

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order under "The Drainage A.D. 1875. and Improvement of Lands (Ireland) Act, 1863," and the [19th July 1875.] Acts amending the same.

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland have in pursuance of "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands 26 & 27 Vict. Act (Ireland), 1863," and the Acts amending the same, duly made c. 88. the Provisional Order contained in the schedule to this Act annexed, and it is by the first-mentioned Act provided that no such Order Section 6, shall be of any validity whatever until confirmed by Parliament, and Part 7. it is expedient that said Order should be so confirmed:

Be it therefore 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:

1. The Provisional Order contained in the schedule hereto annexed Provisional is hereby confirmed, and from and after the passing of this Act shall be deemed to be a Public General Act of Parliament, of the like confirmed. force and effect as if the provisions of the same had been enacted in the body of this Act.

Order in schedule

2. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Drainage and Short title of Act. Improvement of Lands Supplemental Act (Ireland), 1875."

SCHEDULE.

THE DRAINAGE AND IMPROVEMENT OF LANDS ACT (IRELAND), 1863.

26th and 27th Vict., chap. 88; 27th and 28th Vict., chap. 72; 28th and 29th Vict., chap. 52; 32nd and 33rd Vict., chap. 72; 35th and 36th Vict., chap. 31; and 37th and 38th Vict., chap. 32.

In the Matter of the Stoneyford River Drainage District, in the counties of Meath and Westmeath.

Whereas certain proprietors of and persons interested in the lands upon and adjacent to the above-named Drainage District on or about the sixth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four presented their petition to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, under the provisions of "The Drainage and Improvement of Lands Act (Ireland), 1863," (herein-after called the Act of 1863,) and the Acts amending the same, accompanied by the proper schedules, maps, plans, sections, and estimates, together with other particulars and information required by the said Act, showing, by reference to the said maps, the boundaries and area of the proposed Drainage District, and stating the exigencies rendering the formation of such Drainage District necessary, and praying that said lands within the proposed district should be constituted a separate Drainage District under the provisions of the said Acts. And whereas the said Commissioners referred the same to William Forsyth, Esquire, civil engineer, an inspector duly appointed under the said Acts. And whereas all notices and inquiries required by the said Act have been duly given and made, and the said. inspector has duly reported to us, the said Commissioners, in writing, the result of his inquiries, and we, the said Commissioners, have duly considered the same:

And whereas several objections to the said report have been made to us, which we also duly considered:

And whereas all preliminaries required by the said Act of 1863 to precede the making of this Provisional Order have been performed and complied with. And whereas we, the said Commissioners, upon consideration of the premises, are satisfied of the propriety of constituting the proposed separate Drainage District, and that the proprietors of two-third parts in value of the lands in the proposed district are in favour thereof, and have subsequently to the date of the report of the said inspector assented thereto in writing:

Now therefore, in pursuance of the power given to us by the said Acts, we, the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, do, by this Provisional Order

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under our common seal, constitute the area in the said petition and report, and the boundaries and extent of which are set forth within yellow lines on the map to which we have caused our common seal to be attached (and which map is deposited in the office of Public Works in Ireland), a separate Drainage District by the name of "The Stoneyford River Drainage District."

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And we do declare that the lands to be purchased for the proposed works in said district (subject to such alterations and deviations therefrom as we the said Commissioners may hereafter sanction) are the lands in that behalf shown and set forth in the said map and the schedule thereto annexed, marked with the letter B, and also sealed with our common seal.

And we, the said Commissioners of Public Works, do, by this our Order, order and direct that the time for the completion of the necessary works in the said district shall be limited to the thirty-first day of March which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

And we do further, by this our Provisional Order, make the following regulations with respect to the Drainage Board:

That the Drainage Board for said district shall consist of five members:

That the following persons shall be the members of the first Drainage Board; viz.,

Anthony Browne of Elm Grove, Ballivor, in the county of Meath, Esquire; Arthur Hamilton of Hamwood, in the county of Meath, Esquire;

Jocelyn Otway Johnston of Frankville, Athboy, in the county of Meath, Esquire, agent for and on behalf of the Earl of Darnley;

Lattin Thunder of Kingston Lodge, in the county of Meath, Esquire; and Richard Walker of Balrath, Athboy, in the county of Meath, Esquire:

That the first meeting of said Board shall be summoned by notice under the hands of any two or more of the said Board, published in the Dublin Gazette and some newspaper generally circulated in the said district, at least fourteen days next before the day of meeting:

That the qualification of any subsequent member of the said Board shall be that he shall be the proprietor (as defined by the said Act of 1863, and the Acts referred to therein or incorporated therewith,) of not less than twenty acres of land situate within the area of the said district, or the land agent for the time being of a person being a proprietor as aforesaid of not less than one hundred acres of land situate within the area of said district, and acting as receiver of the rents and profits of such lands:

That the members of the first Board shall vacate their offices on the first Thursday in September in the year following the date of this Provisional Order:

That the electors for Members of the Drainage Board shall be the persons in that behalf mentioned in the said Act of 1863: Provided always, that no such elector shall be entitled to vote or exercise any privilege as such unless the lands of which he is the proprietor, or some portion thereof, shall be

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In witness whereof we, the said Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, have hereunto caused our common seal to be affixed, this fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

Office of Public Works, Dublin.

(Signed)

E. HORNSBY,

(Seal)

Secretary.

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