



CHAPTER clxxvii.

An Act for enabling the Metropolitan Board of Works to alter and re-construct Hammersmith Bridge; for providing for the free use by the public of the East and West Ferry Roads in the parish of Poplar in the County of Middlesex; and for other purposes. A.D. 1883.
[2nd August 1883.]

WHEREAS by the Metropolis Toll Bridges Act 1877 provision was made for throwing open for the free use of the public certain toll bridges within the Metropolis;

And whereas the Metropolitan Board of Works under the authority of the said Act have acquired (amongst others) the bridge over the River Thames known as Hammersmith Bridge and the same has been opened and is now open to the public free from toll in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act and the Metropolitan Board of Works are required to maintain and repair the same;

And whereas the said Hammersmith Bridge is in a dangerous condition and unfit for general traffic and it is expedient to make provisions such as are in this Act contained for enabling the Metropolitan Board of Works to alter and reconstruct the same and to provide for the construction of a temporary bridge for the passage of traffic across the said river at Hammersmith during the said alteration and reconstruction and for the removal of such temporary bridge after the said alteration and reconstruction has been completed.

And whereas an Act was passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifty-second year of the reign of King George III. intituled "An Act for establishing a ferry over the River Thames from Greenwich in the county of Kent to the Isle of Dogs in the county of Middlesex and for making and maintaining roads to communicate therewith" and the said Act was amended by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the fifty-fourth year of the reign of King George III. intituled "An Act for amending an

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And whereas the use of the roads known as the East and West Ferry Roads in the parish of Poplar is now under the provisions of the said Acts subject to the payment of tolls or charges to the said Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company ;

And whereas it is expedient to provide for throwing open for the free use of the public the said East and West Ferry Roads and for such purpose to authorise the Metropolitan Board of Works to purchase the undertaking of the said Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company and to provide that the said roads should be repairable and maintainable as public highways ;

And whereas it is expedient to amend section fifteen of the Metropolis Management Act 1862 so as to provide for the payment of any expenses incurred thereunder by the Board by reason of the neglect or default of any vestry district board or other body or person by the vestry district board or other body or person guilty of such neglect or default ;

And whereas the Metropolitan Board of Works have caused to be deposited with the respective clerks of the peace for the counties of Middlesex and Surrey plans and sections describing the lines situation and levels of the proposed works and the lands or other property in or through which the said works will be made or which may be taken for the purposes thereof and a book of reference containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of the lands and property and describing the same lands and property and such plans sections and books of reference are herein referred to as the deposited plans sections and books of reference ;

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be accomplished 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) :

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1. This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges, &c.) Act 1883.

Short title.

2. The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts 1845 1860 and 1869 (except section one hundred and thirty-three of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and also such of the provisions of those Acts as are varied by or excepted from or inconsistent with this Act) are hereby incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Incorporation of Acts.

3. In this Act the following words and expressions have the several meanings hereby assigned to them unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction (that is to say) :—

Interpretation of terms.

“The Board” means the Metropolitan Board of Works;

“The works by this Act authorised” includes the alteration and reconstruction of the existing bridge over the river Thames at Hammersmith the erection maintenance taking down and removal of the temporary bridge and the approaches roads and works connected therewith respectively by this Act authorised;

“The Ferry Acts” means the Act passed in the fifty-second year of the reign of King George III. chapter one hundred and forty-eight intituled “An Act for establishing a ferry over the river Thames from Greenwich in the county of Kent to the Isle of Dogs in the county of Middlesex and for making and maintaining roads to communicate therewith” and the Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of the reign of King George III. chapter one hundred and seventy-one intituled “An Act for amending an Act of the fifty-second year of the reign of His present Majesty for establishing a ferry over the river Thames from Greenwich in the county of Kent to the Isle of Dogs in the county of Middlesex and for making and maintaining roads to communicate therewith”;

“The Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company” means the Company incorporated by and acting in execution of the Ferry Acts;

“The undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company” means the ferry roads tolls toll houses, and all the property real and personal of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company (save and except any moneys of the said Company which at the time of the transfer of their undertaking to the Board shall be standing to their credit in the books of their bankers on current account and deposit account or in the hands of their treasurer or collectors and any moneys at the same time of the said Company (whether in the hands of their bankers or standing upon any investment) representing

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unclaimed dividends and interest accrued upon unclaimed dividends and save and except the books of the said Company) and all the estate right title and interest of the said Company in or to the same and all rights powers authorities and privileges of the said Company in relation thereto and to the demanding and taking of tolls and charges and to the making and levying of rates or assessments in respect of the use thereof under the Ferry Acts;

“The Lease of 1868” means the indenture made the twentieth day of February 1868 between the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company of the one part and John Barber James Giles (the younger) John William Doust Edward Thomas Phillips John Stevens Robert Luxford John Giles Joseph Samuel Doust James Brownfield Philip Richbell William Giles and William Sexton Forrest all of Greenwich in the county of Kent watermen being the then surviving trustees and members of a certain society commonly called or known as the Potter’s Ferry Company of the other part;

