

or of accident or emergency, from the mains and works of any of the Metropolitan Water Companies to or through the mains and works of any other or others of them in such quantities and in such manner as the respective Companies may agree, or as the Local Government Board may require or approve, and to empower that Board in any such case to authorise or require the taking temporarily of such quantity of water from the River Thames or its tributaries by any of the Metropolitan Water Companies or by the Staines Reservoirs Joint Committee, either through their own intakes or by agreement with any other or others of the said Companies, through or by means of the intakes, mains and works of such other Company or Companies as may, in the opinion of the Local Government Board, be necessary for preventing or remedying a deficiency in the supply of water within the district of any of the said Companies, notwithstanding anything contained in any Act or Acts relating to any of the said Companies, or to the said Committee, or any agreement or agreements between any of the said Companies and the Corporation of London, or the Conservators of the River Thames.

4. To require any one or more of the Metropolitan Water Companies, if required so to do by the Local Government Board, to increase their pumping power, so far as may be necessary to give effect to the provisions and objects of the Bill, and to erect, maintain, and use all engines, works, and appliances necessary for that purpose.

5. To empower the Local Government Board, from time to time, to make, vary or rescind orders and regulations, whether general or special, for or with reference to any of the matters aforesaid, and to make compliance with such orders and regulations compulsory upon the Metropolitan Water Companies, and to attach and provide for the enforcement of penalties for the breach or non-observance of any such orders or regulations, or of any of the provisions of the Bill.

6. To empower the Metropolitan Water Companies respectively, for any of the purposes of the Bill, from time to time to acquire by agreement, and to use for any purposes of the Bill, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, or any easements, rights, or privileges in, over, under, or affecting the same.

7. So far as may be necessary for carrying into effect the objects or provisions of the Bill, to repeal or vary the provisions ("Water taken not to be supplied to other Companies") of Sections 59, 67, and 69, of the Staines Reservoirs, &c., Act, 1896, and of Section 19 of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Act, 1898, and of Section 295 of the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894.

8. To empower each of the Metropolitan Water Companies, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, for all or any of the purposes of the Bill, to raise further money by debenture stock, and to declare that all moneys raised and applied by any of the said companies for purposes of the Bill shall be deemed to be expended on capital account.

9. To provide for the appointment by the Metropolitan Water Companies, or (if they fail to concur in and make such appointment within a time to be limited by the Bill) by the Local Government Board, of a standing or other arbitrator to settle and determine all or any questions which may from time to time arise between any two or more of the Metropolitan Water Companies with respect to any of the matters afore-

said or the provisions of the Bill, and to provide for the remuneration of the arbitrator by the Metropolitan Water Companies, or some of them, in such proportions as the said Companies may from time to time agree, or (if they do not agree) in such proportions as the standing arbitrator may from time to time appoint and prescribe.

10. To sanction and confirm anything done by any one or more of the Metropolitan Water Companies before the passing of the intended Act which would have been valid and within their respective powers, if the intended Act had been passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the year 1898, and the expenditure of money and the Creation and issue of debenture stock by such company or Companies in reference thereto.

11. To vary or extinguish all rights and privileges inconsistent with, or which would or might interfere with the objects of the intended Bill, and to confer other rights and privileges.

12. And it is intended, so far as may be requisite or desirable for any of the purposes of the Bill, to amend, extend, or repeal the provisions, or some of the provisions, of the Charter, and of the several local and personal Acts of Parliament following, that is to say:—

The Charter granted to the New River Company by King James the First, in the 17th year of his reign, and the Acts 13 Elizabeth, cap. 18, 15 and 16 Victoria, cap. 160, and any other Act or Acts relating to the New River Company or their Undertaking; 47 George III, session ii, caps. 5 and 72; 15 and 16 Victoria, caps. 7 and 164, and any other Acts relating to the East London Company or their Undertaking; 15 and 16 Victoria, cap. 158; the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Act, 1898, and any other Act or Acts relating to the Southwark and Vauxhall Company or their Undertaking; 46 George III, cap. 119; 15 and 16 Victoria, cap. 159, and any other Act or Acts relating to the West Middlesex Company or their Undertaking; 11 Victoria, cap. 7, and any other Acts relating to the Lambeth Company or their Undertaking; 15 and 16 Victoria, cap. 156, and any other Act or Acts relating to the Chelsea Company or their Undertaking; 51 George III, cap. 169; 15 and 16 Victoria, cap. 157, and any other Act or Acts relating to the Grand Junction Company or their Undertaking; 49 George III, cap. 189, and any other Act or Acts relating to the Kent Company or their Undertaking; the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894; the Staines Reservoirs, &c. Act, 1896; and the Staines Reservoirs Act, 1898, and any other local and personal Acts which it may be necessary or expedient to alter, amend or repeal for any of the purposes of the Bill.

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