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An Act for extending to the *Thames* between *Staines* and the Metropolis the Provisions of the *Thames* Navigation Act, 1866, relating to the Prevention of the Pollution of the River, and for otherwise extending and amending the *Thames* Conservancy and Navigation Acts; and for other Purposes. [17th June 1867.]

WHEREAS in the Preamble of the *Thames* Navigation Act, 1866, (in this Act referred to as the Navigation Act of 1866,) it was declared (among other things) to the Effect that it was expedient that Provision be made in that Act for preventing the Pollution of the *Thames* between *Cricklade* and *Staines*, and that Application for another Act for preventing the Pollution of the *Thames* between *Staines* and the Western Boundary of the District under the Authority of the Metropolitan Board of Works (in this Act referred to as the Metropolis) be made to Parliament by the Conservators of the River *Thames* (in that Act and this Act referred to as

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the Conservators): And whereas in the Preamble of the Navigation Act of 1866 it was further declared to the Effect that the Companies constituted for supplying Water within the Metropolis, and drawing Water for that Purpose from the *Thames*, (who are therein particularly named, and are in that Act and this Act referred to as the Five Metropolitan Water Companies,) had, in consideration of the Benefits which would accrue to them from that Act and the other Act so to be applied for, consented to contribute as in that Act provided: And whereas it was by the Navigation Act of 1866 enacted (Section Two) that in that Act the Term “the *Thames*” or “the River” should mean (unless a different Meaning was expressed or implied) the River *Thames* or Rivers *Thames* and *Isis* from the City Stone near *Staines* to *Cricklade*: And whereas by the Navigation Act of 1866 it was enacted (Section Fifty-two) to the Effect that the Conservators should cause the Surface of the *Thames* to be (as far as reasonably practicable) effectually scavenged in order to the Removal therefrom of Substances liable to Putrefaction: And whereas by the Navigation Act of 1866 it was also enacted (Section Fifty-nine) to the Effect that the Five Metropolitan Water Companies should each pay to the Conservators the annual Sum of 1,000*l.* in addition to any Payments otherwise payable to the Conservators by the Five Companies or any of them: And whereas by the Navigation Act of 1866 (Sections Sixty-three to Sixty-nine, both inclusive) Provision was made for prohibiting the Flow or Passage of Sewage or other offensive or injurious Matter into the *Thames*, or into any River, Stream, Cut, Dock, Canal, or Watercourse communicating therewith at any Point within Three Miles of the *Thames* measured in a direct Line therefrom: And whereas by the Navigation Act of 1866 it was also enacted (Section Ninety) to the Effect that the Conservators should apply to Parliament, so soon as the Usage and Practice of Parliament would permit, for an Act containing such Provisions in relation to the *Thames* between *Staines* and the Western Boundary of the Metropolis as were not then already in force in relation to that Part of the *Thames*, and as are contained in the Navigation Act of 1866 in relation to the *Thames* between *Cricklade* and *Staines*, or such other Provisions as would enable them efficiently to preserve and purify the Waters of the *Thames*: And whereas it is expedient that such Provision as in the last-recited Section referred to be now made accordingly: And whereas it is expedient that the Acts relating to the Powers and Duties of the Conservators be in some other respects
extended

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extended and amended: And whereas the Objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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; (that is to say,)

1. This Act may be cited as The *Thames Conservancy Act, 1867.* Short Title.

2. This Act shall be read as One Act with the *Thames Conservancy Acts, 1857 and 1864,* and the *Navigation Act of 1866.* This Act to be read with others herein named.

3. The Provisions of Section Fifty-two and Sections Sixty-three to Sixty-nine (both inclusive) of the *Navigation Act of 1866* are hereby extended so as to apply to the *Thames* from the City Stone near *Staines* to the Western Boundary of the Metropolis, and to so much of every River, Stream, Cut, Dock, Canal, and Watercourse communicating with that Part of the *Thames* as lies within Three Miles of the *Thames* measured in a direct Line therefrom; and for that Purpose the Term "this Act" used in those Provisions shall be taken to include the present Act. Extension from Staines to Metropolis of Provisions against Pollution.

4. In constructing the before-mentioned Section 66 of the "*Navigation Act of 1866*" the Word "Person" shall include any Corporation or any other local Authority to whom the Notice under Section 64 of the said Act may be given by the Conservators. As to Meaning of Word "Person."

5. Subject and without Prejudice to their existing Powers, Rights, and Privileges, it shall be the Duty of the Conservators by all lawful and proper Means to preserve and maintain at all Times as far as may be the Flow and Purity of the Water of the *Thames* and its Tributaries down to the Western Boundary of the Metropolis, and the Discharge of that Duty, and the proper Exercise and Execution of the Powers and Functions of the Conservators under the *Thames Conservancy Acts, 1857 and 1864,* and the *Navigation Act of 1866* and the *Upper Navigation Acts* therein referred to, shall be deemed Purposes of the *Thames Conservancy Act, 1857,* within the Meaning of Sections One hundred and eleven to One hundred and thirteen (both inclusive) of that Act. Duty of Conservators to preserve Flow and Purity of Water down to Metropolis.