“Justice” means justice of the peace acting for the county borough liberty or place where the matter requiring the cognizance of any such justice shall arise and who shall not be interested in the matter. When any matter shall require to be done before justices the expression “two justices” shall be understood to mean two justices assembled and acting together in Petty Sessions or a metropolitan police magistrate sitting alone;

“Road authority” and the term “district” in relation to a road authority shall have respectively the same meanings as are assigned to the same terms respectively by the Tramways Act 1870;

“Street” shall have the meaning assigned to the same term in the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and the Acts amending the same;

“The Conservators” means the Conservators of the river Thames;

“Lessee” includes any person holding a sub-lease;

“Person” includes corporation;

And the several words and expressions to which by the Acts wholly or partly incorporated herewith meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective meanings unless there be in the subject or context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such construction;

Provided always that for the purposes of this Act the expression “the promoters of the undertaking” in the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts 1845 1860 and 1869 shall be construed to

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mean the Board and for the purposes of this Act the expression "superior courts" or "court of competent jurisdiction" or any other like expression in this Act or any Act wholly or partly incorporated herewith shall be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a simple contract debt and not a debt or demand created by statute.

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4. This Act shall be carried into effect by the Board.

Act to be carried into effect by the Board.

5. The Board may from time to time appoint a committee or authorise a committee or committees appointed by the Board for other purposes to manage and transact all or any of the matters or purposes which the Board are by this Act empowered to do or perform and any such committee shall have so much or so many of the powers by this Act conferred on the Board as from time to time the Board may see fit to delegate to them.

Power to Board to appoint committee.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act in the lines according to the levels and within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and sections the Board may alter reconstruct and maintain as altered or reconstructed the bridge over the river Thames at Hammersmith known as "Hammersmith Bridge" and the approaches thereto partly in the parish of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Hammersmith in the county of Middlesex and partly in the parish of Barnes in the county of Surrey or any part or parts of the said bridge or approaches.

Power to re-construct Hammersmith Bridge.

Provided always that until the completion and opening for public traffic of the temporary bridge by this Act authorised nothing in this section contained shall authorise the Board to stop either wholly or partially the traffic over Hammersmith Bridge.

7. For the purposes of the alteration and reconstruction of Hammersmith Bridge and the works connected therewith the Board may dredge and deepen the bed of the River Thames beneath and near to the same and may strengthen alter and enlarge or reconstruct such of the piers of the said bridge as it may be necessary or convenient to strengthen alter and enlarge or reconstruct for the purposes aforesaid.

Power to dredge and deepen river &c. for alteration of Hammersmith Bridge.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act in the lines according to the levels and within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and sections the Board may make and maintain across the River Thames at Hammersmith a temporary bridge with approach roads thereto and shall subject to such regulations as the Board may think proper and which they are hereby authorised to make keep the same open for public traffic of all kinds across the said

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Powers to make works in connection with bridges &c.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Act and within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans the Board may make and maintain in connection with the works by this Act authorised all such piers wharves walls fences drains stairs buildings and all such works and conveniences as they may deem proper. And for the purposes aforesaid or any of them the Board may subject to the provisions of this Act alter and interfere with the banks bed soil and foreshore of the River Thames and may make dams and drive such piles in the bed of the said river and may erect such temporary staging in upon or over the said river as may be necessary or convenient and may do and execute every other work and thing necessary or convenient for any of the purposes aforesaid.

Powers to make subsidiary works.

10. Subject to the provisions of this Act and within the limits defined on the deposited plans the Board in connection with the works by this Act authorised and as part and for the purposes thereof may make junctions and communications with any existing streets intersected or interfered with by or contiguous to the works and may make diversions widenings or alterations of the lines or levels of any existing streets for the purpose of connecting the same with the works or of crossing under or over the same or otherwise and may alter divert stop up use or appropriate all or any part of any street square place court alley or passage whether a thoroughfare or not and the paving metalling or materials therein thereon or forming part of the same shall vest in the Board and the Board may also alter and interfere with any drain or sewer but the Board shall provide a proper substitute before interrupting the flow of sewage in any such drain or sewer and the materials obtained in such alterations and interference shall vest in the Board 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. Provided that the Board shall make reasonable compensation to any person who suffers damage by any alteration of the levels of the existing streets authorised by this section.

Alteration of position of water gas and other pipes.

11. The Board may for any purpose in connection with the works by this Act authorised upon the lands acquired by them under the powers of this Act and also in any street within the

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limits of deviation defined upon the deposited plans raise sink or otherwise alter the position of any watercourse water pipe or gas pipe belonging to or connected with any house or building adjoining or near to the works by this Act authorised, and also any main or other pipe laid down or used by any company or person for carrying a supply of water or gas and also subject to the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1878 any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down for telegraphic or other purposes and any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down for supplying electricity and may remove any other obstruction making in cases of alteration proper substituted works in the meantime and causing as little detriment and inconvenience as circumstances admit to any company or person and making reasonable compensation to any company or person who suffers damage by any such alteration. Provided always that before the Board alter the position of any main or other pipe laid down or used by any such company or person they shall give to the company or person to whom the same belongs notice of their intention to do so specifying the time at which they will begin to do so such notice to be given twenty-four hours at least before the commencement of the work for effecting such alteration and such work shall be done under the superintendence (at the expense of the Board) of the company or person to whom such pipe belongs unless such company or person refuses or neglects to give such superintendence at the time specified in the notice for the commencement of such work or discontinues the same during the execution of such work and the Board shall execute such work to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer of such company or person but this proviso shall not be deemed to affect or modify the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1878 with regard to the telegraphs of the Postmaster General.

