



CHAPTER xiv.

An Act to empower the Blyth Harbour Commissioners to construct a toll bridge over the River Blyth with approaches thereto to construct new piers or breakwaters and for other purposes. A.D. 1915.
[9th June 1915.]

WHEREAS by the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1854 the Blyth Harbour and Dock Company were incorporated and authorised to improve maintain and carry on the harbour of Blyth in the county of Northumberland: 17 & 18 Vict.
c. xcii.

And whereas further powers were conferred upon the said Company by the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1858 and the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1860 and the said Company constructed certain of the works thereby authorised: 21 & 22 Vict.
c. lxxviii.
23 & 24 Vict.
c. cvi.

And whereas by the Blyth Harbour Act 1882 the Blyth Harbour Commissioners (hereinafter called "the Commissioners") were constituted and incorporated and the then existing undertaking of the said Company was vested in the Commissioners: 45 Vict.
c. liv.

And whereas by the Blyth Harbour Act 1912 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1912") the number of the Commissioners was increased and provisions were made with reference to the constitution qualification and election of the Commissioners and further powers were conferred on the Commissioners with reference to their undertaking: 2 & 3 Geo. 5.
c. cix.

And whereas the construction of a bridge with approaches thereto forming a means of communication between the districts on each side of the River Blyth would conduce to the safe navigation of the harbour and facilitate the movement of vessels therein and would be of local advantage and it is expedient that the provisions hereinafter contained with reference to the construction and maintenance of such bridge and the approaches

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And whereas it is expedient with a view to the better protection of the harbour and the entrance thereto that the Commissioners should be authorised to construct the piers or breakwaters hereinafter described:

And whereas it is expedient that such further powers should be conferred upon the Commissioners and that such other provisions should be made as are in this Act contained:

And whereas plans and sections showing the lines and levels of the works authorised by this Act and the lands required or which may be taken for the purposes thereof and also a book of reference to those plans containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of the said lands were duly deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Northumberland and are hereinafter respectively referred to as the deposited plans sections and book of reference:

And whereas the purposes 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:—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Blyth Harbour Act 1915.

Incorporation of Acts. 2. The following enactments (as far as the same are applicable for the purposes of and not varied by or inconsistent with this Act) shall be incorporated with this Act (that is to say):—

The Lands Clauses Acts (except sections 16 17 and 127 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845) the Commissioners for the purposes of those Acts being deemed the promoters of the undertaking;

The provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the temporary occupation of lands near the railway during the construction thereof and with respect to the recovery of damages not specially provided for and of penalties and to the determination of any other matter referred to justices the sections of that Act being construed as if the expression "the Commissioners" had been inserted therein instead of the expression "the company" and as if a reference to the works by this Act authorised had been inserted therein instead of the expression "the railway" and as if the expression "centre of the railway" meant the limits of the works by this Act authorised;

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The provisions of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 except sections 12 13 25 and 26 and 79 and 80 and (unless the Board of Trade shall otherwise require) the provisions with respect to lifeboats and with respect to keeping a tide and weather gauge the sections in the said Act being construed as if the expression "the Commissioners" had been inserted therein instead of the expression "the undertakers":

Provided that the following expressions used in the said Act shall have the following respective meanings (that is to say):—

The expressions "packet boat" and "Post Office packet" mean respectively a vessel employed by or under the Post Office or the Admiralty for the conveyance under contract of postal packets as defined by the Post Office Act 1908 and the expression "Post Office bag of letters" means a mail bag as defined by the same Act Provided also that nothing in the said Act or in this Act shall extend to exempt from rates or duties any such vessel as aforesaid if she also conveys passengers live stock or goods for hire.

3. In this Act unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith have for the purposes of this Act the same respective meanings And—

Interpretation.

The expression "the Commissioners" means the Blyth Harbour Commissioners;

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The expression "the bridge" means the bridge (Work No. 2) by this Act authorised;

The expression "former Acts" means the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1854 the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1858 the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1860 the Blyth Harbour Act 1882 and the Blyth Harbour Act 1912;

The expression "the Crown" includes any Government department.