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Power to
Conservators
to dredge,
&c.

6. The Conservators may from Time to Time dredge, dig, raise, take up, and remove any Shoals, Shelves, or Banks in the Bed of the *Thames*, and deepen or otherwise improve the same between the City Stone near *Staines* and *Cricklade*, and may carry away and sell or otherwise dispose of the Gravel, Sand, and other Substances thereby obtained, and the Proceeds of every such Sale and Disposition shall be carried to the Conservancy Fund.

Prohibition
against
others
dredging.

7. It shall not be lawful for any Person other than the Conservators, their Agents, Servants, and Workmen, to dredge, dig, or raise any Gravel, Sand, or other Substance from the Bed of the *Thames* between the City Stone near *Staines* and *Cricklake*, except with the Licence or Consent of the Conservators under their Common Seal (Proof of which Licence or Consent shall lie on the Person accused), and if any Person acts in any respect in contravention of this Section he shall for every such Offence be liable on summary Conviction to a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds, without Prejudice to any other Remedy or Proceeding against him.

Form of
Proxy
Paper.

8. Notwithstanding anything in the Navigation Act of 1866 (Section Fifteen), the Appointment of a Proxy for the Purpose therein mentioned may be made by an Instrument in Print, or partly in Writing and partly in Print, in the Form given in the Second Schedule to that Act, or to the like Effect, with such Variations as Circumstances require, including, where the Appointor thinks fit, the Nomination of Two or more Persons as Proxies in the alternative, and every Instrument appointing a Proxy shall bear Date the Day of its Execution.

Annual Pay-
ment to Com-
missioners of
Woods, &c.
in lieu of
Payment
under Acts
of 1857 and
1864.

9. Section 44 of the *Thames Conservancy Act, 1864*, shall be repealed, and in lieu of all Payments to be made by the Conservators under Section 104 of the *Thames Conservancy Act, 1857*, to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues in respect of Ballast, Sand, Earth, or Gravel dredged or obtained by the Conservators or any other Person by their Authority from the Bed or Shores of the River *Thames*, the Conservators shall on the First Day of *March* in each Year pay to the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues on behalf of the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, to be applied as Part of the Hereditary Possessions

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Possessions and Land Revenues of the Crown pursuant to Section 2 of the Crown Lands Act, 1866.

10. If any Declaration made under the Provisions of the Navigation Act of 1866 shall be false or untrue in any material Particular the Person wilfully making such false Declaration shall be deemed guilty of a Misdemeanor. False Declara-
tions.

11. The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis may, with a view to maintaining Order and securing the Safety of the Public, from Time to Time give such Orders as he thinks expedient for the Purpose of regulating the Passage of Steamers and other Vessels and Boats on such Part of the River *Thames* as lies within his Jurisdiction on the Occasion of any Regatta, Boat Race, public Procession, or Ship Launch, or on any other Occasion when large Crowds may assemble on such Part of the said River. Regulations
on River.

If any Captain or other Person in charge of any Steamer or other Vessel or Boat disobeys any Constable engaged in keeping Order on such Occasion as aforesaid, he shall, in the Case of a Steamer, Vessel or Boat propelled otherwise than by Oars, be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and in the Case of a Vessel or Boat propelled by Oars to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

Any Superintendent, Inspector, or Sergeant of Police may enter on any Steamer, Vessel, or other Boat the Captain or Person in charge of which refuses to comply with any Orders given in pursuance of this Section, for the Purpose of taking such Measures as may be necessary for carrying into effect the Objects of this Section, or any Orders made thereunder; and any Person obstructing the Entry of any Superintendent, Inspector, or Sergeant in pursuance of this Section, or impeding his Efforts to carry the same into effect, shall for each Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

12. The Conservators shall have full Power and Authority to make such Rules, Regulations, and Byelaws as to them may seem necessary for the Purpose of regulating the Passage of Steamers and other Vessels and Boats on the River *Thames* on the Occasion of any Regatta, Boat Race, public Procession, or Ship Launch, or on any other Occasion when large Crowds may assemble thereon, and whilst such Rules, Regulations, and Byelaws, if any, shall be in force, the Police shall observe the same; and when any Harbour Master or The Conser-
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other Officer of the Conservators shall be present the Police shall in all things observe the Directions of the said Harbour Master or other Officer of the Conservators.

Expenses of
Act.

13. The Costs, Charges, and Expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing, applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Conservators out of the Conservancy Fund.

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