Provided also that the Board shall not cause any street to be lowered or raised or the position of any water or gas main or other pipe to be altered so as to leave over such main or other pipe in any part a covering of less than two feet where the covering now existing is not less than two feet unless the Board shall in such case protect the same pipes from frost or injury by artificial covering to the satisfaction of the engineer of such company or body or more than six feet where the covering now existing does not exceed six feet or more than such existing covering where the same exceeds six feet. Provided further that the Board shall during the alteration and reconstruction of Hammersmith Bridge make temporary provision for safely supporting or diverting any pipes of the Brentford Gas Company which may be laid on the said bridge immediately before such alteration and reconstruction, if so required by the Brentford Gas Company. If any difference arises between the Board or their

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Provided that any difference which in the exercise of the powers conferred by this section may arise between the Board and any undertakers authorised by any license or order under the Electric Lighting Act 1882 may on the requisition of such undertakers be determined by an engineer or other fit person to be nominated as arbitrator by the Board of Trade subject to and in accordance with the provisions of section 28 of the Electric Lighting Act 1882.

Power to
Board to
regulate
navigation
near works
in River
Thames.

12. The Board may from time to time make such regulations with respect to the navigation of the River Thames at and near Hammersmith Bridge and the temporary bridge by this Act authorised as they may think necessary or expedient. Provided always that no such regulation shall be of any force or effect unless and until the same has been approved by the Conservators.

Power to
deviate.

13. In the execution of the works by this Act authorised the Board may deviate to any extent not exceeding three feet from the levels thereof respectively defined on the deposited sections and in making any of the approach roads and works by this Act authorised and any of the works for or connected with the same the Board may deviate to any extent not exceeding three feet from the levels respectively defined on the deposited sections and may subject to the provisions of this Act deviate from the lines thereof within the limits of deviation defined on the deposited plans.

Power to
Board to
stop traffic.

14. The Board during the making taking up and removal of the temporary bridge by this Act authorised and the works connected therewith may in or upon the lands shown upon the deposited plans stop the traffic over all or any part of the carriageways or footways of streets which they may think necessary for the purposes of the said temporary bridge and works to be stopped up.

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From and after the completion of and opening for public traffic of the temporary bridge by this Act authorised the Board may if they think fit during the execution of any of the works by this Act authorised for the purposes of the alteration or reconstruction of Hammersmith Bridge wholly or partially stop the traffic over the same and over the approaches thereto for such time and to such extent as they may think necessary.

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For the purpose of stopping traffic as hereinbefore authorised the Board may put up or cause to be put up sufficient palisades bars posts and other erections and may make from time to time such orders for regulating the traffic as to them shall seem proper.

15. The Board may cause such parts of Hammersmith Bridge when altered and reconstructed as aforesaid and the approaches thereto to be laid out for carriageways and such parts thereof for footways as they may think proper and may sewer level pave metal flag channel and complete such roads and ways and the said bridge when altered or reconstructed and laid out as aforesaid and the roads and footways over the same shall be public highways but the said bridge shall not be or become a county bridge and the said bridge and the roads and ways over the same shall be maintained and repaired by the Board and the approach roads to the said bridge so altered and reconstructed as aforesaid shall be public highways and shall be maintained and repaired and lighted as other public highways by the road authorities of the districts in which the same shall be situate respectively. Provided always that the Board may execute all such works and do all such acts in under or upon the approach roads to the said bridge as they may think proper for preserving and improving the said bridge and the works connected therewith and the stability thereof and may for such purpose enter upon break and open the soil and pavement of such approach roads and any sewers drains or tunnels within or under such approach roads causing as little inconvenience as may be in the execution of the powers hereby conferred and restoring the said roads and sewers drains or tunnels to the same condition as they were in before such breaking and opening.

Carriage and footways maintenance repair and lighting.

16. During the alteration and reconstruction of Hammersmith Bridge and the construction maintenance taking down and removal of the said temporary bridge authorised by this Act and of the works connected therewith respectively the Board shall hang out or exhibit thereat or near thereto and for ever after the completion of the alteration and reconstruction as aforesaid of Hammersmith Bridge the Board shall hang out or exhibit upon such bridge every night from sunset to sunrise lights to be kept burning by and at the

Lights to be exhibited on bridges and works.

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Towing path and access to be kept open.

17. The Board shall not at any time interfere with the existing towing-path on the Surrey side of the river underneath Hammersmith Bridge so as to prevent the effective use thereof and shall give access thereto on the upper or lower side of Hammersmith Bridge during the alteration and reconstruction of Hammersmith Bridge and the construction maintenance taking down and removal of the said temporary bridge and shall for ever afterwards keep open for the whole width of the altered or reconstructed bridge a towing-path and means of access thereto on the Surrey side of the river of the same width respectively as now existing.

As to dredging near Hammersmith Bridge.