Division of
Act into
Parts.

4. This Act is divided into Parts as follows:—

Part I.—Preliminary.

Part II.—Works.

Part III.—Lands.

Part IV.—Tolls &c.

Part V.—Miscellaneous.

PART II.

WORKS.

Power to
make works.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Commissioners may make in the lines or situation and according to the levels shown on the deposited plans and sections the works hereinafter described.

A bridge and approaches across the River Blyth comprising the following works (viz.):—

Work No. 1 An approach road and embankment (No. 1) wholly in the parish or township of Cowpen in the urban district of Blyth commencing at a point in the road from Blyth to Cowpen about 6 chains northward from the junction of Hodgson's Lane with the said road and terminating on the foreshore of the River Blyth at a point about $6\frac{1}{2}$ chains northward from the north-eastern corner of the hospital belonging or reputed to belong to the Blyth Port sanitary authority and about 30 chains north-westward from the north-western corner of the property known as Buckshill:

Work No. 2 A bridge commencing in the parish or township of Cowpen in the urban district of Blyth at the termination of Work No. 1 and terminating in the parish of Bedlington in the urban district of Bedlingtonshire at a point on the foreshore of the River Blyth 12 chains or

thereabouts northward from the north-eastern corner of the said hospital and $34\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts north-westward of the north-western corner of the said property known as Buckshill: A.D. 1915.

Work No. 3 An approach road and embankment (No. 2) wholly in the said parish of Bedlington commencing at the termination of Work No. 2 and terminating by a junction with the road from North Blyth to East Sleekburn at a point thereon about $30\frac{1}{2}$ chains westward of the premises known as Link House:

Work No. 4 A new road in the said parish of Bedlington commencing by a junction with Work No. 3 at a point $10\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts measured in a southerly or south-easterly direction from the termination of that work as hereinbefore described and $29\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts measured in a south-westerly direction from the south-western corner of the said premises known as Link House and terminating by a junction with a diversion of the said road from North Blyth to East Sleekburn authorised by the North Eastern Railway Act 1911 and now in course of construction at a point $9\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts measured in a south-westerly direction from the south-western corner of the said premises known as Link House and 5 chains or thereabouts westward of Cow Gut:

A new pier or piers and breakwater or breakwaters (in substitution for the existing West Pier) situate partly in the parish or township of Newsham and South Blyth in the said urban district of Blyth and partly in the bed of the sea (extra-parochial) consisting of—

Work No. 5 A pier or breakwater commencing in the said parish or township of Newsham and South Blyth at a point on the south breakwater $5\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts measured in a north-easterly direction along the south breakwater from the southern end of the middle jetty in the South Harbour extending thence for a distance of $30\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts in a south-easterly direction and thence for a distance of 6 chains or thereabouts in an easterly direction and terminating in the bed of the sea (extra-parochial) at a point $11\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts measured nearly due south from the seaward end of the existing East Pier:

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Work No. 5A A pier or jetty to be constructed on the bed of the sea (extra-parochial) commencing by a junction with Work No. 5 at a point 16 chains or thereabouts measured along that work from the commencement thereof extending thence in an easterly direction for a distance of 6 chains or thereabouts and terminating at a point $7\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts westward of the seaward end of the said existing East Pier and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ chains southward of the seaward end of the existing West Pier:

Work No. 5B A pier or jetty to be constructed on the bed of the sea (extra-parochial) commencing by a junction with Work No. 5 at a point $23\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts measured along that work from the commencement thereof as hereinbefore described extending thence in an easterly direction for a distance of 6 chains or thereabouts and terminating at a point $6\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts south-westward from the seaward end of the said existing East Pier and about $8\frac{1}{2}$ chains south-eastward from the seaward end of the said existing West Pier.

Parish in which piers to be deemed situate.

6. The piers or breakwaters Works Nos. 5 5A and 5B by this Act authorised shall for all purposes be deemed when constructed to be situate within the parish or township of Newsham and South Blyth and the urban district of Blyth.

