



CHAPTER clxiii.

An Act to authorise certain Local Authorities to contribute towards the cost of the acquisition of the Crystal Palace Sydenham. A.D. 1913.
[15th August 1913.]

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:—

1.—(1) The authorities mentioned in the Schedule to this Act may respectively contribute towards the cost of the acquisition of the whole or any part of the Crystal Palace any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sums set opposite to their respective names in the said Schedule.

Power to various authorities to contribute towards acquisition of Crystal Palace.

(2) Any metropolitan borough council and the council of any administrative county any municipal corporation and any urban district council in England and Wales (other than the London County Council and the authorities mentioned in the Schedule to this Act) may with the sanction of the Local Government Board contribute towards the cost of the said acquisition such sums of money as they may think fit.

2. Any sum which the City Corporation may contribute in pursuance of this Act or any part thereof may be defrayed out of the general rate or may be borrowed and taken up at interest and the City Corporation may secure the repayment of any sum so borrowed by mortgage or by granting annuities for lives in like manner and under the same conditions as if such sums were paid in respect of expenses incurred under the powers contained in the City of London Sewers Acts 1848 1851 and 1897.

As to contribution by City Corporation.

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3. Any sum which any metropolitan borough council may contribute in pursuance of this Act or any part thereof may be defrayed out of the general rate or may be borrowed by them and for the purpose of securing the repayment with interest of any sum so borrowed any such council may mortgage and assign any of the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by them under the Metropolis Management Act 1855 as amended by any subsequent Act and any borrowing by any such council under the powers of this section shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of sections one hundred and eighty-three to one hundred and eighty-nine of the Metropolis Management Act 1855 as amended by any subsequent Act.

Any sum borrowed by any such council in pursuance of this section shall be repaid within sixty years from the date of borrowing the same.

As to contributions by county councils.

4. Any sum which the council of any administrative county may contribute in pursuance of this Act or any part thereof shall be deemed to be an expense for a general county purpose and may be defrayed out of the county fund or may be borrowed under and subject to the provisions contained in section sixty-nine of the Local Government Act 1888 except that any sum so borrowed shall be repaid within sixty years from the date of borrowing the same.

As to contributions by municipal corporations and urban district councils.

5. Any sum which any municipal corporation (other than a metropolitan borough council) or urban district council may contribute towards the cost of the said acquisition or any part thereof may be defrayed as general expenses under and for the purposes of the Public Health Act 1875 or may be borrowed under and subject to the same conditions as money authorised to be borrowed under the Public Health Act 1875 for the purposes of that Act and the provisions of sections two hundred and thirty-three to two hundred and forty-three of that Act shall be applicable to any mortgage granted in pursuance of this section except that any sum so borrowed shall be repaid within sixty years from the date of borrowing the same Provided that the sanction of the Local Government Board shall not be necessary to the borrowing of any sum specified in the Schedule to this Act.

Any sum borrowed in pursuance of this section shall not be taken into account in calculating the amount which the corpora-

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tion or council so borrowing is respectively authorised to borrow under the Public Health Act 1875. A.D. 1913.

6.—(1) The town clerk of any borough (other than a metropolitan borough) and the clerk to any urban district council shall within twenty-one days after the thirty-first day of March in each year if during the twelve months next preceding the said thirty-first day of March any sum is required to be paid by the corporation of such borough or by such council as an instalment or annual payment or to be appropriated or paid by any such corporation or council to a sinking fund in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or in respect of any money raised thereunder and at any other time when the Local Government Board may require such a return to be made transmit to the Local Government Board a return in such form as may be prescribed by that Board and if required by that Board verified by statutory declaration of the town clerk or clerk as the case may be showing for the year next preceding the making of such return or for such other period as the Board may prescribe the amounts which have been paid as instalments or annual payments and the amounts which have been appropriated and the amounts which have been paid to or invested or applied for the purpose of the sinking fund and the description of the securities upon which any investment has been made and the purposes to which any portion of the sinking fund or investment or of the sums accumulated by way of compound interest has been applied during the same period and the total amount (if any) remaining invested at the end of the year and in the event of his failing to make such return the town clerk or clerk as the case may be shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds to be recovered by action on behalf of the Crown in the High Court and notwithstanding the recovery of such penalty the making of the return shall be enforceable by writ of mandamus to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of the High Court.

Returns
to Local
Government
Board.

(2) If it appears to the Local Government Board by that return or otherwise that the corporation or council as the case may be have failed to pay any instalment or annual payment required to be paid or to appropriate any sum required to be appropriated or to set apart any sum required for any sinking fund (whether such instalment or annual payment or sum is

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A.D. 1913. required by this Act or by the Local Government Board in virtue thereof to be paid appropriated or set apart) or have applied any portion of any sinking fund to any purposes other than those authorised the Local Government Board may by order direct that the sum in such order mentioned not exceeding double the amount in respect of which default has been made shall be paid or applied as in such order mentioned and any such order shall be enforceable by writ of mandamus to be obtained by the Local Government Board out of the High Court.

Definitions. 7. In this Act the expression "Crystal Palace" means the lands and premises situate partly in the metropolitan boroughs of Camberwell and Lewisham and partly in the urban districts of Beckenham and Penge in the administrative county of Kent known as the Crystal Palace and the grounds appurtenant thereto and any lands and premises held in connection therewith and the expression "the City Corporation" means the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city of London acting by the mayor aldermen and commons of the city of London in common council assembled.

Short title. 8. This Act may be cited as the Local Authorities Contributions (Crystal Palace) Act 1913.

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SCHEDULE.

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Name of Contributing Authority.	Amount of Contribution.
	£
The City Corporation - - - - -	20,000
The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Lewisham - -	10,100
The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Lambeth - -	10,000
The Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Wandsworth - -	4,000
The Mayor Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Croydon -	20,000
The Urban District Council of Penge - - - - -	20,000
The Urban District Council of Beckenham - - - - -	5,000

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