18. Nothing in this Act shall prevent the Conservators from dredging from time to time and at all times in the channel of the River Thames under and near the existing Hammersmith Bridge the altered or reconstructed bridge and the temporary bridge respectively to a depth of twenty feet below Trinity high water level Provided that they shall not lower the bed of the river to any greater depth than twelve feet below Trinity high water within fifty feet of the north pier of the said bridge and shall not deepen the bed of the river below its present level on the north side of the northern pier or on the southern side of the southern pier of the reconstructed bridge.

Works on the River Thames to be executed under the direction of the Conservators.

19. The bridge and temporary bridge by this Act authorised and all or any temporary or permanent works connected therewith so far as the same affect the River Thames shall if constructed be executed according to the deposited plan and section and the works in the River Thames shall be executed and performed to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer for the time being of the Conservators and the traffic of the River Thames shall not be interfered with more than may be absolutely necessary in the construction of the bridge and temporary bridge and the works connected therewith and the Board shall after the completion of the works within fourteen days after notice from the Conservators so to do remove any materials for temporary works which may have been placed in the river by the Board and on their failing so to do the Conservators may remove the same charging the Board with the expense of so

doing and the Board shall forthwith repay to the Conservators all expenses so incurred. Provided always that with the consent of the Conservators the Board may make such modifications in the design and construction of the permanent and temporary bridges as may become desirable.

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20. The Board shall not make or commence any work on the shore or bed of the River Thames without the consent of the Conservators until the expiration of one calendar month after notice to the Conservators.

Board not to commence any work on shore of Thames until notice given to Conservators.

21. Nothing in this Act contained shall authorise or empower the Board to embank or encroach upon or interfere with any part of the soil or bed of the River Thames or the shore thereof except according to the deposited plans unless with the previous consent of the Conservators.

Board not to interfere with the bed of the river.

22. The Board shall not (except as far as shall be necessary in the construction of the said bridge and temporary bridge and the works connected therewith) take any gravel soil or other material from the bed of the river without the previous consent of the Conservators signified in writing under the hand of their secretary.

Board not to take gravel &c. from river without consent of Conservators.

23. Except as herein expressly provided nothing contained in this Act shall extend to or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the estates rights interests privileges liberties or franchises of the Conservators or to prohibit defeat alter or diminish any powers authority or jurisdiction which at the time of passing this Act the Conservators did or might lawfully claim use or exercise.

Saving rights of the Conservators.

24. Upon the completion of the alteration and reconstruction of Hammersmith Bridge as by this Act authorised the Board shall take down and remove the said temporary bridge and may for such purpose construct such temporary works in the River Thames and on the banks thereof and do all such acts as may be necessary and they may sell the materials of such temporary bridge and of the works connected therewith or may retain such of them as they may think proper for the purpose of any of the works by this Act authorised and the moneys to be produced by the sale thereof after deducting the expenses of taking down and removing such temporary bridge and works and of such sale shall be applied towards the expenses of the works by this Act authorised.

Upon completion of reconstruction of Hammersmith Bridge Board may take down temporary bridge and sell the materials thereof.

25. With respect to the alteration reconstruction and maintenance of Hammersmith Bridge and the making and maintaining of the temporary bridge at Hammersmith by this Act respectively

For the protection of the West Middlesex

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Waterworks
Company.

authorised the following provisions for the protection of the Company of proprietors of the West Middlesex Waterworks (hereinafter called the Water Company) and of the reservoirs embankments mains sluices and other works of the Water Company situate in the parish of Barnes shall apply and be observed unless otherwise agreed between the Water Company and the Board :—

- (1) In the construction or for any purpose of their said works respectively the Board shall not dig excavate remove or otherwise (except as hereinafter expressly provided) interfere with any part of the reservoir of the Water Company shewn on the deposited plans or of the embankment thereof or of the main for supplying the same with water or the sluice connected with the said main or any other work of the Water Company ;
- (2) The south-west abutment of the reconstructed bridge and the foundation or anchorage for the chains of the said bridge and the excavation and other works and operations for the purposes thereof and connected therewith shall be executed in such a manner as not to damage the said reservoir and in executing the same the Board shall not interfere with the said embankment further than is actually necessary ;
- (3) In constructing that portion of the carriageway of the said temporary bridge which will be to the south of the line of the river face of the abutment of Hammersmith Bridge the Board shall lay down upon the surface of the ground when raised to the requisite level for the full width of the said carriageway a solid and substantial timber planking or flooring not less than four inches in thickness and shall place and erect thereon the longitudinal sleepers upon which shall be laid the planking of the roadway of the said bridge and the whole of such planking sleepers and timbers shall be securely braced and spiked together ;
- (4) No part of the said carriageway or of the said timbers or sleepers shall be laid within eighteen feet of the face of the breast wall of the said reservoir at the nearest point but should in any case a less distance be found desirable for the purposes of the works the sanction of the engineer to the Water Company shall be obtained ;
- (5) That part of the footpath which will be upon the premises of the Water Company on the western side of the said carriageway shall not be more than six feet in width and shall be boarded over on the surface of the ground when raised to the requisite level and the whole of the said works so far as they adjoin the Water Company's property shall be enclosed by a

strong close pale fence of not less than seven feet in height above the footpath which shall be securely strutted ; A.D. 1883.

