



CHAPTER vi.

An Act to increase the borrowing powers of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board to extend the period for the completion of works and for other purposes. A.D. 1928.
[10th May 1928.]

WHEREAS by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Act 1857 (being an Act for consolidating the docks at Liverpool and Birkenhead into one estate and for vesting the control and management of them in one public trust and for other purposes) the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board (hereinafter called "the Board") were incorporated for the purposes therein mentioned :

And whereas by the said Act of 1857 and subsequent Acts relating to the Board various powers have from time to time been conferred on the Board and the Board have been authorised to raise money by borrowing on bond on the security of the rates leviable by them and by the grant of annuities and the issue of stock and temporarily by the issue of bills and promissory notes :

And whereas it is expedient that the powers of the Board of raising money be increased for the purposes and to the extent in this Act mentioned :

And whereas by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board Act 1906 the Board were empowered to construct certain works therein described as "the northern extension works" and the period limited by that Act for the

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Docks and Harbour Board Act 1919 to the twenty-second
day of June nineteen hundred and thirty-one and it is
expedient that the said period be further extended :

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions
of this Act be enacted :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be
effected without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may
be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most
Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent
of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in
this present Parliament assembled and by the authority
of the same as follows :—

Short title:

1. This Act may be cited as the Mersey Docks and
Harbour Board Act 1928.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Act unless the subject or context other-
wise requires the several words and expressions to which
meanings are assigned by section 3 of the Mersey Dock
Acts Consolidation Act 1858 shall have the same
respective meanings and the following expressions shall
have the several meanings hereby assigned to them
(that is to say) :—

“ The Act of 1899 ” means the Mersey Docks
(Finance) Act 1899 ;

“ The Act of 1906 ” “ the Act of 1912 ” “ the Act of
1919 ” and “ the Act of 1920 ” respectively
mean the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board
Act of those respective years ;

“ The northern extension works ” means the northern
extension works described in and authorised by
section 3 of the Act of 1906.

Extension of
time for
completion
of works.

3. The period limited by the Act of 1906 and
extended by the Act of 1919 for the completion of the
northern extension works is hereby further extended
until the thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred
and forty.

4. The Board may from time to time for the purposes of the northern extension works and the works connected therewith and for the general purposes of their undertaking borrow at interest on the security of the rates for the time being belonging to them any further sum or sums not exceeding in the whole two million five hundred thousand pounds.

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Further borrowing powers for works and general purposes.

5. The Board may apply for the purposes of the northern extension works and any other purposes of the Act of 1906 or of the Act of 1920 and for the general purposes of their undertaking to which capital is properly applicable any moneys which they are by any Act passed before the passing of this Act authorised to borrow and which are not by such Act made applicable to any special purposes or which if so made applicable are not required for the special purposes.

Power to apply funds.

6. The Board may from time to time for the purposes of carrying out works or exercising the powers vested in the Board in connection with the improvement and the better maintaining and preserving of the Port of Liverpool and the sea channels leading thereto and the navigation of the River Mersey borrow at interest on the security of the rates for the time being belonging to them in addition to the sums which they are authorised to borrow by the Act of 1912 as amended by the Act of 1920 any further sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one million five hundred thousand pounds.

Further borrowing powers for conservancy purposes.

7. All moneys borrowed by the Board under the authority of this Act shall be applied by them for purposes to which capital is properly applicable and not otherwise.

Application of moneys.

8. If any moneys are payable to a person who is the holder of any bond annuity stock bill or promissory note granted or issued by the Board and such person is a minor or incapable of managing his own affairs the receipt of the guardian or the committee or receiver of his estate shall be a sufficient discharge to the Board.

Receipt on behalf of person not sui juris.

9. The provisions of section 97 (For protection of harbour and dock masters in discharge of their duties) of the Mersey Dock Acts Consolidation Act 1858 shall extend and apply to and for the protection of constables and superior officers of police while on duty on any part

Extension of provisions of section 97 of Act of 1858.

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A.D. 1928. — of the Mersey Dock Estate or within the limits of the Port of Liverpool as if the words "other officer" in that section included any such constable and superior officer while so on duty notwithstanding that he is not an officer of the Board.

Costs of Act. **10.** The Board out of any moneys for the time being in their hands shall pay and discharge all the costs charges and expenses of and incident to the applying for obtaining and passing of this Act.

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