Provision for carrying telegraphic lines across bridge.

7. The Commissioners shall in constructing the bridge provide such reasonable accommodation as shall be sufficient for two pipes of an internal diameter not exceeding three and a quarter inches containing telegraphic lines of the Postmaster-General The accommodation shall be provided in the footway of the bridge and in accordance with plans sections and particulars to be previously submitted to and reasonably approved by the Postmaster-General Provided that if within one month of the receipt of the said plans sections and particulars the Postmaster-General shall not have intimated to the Commissioners his disapproval thereof or made any requirement with respect thereto he shall be deemed to have approved the same.

Subsidiary works and powers in connection with new works.

8. The Commissioners may in connection with the works by this Act authorised construct provide place and maintain approaches gates gate and toll houses sheds offices buildings walls piers supports embankments groynes pipes sewers drains culverts stairs stages gantries caissons cofferdams cranes hydraulic and other lifts hoists drops beacons and any other

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necessary works buildings appliances plant and machinery and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to scour and cleanse the River Blyth and to deepen and dredge the said river and the foreshore and bed of the sea and to alter the channels therein and remove and appropriate any soil shingle rocks and shoals which it may be necessary or desirable to remove or appropriate for the purposes of or in connection with the works by this Act authorised :

Provided that no materials excavated or dredged under the provisions of this section shall be deposited in any place below high-water mark otherwise than in such position and under such restrictions as may be fixed by the Board of Trade.

9. The Commissioners may during the construction or for the purposes of the bridge and approaches by this Act authorised place and keep on or in the banks bed soil and foreshore of the River Blyth all such temporary and permanent works and conveniences as they may deem proper or find necessary or expedient and may use or occupy all or any berths moorings or mooring places in or on the banks and shore of the said river at or near or necessary or convenient for the works and operations of the Commissioners and the Commissioners may close against navigation during the progress of any such works or operations for such period as may be reasonably necessary such part or parts of the waterway of the said River Blyth or the navigable channels seaward thereof as it may be necessary to close for the proper execution of such works.

Incidental powers in connection with construction of bridge.

10. The Commissioners in connection with and for the purposes of this Act and as part of the works to be executed under the powers of this Act may make junctions and communications with any existing streets or roads intersected or interfered with by the new roads by this Act authorised and may alter the line or level of any existing street or road for the purpose of connecting the same with any such new road and may remove raise lower alter and interfere with any drain or sewer providing a proper substitute if any be required before interrupting the flow of sewage in any such drain or sewer and all substituted drains and sewers shall be under the same jurisdiction care management and direction as the existing drains and sewers for which they may be so substituted.

Junctions with existing roads and alterations of sewers &c.

11. The Commissioners may for the purposes of this Act upon the lands acquired by them under the powers of this Act

As to water gas and other pipes.

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Provided that the Commissioners shall not under the powers of this section raise sink or otherwise alter the position of any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down or placed for telegraphic or other purposes and belonging to the Postmaster-General except in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1878.

As to repair
of new roads
&c.

12.—(1) As from the completion of the approach roads and embankments (Works Nos. 1 and 3) and the new road (Work No. 4) by this Act authorised or any or either of them as the case may be to the satisfaction of the road authority of the district in which any such work will be situate or in case of difference between the Commissioners and such road authority as from the date of a certificate of two justices that such work has been completed to their satisfaction the same shall be and become a public highway and subject to the provisions of the next following subsection shall be repairable as such by the road authority of the district in which such work is situate.

(2) During the period of five years next after such completion or certificate as in the preceding subsection is mentioned the Commissioners as regards so much of each of the approach roads and embankments (Works Nos. 1 and 3) as lies between the high-water mark and the bridge abutment shall maintain the same in good repair or shall pay to the road authority of the district in which it is situate the expense incurred by that authority in maintaining the same in such repair.

Works be-
low high-
water mark

13. Subject to the provisions of this Act any of the works authorised by this Act to be constructed on over or under tidal

lands below high-water mark of ordinary spring tides shall be constructed only in accordance with such plans and sections and subject to such restrictions and regulations as previous to such works being commenced have been approved by the Board of Trade in writing under the hand of one of the secretaries or assistant secretaries of the Board of Trade.