(6) The sluice for regulating the supply of water to the said reservoir and the spindle of such sluice shall be protected by a proper and sufficient cover or guard-box in such a manner that it shall be at all times capable of being worked by the Water Company or their officers or servants ;

(7) All the works hereinbefore provided for shall be executed to the reasonable satisfaction of the Water Company's engineer and the Board shall pay the reasonable expenses incurred by the Water Company and their engineer in or about or in any way relating or preliminary to the matters provided for by this section ;

(8) If by reason of the execution of any of the works or any proceedings of the Board or the failure of any works or any act or omission of the Board or of the contractor or of any person in the employ of the Board or of their contractors or otherwise any works of the Water Company shall be injured or damaged such injury or damage shall be forthwith made good and such works shall be restored by the Board at their own expense to the reasonable satisfaction of the Water Company's engineer or in the event of the Board failing to make good such injury and restore such works then the Water Company may make good and restore the same and the Board shall pay to the Water Company all costs and expenses to which that Company may be put as well as full compensation for the loss and inconvenience sustained by them by reason of any such injury or damage such costs expenses and compensation to be recoverable from the Board in any court of competent jurisdiction ;

(9) If any difference shall arise between the Board and the Water Company touching or concerning the true intent and meaning of this section or the mode of giving effect thereto every such difference shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the settlement of disputes by arbitration ;

(10) Except as in this Act specially provided nothing in this Act shall prejudice diminish alter or take away any of the rights privileges powers or authorities of the Water Company.

26. Notwithstanding anything in any Act to the contrary it shall not be lawful (except in cases of emergency arising from accidental causes) for any company or person to enter upon break up or interfere with Hammersmith Bridge after the alteration and

No main or pipe to be laid on Hammersmith Bridge

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except with
consent of
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reconstruction thereof as aforesaid or the roads and footways over the same respectively for the purpose of laying down any main or pipe or executing any work therein thereon or thereunder except with the consent of the Board in writing which shall not be unreasonably withheld and in accordance with such reasonable terms and conditions not being the exaction of any rent as the Board may determine. Provided that nothing in this section contained shall alter or affect any of the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1878.

Providing
for gas
mains.

27. In reconstructing Hammersmith Bridge the Board shall leave a space under the footway on each side of the bridge sufficient to accommodate one gas main or pipe with a diameter of one foot.

Period for
completion of
works.

28. If the works by this Act authorised be not completed within six years from the passing of this Act then on the expiration of that period the powers of the Board under this Act for the execution thereof or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease to be exercised except so far as the same shall have been then completed.

Errors and
omissions in
plans &c. to
be corrected
by justices
who shall
certify the
same.

29. If any omission misstatement or erroneous description shall have been made of any lands or of the owners lessees or occupiers of any lands on the deposited plans or in the deposited book of reference the Board may after ten days notice to the owners lessees and occupiers of the lands affected by such proposed correction apply to two justices for the correction thereof and if it shall appear to such justices that such omission misstatement or erroneous description arose from mistake they shall certify the same accordingly and they shall in such certificate state the particulars of any such omission and in what respect any such matter shall have been misstated or erroneously described and such certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county in which the lands affected thereby shall be situate and such certificate shall be kept by such clerk of the peace along with the other documents to which it relates and thereupon such plans or book of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate and the Board may take the lands in accordance with such certificate.

Power to the
Board to
enter upon
property for
survey and
valuation.

30. The Board and their surveyors officers and workmen may from time to time at all reasonable times in the day upon giving in writing for the first time twenty-four hours and afterwards from time to time twelve hours previous notice enter into and upon the lands and buildings by this Act authorised to be taken and used as aforesaid or any of them for the purpose of surveying and valuing the said lands and buildings without being deemed trespassers and without being subject or liable to any fine penalty or punishment on account of entering or continuing upon any part of the said lands.

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Power to
take lands
and ease-
ments.

31. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board may enter upon take and use all or any of the lands shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference and any right or easement in or over the river Thames and the banks bed soil and foreshore of the said river and over the roads or towing-path on either side of the said river which they may require for the purposes of the works by this Act authorised and the Board may if they think fit acquire and use any such right or easement in through over or affecting any such banks bed soil foreshore roads or towing-path without acquiring or being required to take such banks bed soil or foreshore roads or towing-path. Provided always that for the purpose of and in connection with the said temporary bridge and the approach roads thereto by this Act authorised and until the removal of the said temporary bridge has been effected the Board may enter upon and use temporarily any roads within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and also any lands roads footways or towing paths in the county of Surrey within the limits of deviation shown upon the deposited plans having given three weeks previous notice in writing to the owners and occupiers of the same of their intention to enter upon the same for such purposes and without being required to purchase or acquire the said premises or any of them and making compensation to the persons and in the manner prescribed by sections 43 and 44 of the Railways Clauses Act 1845 in all cases where the company shall not be required to purchase lands and where they shall take temporary possession of lands by virtue of the powers in the special Act granted.

