an additional outlet or opening on the west side of the existing sluice, having its sill at a lower level than the sills of the existing sluice, and to deepen and improve the sluice outfall in connection therewith, and to provide for the maintenance of the proposed works, and to exempt the same and the Commissioners in respect thereof from the jurisdiction of any Commissioners of Sewers or other body.

To authorize the Commissioners to dredge,

and deepen the bed and shores of the River Witham or Boston Haven at or near the junction therewith of Hobhole Drain aforesaid.

To empower the Commissioners to deviate from the line and levels of the proposed works, as shown on the plans to be deposited as hereinafter mentioned.

To empower the Commissioners to purchase and take and to enter upon, hold, and use compulsorily or by agreement for the purposes of the intended works and other purposes of the Bill, and either temporarily or permanently any lands, houses, and hereditaments, and easements, interests, or rights in or over lands, houses, and hereditaments, and the Bill will vary or extinguish all or any rights and privileges connected with such lands, houses, and hereditaments which it may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Bill to vary or extinguish.

To authorize and empower the Commissioners, notwithstanding anything contained in the River Witham Outfall Improvement Act, 1880, to apply for the purposes of the alteration and improvement of Hobhole Sluice or other the purposes of the Bill any monies other than monies levied and raised by them for the purpose of the maintenance of the works by that Act authorized, which the Commissioners acting for the Fourth District may have raised or received, or may raise or receive under the powers of the said Act of 1880, and, if thought necessary or expedient, the Bill will repeal or vary the powers of section 52 of that Act, and especially (but not exclusively) of the subsection numbered (IV.) of that section.

To confer further powers upon the Commissioners and District Commissioners, or to make provision by the Bill with respect to the removal and disposal of soil or other matter from their drains, and for preventing the deposit or accumulation in their drains of hedge-trimmings, refuse, or other matter, and to enable the Commissioners and District Commissioners from time to time to make, vary, and rescind bye-laws and regulations with respect to any such matters, and to impose or to enable the Commissioners and District Commissioners to attach and enforce penalties for breach of any such bye-laws or regulations or any provisions of the Bill.

To make further provision with respect to the collection and enforcing of Rates and Taxes leviable by the Commissioners and District Commissioners within the several districts of the Witham Drainage, and to impose fines or penalties for non-payment of any such Rates and Taxes within a period to be defined by the Bill.

To make provision for the remission by the Commissioners in whole or in part, and from such date as may be prescribed by the Bill of the acre taxes by the Act (local) of 41 Geo. III. cap. 135, and the Witham Drainage (Fourth District) Act, 1867, now levied, or leviable, on certain lands in the parishes of Langrville and Coningsby within the Fourth District of the Witham Drainage, called or known as "the severed lands," and lying to the west of the River Witham.

To vest in the Commissioners and the District Commissioners under the Witham Drainage Acts, and to enable them respectively to have and exercise within the said several districts all or some of the powers, rights, jurisdictions, privileges, and immunities which now are or hereafter may be vested in or exercisable by any Commissioners of Sewers under or by