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to be subject
to approval
of Board of
Trade.

Any alteration or extension of any such works shall be subject to the like approval.

If any such work be commenced or completed contrary to the provisions of this section the Board of Trade may abate and remove the same and restore the site thereof to its former condition at the cost of the Commissioners and the amount of such cost shall be a debt due from the Commissioners to the Crown and shall be recoverable as a Crown debt or summarily.

14. The Commissioners shall at or near the works below high-water mark hereby authorised during the whole time of the constructing altering or extending the same exhibit and keep burning at their own expense every night from sunset to sunrise such lights (if any) and take such other steps for the prevention of danger to navigation as the Board of Trade from time to time require or approve.

Lights on
works during
construction.

If the Commissioners fail to comply in any respect with the provisions of this section they shall for each day on which they so fail be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

15. The Commissioners shall at the outer extremity of their works below high-water exhibit and keep burning from sunset to sunrise such lights (if any) and take such other steps for the prevention of danger to navigation as the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond shall from time to time direct. If the Commissioners fail to comply in any respect with the provisions of this section they shall for each day in which they so fail be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Permanent
lights on
works.

16. If at any time the Board of Trade deem it expedient for the purposes of this Act to order a survey and examination of a work constructed by the Commissioners on in over through or across tidal lands or tidal waters or of the intended site of any such work the Commissioners shall defray the expense of the survey and examination and the amount thereof shall be a debt due from the Commissioners to the Crown and shall be recoverable as a Crown debt or summarily.

Survey of
works by
Board of
Trade.

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Abatement
of work
abandoned
or decayed.

17. If a work constructed by the Commissioners on in over through or across tidal lands or tidal waters is abandoned or suffered to fall into decay the Board of Trade may abate and remove the work or any part of it and restore the site thereof to its former condition at the expense of the Commissioners and the amount of such expense shall be a debt due from the Commissioners to the Crown and be recoverable as a Crown debt or summarily.

Provision
against
danger to
navigation.

18. In case of injury to or destruction or decay of the works by this Act authorised or any part thereof the Commissioners shall lay down such buoys exhibit such lights or take such other means for preventing so far as may be danger to navigation as shall from time to time be directed by the Corporation of Trinity House of Deptford Strond and shall apply to that Corporation for directions as to the means to be taken and the Commissioners shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every calendar month during which they omit so to apply or refuse or neglect to obey any direction given in reference to the means to be taken.

Power to
deviate in
construction
of works.

19. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Commissioners may in the execution of the works by this Act authorised deviate laterally from the lines thereof as shown on the deposited plans to any extent within the limits of deviation shown thereon and may deviate vertically from the levels of the said works as shown on the deposited sections to any extent not exceeding seven feet upwards or downwards:

Provided that in the case of the works by this Act authorised so far as the same will be situate upon the shore or bed of the sea or of the River Blyth no deviation either lateral or vertical below high-water mark shall be made without the previous consent in writing of the Board of Trade.

For protec-
tion of North
Eastern
Railway
Company.

20. Notwithstanding anything contained in the sections of this Act whereof the marginal notes are "Subsidiary works and powers in connection with new works" and "Incidental powers in connection with construction of bridge" the Commissioners shall not under the powers contained in this Act construct provide place maintain or keep any works conveniences buildings appliances plant or machinery or do any act which will interfere with the railway of the North Eastern Railway Company or impede the landing or shipping of goods and minerals carried or to be carried on such railway.

PART III.

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LANDS.

21. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Commissioners may enter upon take and use all or any part of the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference relating thereto which they may require for the construction of the works or other the purposes of this Act.

Power to acquire lands.