32. And whereas for the purpose of and in connection with the works by this Act authorised portions only of certain of the properties shown on the deposited plans and hereinafter mentioned may be sufficient and such portions may be severed from the remainder of the said properties without material detriment thereto. Therefore notwithstanding section ninety-two of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 the owners of and persons interested in the properties in the parish of Barnes numbered on the deposited plans six and eight respectively whereof part only is required for the purposes of this Act may (if such portions can in the judgment of the arbitrator arbitrators umpire or jury assessing or determining the compensation under that Act be severed from such properties without material detriment thereto) be required to sell and convey to the Board the portions only of the properties so required without the Board being obliged or compellable to purchase the whole or any greater portion thereof the Board paying for the portions required by them and

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Board of Trade to appoint umpire in case of arbitration.

33. Notwithstanding anything in the twenty-eighth section of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 contained to the contrary in carrying this Act into execution the appointment of an umpire shall in the cases referred to in the said section be left to the Board of Trade.

Costs of arbitration, &c., in certain cases.

34. The arbitrator arbitrators umpire or jury to whom any question of compensation under this Act is referred shall if so required by the Board award and declare whether a statement in writing of the amount of compensation claimed has been delivered to the Board by the claimant giving sufficient particulars and in sufficient time to enable the Board to make a proper offer and if he or they shall be of opinion that no such statement giving sufficient particulars shall have been delivered one half of the costs of the arbitration or as the case may be one half of the costs of summoning empannelling and returning the jury and of taking the enquiry and in recording the verdict and judgment therein shall be defrayed by the person with whom the Board shall have such controversy or dispute and the remaining half shall be defrayed by the Board anything in the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 to the contrary notwithstanding Provided that it shall be lawful for any judge of the High Court of Justice by order in chambers in a summary way to permit any claimant to alter and amend the statement in writing of the claim delivered by him to the Board in case of discovery of any error or mistake therein or for any other reasonable cause such error mistake or cause to be established to the satisfaction of the judge and such amendment to be subject to such terms enabling the Board to investigate the amended claim and to make an offer de novo and as to postponing the hearing of the claim and as to costs of the enquiry and otherwise as to such judge may seem just and proper under all the circumstances of the case Provided also that this section shall be applicable only in cases where the notice to treat under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 either contained or was endorsed with a notice of the effect of this section.

Provisions for deficiencies in land tax.

35. And whereas by reason of the exercise of the powers by this Act granted there may be deficiencies in the assessments for land tax Therefore the Board in case they shall become possessed by virtue of this Act of any lands charged with the land tax shall from time to time, until the works by this Act authorised shall be completed and assessed to such land tax, be liable to make good the

deficiency arising in the assessments for land tax by reason of such lands having been taken or used for the purposes of this Act, and such deficiency shall be computed according to the rental at which such lands with any buildings thereon were valued or rated at the time of the passing of this Act, and the Board shall pay all such deficiencies on demand thereof to the collector of the said assessments nevertheless if at any time the Board think fit to redeem such land tax they may do so in accordance with the powers in that behalf given by the Acts for the redemption of the land tax. A.D. 1883.

36. The Board may sell or dispose of all building and other materials of any houses and buildings acquired by them under the powers of this Act and all paving metalling and materials in and upon any road street or other place which the Board is by this Act authorised to enter upon take or use in the execution of any of the works by this Act authorised and any materials obtained in the alteration of or interference with any drain or sewer shall vest in the Board and they may sell or otherwise dispose of the same and the moneys to be produced by any sale under the authority of this section after deducting the expenses of such sale shall be applied towards the expenses of the Board in executing the works by this Act authorised. Power to sell materials.

37. In case any lands which shall be acquired by the Board under the powers of this Act shall not be required for any of the purposes of this Act the Board may when and as they shall think fit so to do demise and lease such lands or such parts thereof as the Board shall think it expedient to let on building leases either altogether or in parcels to any person or persons who shall erect and build or covenant and agree to erect and build thereon or on any part thereof houses erections or buildings of such size or class of building and upon such plan and elevation and of such height and with such storeys as the Board shall think proper for any term or number of years to determine at or before the expiration of ninety-nine years from and after the passing of this Act so as there be reserved in every such demise or lease such yearly rent to be incident to the immediate reversion of the premises therein comprised as to the Board shall seem reasonable and so that in every such demise or lease there be contained a covenant for the payment of the rent thereby to be reserved and such other covenants on the part of the tenant or lessee to be therein named as the Board shall reasonably be advised or require and also a clause in the nature of the condition of re-entry on non-payment of the rent thereby to be Power to lease surplus land.

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As to sale of
ground rents.

38. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board may sell and dispose of or cause to be sold and disposed of the ground rents to be reserved by the leases or demises or agreed to be reserved by any agreements for leases of any lands made under the authority of this Act and also the fee-simple in reversion in such lands and in the houses erections or buildings thereon either altogether or in parcels by public auction or by private contract for such price or prices or sum or sums of money as the Board shall think reasonable and subject to such stipulations and provisions for the enjoyment thereof and as to the nature of the buildings which are to be at all times erected and built thereon and also subject to such stipulations as to the title to be produced to the hereditaments to be sold as the Board shall think fit and as regards any stipulations or provisions which may be contained in any conveyance under this enactment the same may at all times thereafter be enforced by the Board for the benefit of the parties entitled to the other property adjoining or held under the same title in such manner in all respects as the Board shall think fit.

