

To empower the Corporation on the one hand and any local authority, company, or person on the other hand to enter into and carry into effect agreements with reference to the drainage of any lands from or over which any water authorised to be taken by the Corporation flows and for more effectually collecting, conveying, and preserving the purity of such water, and to authorise the Corporation to purchase lands and construct works for those purposes.

To authorise the Corporation for the purpose of constructing filter beds, or for any of the purposes of their water undertaking, to purchase by agreement, or take on lease, and hold lands, houses and buildings, and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of any lands, houses, or buildings for the time being belonging to them and not required for the purposes of the undertaking, and in any such sale or disposal to reserve water and other rights, and to empower the Corporation to acquire easements and rights in and over lands, streams, and waters.

To authorise the Corporation, for the protection of their waterworks, to hold any lands which they may acquire under the authority of the intended Act, free from the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, with respect to superfluous lands, and to empower the Corporation to acquire by compulsion or agreement any mines or minerals under any lands proposed to be taken, notwithstanding the provisions of the Waterworks Clauses Act 1847, with respect to mines.

To authorise the Corporation, and any local authority, company, or person, to enter into and carry into effect contracts for the supply of water by or to the Corporation within or beyond the limits of supply, and to enable such Corporation, local authority, company, or person to lay down the necessary mains and pipes, to break up streets and highways, and to raise the necessary moneys, and to confirm, fulfil, and carry into effect any agreements in relation thereto entered into by or with the Corporation or the Company, as the case may be, prior to the passing of the intended Act.

To empower the Corporation to levy and recover rates, rents, and charges, for the supply of water, meters, pipes, fittings, and apparatus, and to alter the rates, rents, and charges authorised by the Company's Acts.

To provide for the application of the revenue and profits arising from the water undertaking of the Corporation, and for meeting any deficiency in such revenue, and to provide for the formation and application of a reserve fund in respect of the said undertaking.

To authorise the Corporation for the purposes of the intended Act and of their water undertaking to apply their existing funds, rates, and revenues and any moneys they are still authorised to raise, and to enlarge their existing borrowing powers, and to raise additional moneys on mortgage or by the creation and issue of Corporation Stock (at varying rates of interest and redeemable at different periods) on the security of all or any of their undertakings, funds, rates, and revenues, and to provide for the repayment of borrowed moneys, and to levy new and additional rates, and to confer, vary, and extinguish exemptions therefrom; and to empower the Corporation to grant annuities chargeable upon the undertaking, rates, and property aforesaid, and to provide for the transfer and redemption of such annuities.

To vary, repeal, or extinguish all existing rights, powers, and privileges which would in any manner interfere with or prevent the carrying into effect of any of the objects of the in-

tended Act, and to confer other rights, powers, and privileges.

To confirm, ratify, and make binding on the parties thereto and their successors the several following agreements dated respectively the 17th day of March, 1859 (entered into between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Manchester of the one part, and the Stockport Waterworks Company of the other part), the 9th day of October, 1877, and the 15th day of February, 1897 (entered into between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of Manchester of the one part, and the Company of the other part), and to provide that from and after the passing of the intended Act, the terms, provisions, covenants, and conditions of the said several agreements shall enure to the benefit of the Corporation, and such agreements shall be construed as though the Corporation had been therein mentioned in place of the Company party thereto, and to confirm, ratify, and make binding with or without alteration on the parties thereto, or to annul all or any agreements entered into between the Company and any other corporation, company, body, or person.

To alter, amend, extend, enlarge, or repeal, or re-enact, with or without amendment, all or some of the provisions of the following Acts:—The Act 6 George IV. Cap. lxxviii., the Stockport District Waterworks Acts 1861, 1863 and 1864, the Stockport District Water Orders 1876 and 1890, and all other Acts and Orders relating to the Company and to their Water Undertaking; the Stockport Corporation Waterworks Act 1867, and all other Acts or Orders relating to the Corporation.

To incorporate and apply, with or without modification, or render inapplicable, all or some of the provisions of the following public Acts:—The Municipal Corporations Act 1882; the Public Health Acts; the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845; the Lands Clauses Acts; the Waterworks Clauses Acts 1847 and 1863; the Local Loans Act 1875; the Arbitration Act 1889; and all Acts amending those Acts respectively.

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

Dated this 15th day of November, 1898.

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Great Northern Railway.

(Deviations and Alterations of Levels of Loop Line—Enfield to Stevenage; Abandonment of Parts of Authorised Line; Widening between Finsbury Park and Harringay; Widenings at Hornsey; Widening and Improvement at Peterborough; Diversion of Roads, Construction of Bridges by Company and the Midland Railway Company, and Abolition of Level Crossings at Peterborough; Diversion of Roads at Highbury; Extension of Bridge at Hatfield; New Roads, Stopping-up of Roads and Footpaths and Abolition of Level Crossings at Stevenage; Bridge over River Welland at Deeping; New Road and Stopping-up of Roads at Leicester; Widening of Bridges and Stopping-up of Footpath at Grantham; Covering Over Portions of Nottingham Canal; Taking Water from River Trent; Levying of Tolls, Rates, and Charges; Compulsory Purchase of Lands; Exemption from Section 92 of Lands Clauses Consolida-