22. If there be any omission mis-statement or wrong description of any lands or of the owners lessees or occupiers of any lands shown on the deposited plans or specified in the deposited book of reference the Commissioners after giving ten days' notice to the owners lessees and occupiers of the lands in question may apply to two justices acting for the county of Northumberland for the correction thereof and if it appear to the justices that the omission mis-statement or wrong description arose from mistake they shall certify the same accordingly and they shall in their certificate state the particulars of the omission and in what respect any such matter is mis-stated or wrongly described and such certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Northumberland and a duplicate thereof shall also be deposited with the clerk of the council of the urban district in which the lands affected thereby are situate and such certificate and duplicate respectively shall be kept by such clerk of the peace and clerk of the district council respectively with the other documents to which the same relate and thereupon the deposited plans and book of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate and it shall be lawful for the Commissioners to take the lands and execute the works in accordance with such certificate.

Correction of errors in deposited plans and book of reference.

23. All private rights of way over any lands which are under the powers of this Act authorised to be acquired compulsorily shall as from the date of their acquisition be extinguished Provided that the Commissioners shall make full compensation to all parties interested in respect of any such rights and such compensation shall be settled in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts with reference to the taking of lands otherwise than by agreement.

As to private rights of way over lands taken compulsorily.

24. The powers of this Act for the compulsory purchase of lands by the Commissioners shall cease after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

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Persons
under dis-
ability may
grant ease-
ments &c.

25. Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Acts to sell and convey or release lands may if they think fit subject to the provisions of those Acts and of this Act grant to the Commissioners any easement right or privilege (not being an easement right or privilege of water in which persons other than the grantors have an interest) required for the purposes of this Act in over or affecting any such lands and the provisions of the said Acts with respect to lands and rentcharges so far as the same are applicable in this behalf shall extend and apply to such grants and to such easements rights and privileges as aforesaid respectively.

Acquisition
of lands by
agreement.

26. The Commissioners in addition to any lands which they are authorised to acquire and hold under the other powers of this Act or the powers of the former Acts may from time to time by agreement acquire either by way of purchase or exchange or otherwise any land and foreshore not exceeding in the whole twenty acres and any right easement or privilege in over under upon or in respect of any such land or foreshore or any other land or foreshore.

PART IV.

TOLLS &c.

Power to
take tolls in
respect of
bridge.

27. The Commissioners may demand and receive for the use of the bridge any tolls (in this Act called "bridge tolls") not exceeding the sums mentioned in the Schedule to this Act and subject to the provisions of this Act and of any byelaw made thereunder all persons shall be entitled to use the bridge upon payment of the bridge tolls.

Lists of
bridge tolls
to be exhi-
bited.

28. Lists of the bridge tolls from time to time appointed by the Commissioners to be taken shall be exhibited in some conspicuous place where such tolls shall be payable and no bridge tolls shall be demanded or taken during any time at which the list containing the same shall not be exhibited in accordance with the provisions of this section and if any person wilfully pull down deface or destroy any such list of tolls he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every such offence.

Taking and
recovery of
bridge tolls.

29. The bridge tolls shall be paid to such persons and at such places upon or near the bridge and in such manner and under such regulations as the Commissioners shall by notice annexed to the lists of such tolls appoint and the Commissioners

may recover such tolls in a summary manner as a civil debt or by action in any court of competent jurisdiction. A.D. 1915.

30. If any dispute arise concerning the amount of the bridge tolls due to the Commissioners by virtue of this Part of this Act the same shall be ascertained by a court of summary jurisdiction. Disputes as to amount of bridge tolls.

31. If any person shall knowingly and wilfully and with intent to defraud refuse or neglect to pay his bridge toll when the same shall be payable by virtue of this Part of this Act he shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings. Penalties on persons practising frauds.

32. Every toll collector appointed under this Part of this Act who shall wilfully and with intent to defraud demand or take a greater or less toll from any person than he shall be authorised to do by virtue of this Part of this Act and of the orders of the Commissioners made in pursuance thereof shall be liable upon summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for each offence. Penalties on toll collectors.

33. The Commissioners may appoint employ remunerate and dismiss such officers servants toll collectors and other persons as in their opinion may be required for any of the purposes of the preceding provisions of this Part of this Act or for the purposes of or in connection with the bridge or the control or regulation of the traffic over the same. Appointment of officers &c.