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39. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board may if they think it expedient so to do sell and dispose of in the manner herein-before directed all or any lands which they may have acquired under the powers of this Act and which shall not be required for any of the purposes of this Act without having previously granted or agreed to grant any lease thereof for such price or prices or sum or sums of money as the Board shall think reasonable and subject to such stipulations and provisions for the enjoyment thereof and as to the nature of the buildings which are to be at all times erected and built thereon and also subject to such stipulations as to the title to be produced to the hereditaments to be sold as the Board shall think fit and as regards any stipulations or provisions which may be contained in any conveyances under this enactment the same may at all times thereafter be enforced by the Board for the benefit of the parties entitled to the other property adjoining or held under the same title in such manner in all respects as the Board shall think fit.

Board may sell land in the first instance without having previously granted a lease thereof.

40. The Board may from time to time let either from year to year or for a term at rack rent or exchange or otherwise dispose of any building or lands or any part thereof acquired by them under the powers of this Act and not required for any of the purposes of this Act and may execute and do any deed act or thing proper for effectuating any such lease exchange or other disposition.

Board may let or exchange lands.

41. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board shall within such period as they may think fit (which period shall be the prescribed period for the purposes of section 127 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845) after the completion of any of the works by this Act authorised for the purposes of which any lands have been acquired sell and dispose of to any person or persons and grant and convey such parts of such lands as they may have acquired under the powers of this Act and which shall not be required for any of the purposes of this Act.

Board to dispose of lands not wanted.

42. The receipt of the Board or of any person duly authorised by the Board for any purchase moneys rents [or profits or other money payable to the Board by virtue of this Act shall be a sufficient and effectual discharge for the money in such receipt expressed or acknowledged to be received and the person to whom the same shall be given shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for the misapplication or non-application of the money in such receipt expressed or acknowledged to be received.

Receipt of Board to be effectual discharges.

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Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

43. The powers of the Board for the compulsory purchase or taking of lands for the purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Board to purchase undertaking of Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company.

44. The Board shall within two years after the passing of this Act by notice in writing require the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company to sell and the said company shall when so required sell the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company to the Board and the Board shall purchase the same in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions by this Act prescribed.

Terms of purchase of undertaking of Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company, 8 & 9 Vict., c. 18.
23 & 24 Vict., c. 106.
32 & 33 Vict., c. 18.

45. The consideration to be paid by the Board for the purchase of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company shall be such as may be settled by agreement between the Board and the said Company or failing such agreement as may be settled by arbitration in manner provided by the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts 1845 1860 and 1869 with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement as incorporated with this Act and for such purpose in the construction of the said provisions the term "lands" used therein shall be construed to mean the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company. Such arbitration shall be had before a single arbitrator to be appointed by agreement by the Board and the said company or failing such agreement after seven days' notice by either party to the other on the application of the party who has served such notice by the Board of Trade and every arbitrator so appointed by the Board of Trade shall be deemed to be a single arbitrator appointed by both parties. Provided that in estimating the consideration payable in respect of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company due regard shall be had to the net annual value of the tolls payable and revenue arising in respect of the said undertaking prior to the 30th day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three the construction durability and present state of repair of the roads buildings and works constituting the same the liability of the said company to maintain the same the probabilities of future profits out of and future expenditure in relation to the same and the special circumstances (if any) affecting the case.

Payment of consideration for purchase of undertaking of Poplar and

46. The amount of the consideration to be paid by the Board for the purchase of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company when agreed upon or so ascertained as aforesaid shall be paid to such of the directors of the said Company as the said Company shall by a resolution passed at a general meeting of

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the said Company prescribe upon their receipt except that if such directors shall wilfully refuse to accept the same or that if no such resolution has been passed and the Company have thus wilfully refused to accept the same or if the said Company wilfully neglect or fail to make out a good title to the said undertaking or if the Board are unwilling to pay the said consideration to such directors then in any such case the same shall be paid into the Bank of England in the name and with the privity of Her Majesty's Paymaster General on behalf of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice and shall be placed to his account there to the credit of the said Company subject to the provisions of this Act and shall be assets of the said Company And upon such payment being made by the Board the said directors or the cashier of the said bank as the case may be shall give to the Board or to the person paying such money by their direction a receipt for such money signed by them or him specifying therein for what purpose and (if paid into the bank) to whose credit the same has been paid and such receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the Board for the same and the Board shall not be bound to see to the application or be answerable for the misapplication or non-application thereof. The said directors to whom any such consideration shall be paid as aforesaid or the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or administrators of such survivor shall hold such consideration after payment thereof of all proper costs charges and expenses incurred by them or him in relation thereto upon trust in the first place to pay and satisfy all debts and liabilities of the said Company according to their respective priorities and to distribute the balance remaining after such payment and satisfaction among the holders of the share capital of the said Company their executors administrators successors or assigns rateably according to their respective priorities and the value of their respective shares immediately before the payment of such consideration and may exercise all powers necessary for distributing such consideration as aforesaid and for winding up the affairs of the said Company. Provided that where the said directors or the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or administrators of such survivor are or is unable after diligent inquiry to ascertain the person to whom any part of such consideration is payable or when any part thereof is payable to a person who or whose committee cannot give an effectual receipt for the same they or he may pay the same into the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice under any Act for the time being in force for the relief of trustees.

