

with the Clerk of the District Council of such district, at his office.

As relates to any parish having a parish council, with the Clerk of the Parish Council, or if there be no Clerk, with the Chairman of that Council. And as relates to any parish comprised in a rural district and not having a Parish Council, with the Clerk of the District Council of such rural district at his office.

Printed copies of 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.

Dated this 15th day of November, 1898.

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In Parliament—Session 1899.

Metropolitan Water Companies.

(Provisions for Improving and Facilitating Inter-communication between the Mains and Works of the Metropolitan Water Companies' Scheme, to be prepared by Metropolitan Water Companies or by Arbitrator of Works, &c., for effecting junctions between mains, &c., of the Companies or for the conveyance of water to their Districts in aid of water now available; Power to Companies to open, &c., Streets, &c.; Provision for Passage and Supply of Water in case of drought or anticipated drought, or of accident or emergency from mains and works of any of the Metropolitan Water Companies to or through works or mains of any other or others of them, as the Local Government Board may require or approve; Power to that Board to authorise taking of larger quantity of water from the Thames as they may think necessary for preventing or remedying deficiency in supply in district of any of said Companies; Obligation on Companies to Increase their Pumping Power &c., if required by Local Government Board; Power to that Board to make Orders and Regulations, and enforce compliance therewith; Penalties for breach or non-observance of Orders and Regulations, or of provisions of Bill; Power to hold and use Lands, &c., by agreement; Repeal or variation of Sections 59, 67 and 69 of the Staines Reservoirs Act, 1896, and Section 19 of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Act, 1898, and Section 295 of the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894; Power to Companies to raise further Money by Debentures; Expenditure by Companies to be deemed to be on Capital Account; Power to Companies, or in their default Local Government Board, to appoint Standing or other Arbitrator; Remuneration of Arbitrator; Confirmation of Acts and Expenditure by any of the Companies before passing of intended Act; 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 following Companies (in this Notice referred to collectively as "the Metropolitan Water Companies"), or some of them, that is to say:—The Governor and Company of the New River brought from Chadwell and Amwell to London (commonly called and in this Notice referred to as "the New River Company"); The East London Waterworks Company (in this Notice referred to as "the East London Company"); The Southwark

and Vauxhall Water Company (in this Notice referred to as "the Southwark and Vauxhall Company"); The Company of Proprietors of the West Middlesex Waterworks (in this Notice referred to as "the West Middlesex Company"); The Company of Proprietors of the Lambeth Waterworks (in this Notice referred to as "the Lambeth Company"); The Governor and Company of Chelsea Waterworks (in this Notice referred to "the Chelsea Company"); The Grand Junction Waterworks Company (in this Notice referred to as "the Grand Junction Company"); and The Company of Proprietors of the Kent Waterworks (in this Notice referred to as "the Kent Company"), for leave to introduce a Bill for improving and facilitating inter-communication between the mains and works of the respective Companies so as to obviate the possibility of a deficiency in times of drought, or by reason of accident or in any emergency, in the quantity of water which any one or more of the said Companies may be able to supply within their district or districts, and for that purpose to make such provisions as are hereinafter mentioned or some of them, that is to say:—

1. To require the Metropolitan Water Companies, within a period to be limited by the Bill, to prepare and settle and submit to the Local Government Board a statement describing the works and things which they may consider necessary to be executed or done for effecting junctions between the mains, reservoirs, or works of any two or more of the Metropolitan Water Companies, or for the conveyance of water to the district supplied by any one or more of the Metropolitan Water Companies in aid of the water for the time being available for the purposes of such Company or Companies and in the event of their not submitting such a statement within such period, to empower and require the standing or other arbitrator hereinafter mentioned to prepare and settle and submit to the Local Government Board a statement describing the works and things which he may consider necessary as aforesaid, and to empower the Local Government Board to consider such statement, and to make any inquiries which they may deem necessary in reference thereto, and to approve the same with such modification therein (if any) as the Local Government Board may think fit, and to require the Metropolitan Water Companies respectively within their respective districts of supply to execute any such works or do any such things as aforesaid, and such further or additional works and things (if any) as for the purposes aforesaid the Local Government Board may think fit, and shall direct to be executed and done by the said Companies or any of them, and the Bill will provide for the payment by the Metropolitan Water Companies, or some of them, in such proportions as they may agree, or, in default of agreement, as the Local Government Board may prescribe, of all costs, charges, and expenses which the said Board may incur or be put to in reference to any of the matters aforesaid.

2. To empower the Metropolitan Water Companies respectively for any of such purposes from time to time to open, break up streets, bridges, roads, and pavements within their respective limits of supply, and so far as necessary within the limits of supply of any other or others of the said Companies for the purpose of laying down, placing, repairing, altering, or renewing mains, pipes, conduits, works, and engines.

3. To provide for the passage and supply of water, in case of drought or anticipated drought,