34. The Commissioners may lease for any term not exceeding five years the bridge and any ferry or ferries for the time being belonging to or worked by them or the right to levy the tolls and charges in respect of the bridge or in respect of any such ferry to any company body or person upon such terms and conditions as they think fit and the lessee during the continuance of his lease and subject to the provisions thereof shall have and may exercise the powers in regard to the subject matter of the lease conferred upon the Commissioners and shall be subject to the same provisions in respect thereto as those to which the Commissioners are subject. Commissioners may lease bridge ferries and tolls.

35. The Commissioners may take demand and receive in respect of parcels or goods other than passengers' personal luggage conveyed by means of any ferry belonging to or worked by them whether such parcels or goods are in the custody of passengers or not any toll not exceeding the sum of Tolls for conveyance of parcels and goods by ferries.

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twopence for every hundredweight or part of a hundredweight and such tolls shall be deemed to be ferry tolls or tolls which the Commissioners are by sections 73 to 78 of the Act of 1912 authorised to demand and recover.

PART V.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Application
of funds.

36. The Commissioners may from time to time apply to the purposes of this Act any moneys or funds in their hands or under their control including any moneys which they are authorised to raise under the powers of the former Acts.

Works &c.
to form part
of under-
taking.

37. The Works Nos. 2 5 5A and 5B by this Act authorised and any land or property powers rights estates or interests acquired by the Commissioners under or by virtue of this Act in respect of or for the purposes of those works shall for all purposes (including in the case of the said Works Nos. 5 5A and 5B the taking of tolls rates charges or dues) form part of the undertaking of the Commissioners and may subject to the provisions of this Act and the former Acts be maintained managed exercised and enjoyed accordingly and subject as aforesaid the Commissioners shall have and may exercise and enjoy in over and upon the said works and such land and property and in relation thereto all the rights powers and privileges granted to conferred upon or vested in the Commissioners under the former Acts or any of them.

Lifebuoys
to be kept.

38. The Commissioners shall at all times keep at convenient places on the Works Nos. 5 5A and 5B below high-water mark by this Act authorised, and in obedience to any requirements which may be made by the Board of Trade lifebuoys and lifelines in good order and fit and ready for use.

Life-saving
apparatus
may be
attached to
works.

39. The officers of the coastguard and all other persons for the time being actually employed in connection with the lifeboat or the apparatus for saving life may either permanently or temporarily without payment attach or cause to be attached to any part of the works below high-water mark by this Act authorised spars and other apparatus for saving life and may also either in course of using or of exercising the apparatus for saving life fire rockets over the said works.

Certain
fishing ves-
sels under

40. Fishing vessels belonging to countries with which for the time being treaties exist exempting from duties and port

charges those vessels when forced by stress of weather to seek shelter in the ports or on the coast of the United Kingdom shall when forced by stress of weather to make use of the works below high-water mark by this Act authorised and not breaking bulk while making use thereof be exempt from rates leviable under this Act.

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stress of
weather
exempt from
rates.

41. All persons going to or returning from any lifeboat or using any apparatus for saving life and being persons either belonging to the crew of the lifeboat or to the coastguard or being persons for the time being actually employed in saving life or in exercising or using the lifeboat or the apparatus for saving life and all persons brought ashore from any vessel in distress shall at all times have free ingress passage and egress to along and from the premises and works belonging to the Commissioners.

Lifeboat
crew exempt
from tolls
and charges.

42.—(1) In addition to the powers of making byelaws contained in the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 and the former Acts the Commissioners may from time to time make vary or repeal such byelaws as they shall think fit for all or any of the following purposes (that is to say):—

Byelaws.

For regulating controlling and limiting the traffic over through or upon the bridge and approaches thereto:

For regulating the traffic passing along the River Blyth under and in the neighbourhood of the bridge:

For regulating or prohibiting the anchorage of vessels under and near the bridge:

For preventing the commission of nuisances and for maintaining order and decorum upon the bridge and approaches thereto.

(2) The byelaws to be made by the Commissioners under this section shall not be operative until confirmed by the Board of Trade and shall be published in such manner as the Board of Trade may prescribe and shall be observed under penalties not exceeding the sum of five pounds for each offence and such confirmation shall be sufficient for all purposes.

43. Proceedings for the recovery of any demand made under the authority of this Act or any enactment incorporated with this Act whether provision is or is not made for the recovery in any specified court or manner may be taken in a county court provided that the demand does not exceed the amount recoverable in that court in a personal action.

Recovery of
demands in
county
court.

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 Exemption
 from tolls in
 case of per-
 sons in ser-
 vice of
 Crown &c.

44. Without prejudice to any existing right of His Majesty and save as provided by the Army Act nothing in this Act shall extend to authorise any tolls to be demanded or received from any person when on duty in the service of the Crown or for any animal vehicle or goods the property of or when being used in the service of the Crown or returning after being so used or from any police officer acting in the execution of his duty or for any mail bag as defined by the Post Office Act 1908. If any person wilfully and with intent to defraud claims or takes the benefit of any such exemption as aforesaid without being entitled thereto he shall for every such offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

Crown
 rights.

45. Nothing in this Act affects prejudicially any estate right power privilege or exemption of the Crown and in particular nothing herein contained authorises the Commissioners to take use or in any manner interfere with any portion of the shore or bed of the sea or of any river channel creek bay or estuary or any land hereditaments subjects or rights of whatsoever description belonging to His Majesty in right of His Crown and under the management of the Commissioners of Woods or of the Board of Trade respectively without the consent in writing of the Commissioners of Woods or the Board of Trade as the case may be on behalf of His Majesty first had and obtained for that purpose (which consent the said Commissioners and Board are hereby respectively authorised to give).

Crown
 minerals.

46. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Crown rights" or in any public statute His Majesty and His lessees for their respective interests may work any minerals belonging to the Crown under or adjacent to the lands and works authorised to be taken or constructed by this Act but in the event of any such right being at any time intended to be exercised the provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 relating to notice and compensation shall apply when the workings reach a point the distance of which from the nearest of such lands and works would not if measured horizontally exceed one hundred and fifty yards.

Consent of
 Treasury to
 raising of
 money.

47. The Commissioners shall not raise or borrow any money for the purposes of this Act during the continuance of the present war and twelve months thereafter unless the consent of the Treasury has been previously obtained.

48. All costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incident to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Commissioners.

A.D. 1915.
Costs of Act.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

BRIDGE TOLLS.

| | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
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| For each person on foot - - - - - | 0 | 1 |
| For each person conveyed in any vehicle excluding the driver - | 0 | 1 |
| For each pig sheep calf or lamb - - - - - | 0 | 1 |
| Or for a score - - - - - | 0 | 10 |
| For each animal of any other description not drawing any vehicle - | 0 | 2 |
| For each bicycle barrow handcart mailcart perambulator or similar vehicle - - - - - | 0 | 2 |
| For each tricycle - - - - - | 0 | 3 |
| For each motor bicycle - - - - - | 0 | 3 |
| For each motor bicycle with side car - - - - - | 0 | 4 |
| For each motor car - - - - - | 0 | 8 |
| For each two-wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse or other animal | 0 | 4 |
| For each two-wheeled vehicle drawn by two or more horses or other animals - - - - - | 0 | 6 |
| For each four-wheeled vehicle drawn by one horse or other animal | 0 | 8 |
| For each four-wheeled vehicle drawn by two or more horses or other animals - - - - - | 0 | 10 |
| For each traction or thrashing engine or steam roller-- | | |
| Not exceeding ten tons in weight - - - - - | 10 | 0 |
| Exceeding that weight - - - - - | 15 | 0 |
| For each furniture van motor lorry motor charabanc or motor omnibus - - - - - | 1 | 6 |
| For vehicles not before specified (including vehicles attached to a traction or thrashing engine or steam roller) such tolls as the Commissioners may think fit. | | |

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