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Company.

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Application
of considera-
tion money if
paid into
Court.

47. If the consideration shall be paid into the bank as herein-
before provided it shall be applied under the direction of the said
Chancery Division in discharge of all debts and liabilities of the
said Company and the balance thereof after discharging or providing
for the discharge of such debts and liabilities to the satisfaction of
the said division shall subject to the provisions of section 80 of the
Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 be paid out to the treasurer
of the said Company for the time being or to such other person or
persons as may be appointed for that purpose at a general meeting
of the said Company and shall be held and applied by such treasurer
person or persons upon the like trust as is imposed by this Act with
reference to the balance of such consideration if paid to the said
directors as by this Act provided and with and subject to the same
powers and provisions as are in this Act contained with reference
thereto.

Winding
up of the
Company.

48. For the purpose of distributing such consideration as
aforesaid and of winding up the affairs of the said Company the said
directors or the survivors or survivor of them or the executors or
administrators of such survivor or the said treasurer or other person
or persons to whom such consideration shall have been paid shall
have and may exercise all the powers and shall be subject to all the
duties and liabilities of a liquidator appointed to wind up a Company
registered under the Companies Acts 1862 to 1880 and all the
provisions contained in the said Acts with reference to the winding
up of a Company registered under those Acts shall apply to the said
Company and their affairs accordingly.

Certain
moneys of
the Company
to vest in the
treasurer on
certain
trusts.

49. All moneys of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company
(whether in the hands of their bankers treasurer or collectors or
standing upon any investment) which do not pass to the Board as
part of the undertaking of the said Company upon the transfer of
the same to the Board shall upon such transfer by virtue of this
Act vest in the treasurer of the said Company upon trust to pay to
the persons for the time being entitled to any unclaimed dividends
and interest thereon the amount due in respect thereof and subject
to and after satisfaction of such trust upon trust for the holders of
the share capital of the said Company rateably.

Certain
licenses and
contract
continued.

50. The transfer of the undertaking of the Poplar and Green-
wich Ferry Company under this Act shall be subject to the following
licenses for the enjoyment of easements granted by the said Company
that is to say—

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Name.	Date.	Nature of Easement.	Amount of Rent.
Millwall Dock Company.	16th August 1875 -	Drainage under East Ferry Road.	£1 per year.
Millwall Iron Works	27th November 1875	Tramway across West Ferry Road.	£1 per year.
Do.	29th August 1879 -	Do.	£2 per year.
Cutler and Sons -	28th December 1878	Do.	£2 per year.

All which licenses shall continue in force for the full term which they shall then respectively have to run and shall in all respects be binding upon the Board of Works for the Poplar District.

51. For the purposes of the distribution of the assets of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company the persons who appear in the books of the said Company to be proprietors of capital or of annuities mortgages bonds or debentures of the said Company shall unless the contrary is proved to the satisfaction of the persons or court authorised to distribute the same be considered to be proprietors of capital or of annuities mortgages bonds or debentures of the said Company.

Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company's book evidence.

52. When the receipt for the amount of the consideration agreed upon or so ascertained as aforesaid to be paid for the purchase of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company has been signed in manner directed by this Act then the said undertaking shall by virtue thereof and of this Act be transferred to and shall vest in the Board and except as by this Act expressly provided they shall be entitled to immediate possession and have absolute control of the said undertaking freed and discharged from all leases contracts debts charges and liabilities whatsoever of the said Company affecting the same and thereupon all duties obligations and liabilities of the said Company in respect of the same including any duty obligation or liability as to the ferry shall save as by this Act expressly provided absolutely cease and determine but thereafter no tolls or charges shall be demanded or taken and no rates or assessments shall be made laid assessed or levied by the Board under the Ferry Acts and the powers of the said Acts with respect thereto shall be extinguished and the Board shall not be required or compelled to provide any ferry across the river Thames. Provided always that the transfer of the undertaking in manner aforesaid shall be subject to the lease of 1868 and the same shall during the continuance of the term of 48 years thereby limited continue in full

Transfer of undertaking.

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Actions and proceedings not to abate.

53. If at the time of the transfer of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company any action proceeding or any cause of action is pending or existing by or against the said Company the same shall not abate be discontinued or be in any way prejudicially affected by reason of such transfer and such action proceeding or cause of action may notwithstanding such transfer be continued prosecuted and enforced by or against the said Company.

Compensation to officers &c. of Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company.

54. When the Board has acquired absolute control of the undertaking of the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company subject to the lease of 1868 the Board shall grant by way of compensation for the abolition of office an allowance to the clerk and to the surveyor and tolls manager of the said Company subject to the following conditions :—

- (1) That such clerk and surveyor and tolls manager shall be in the actual employment of the said Company immediately before the Board obtained absolute control of the said undertaking and shall have been in such employment for a continuous period of not less than two years previous to the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three :
- (2) That the amount of such allowance shall be such as would be payable on retirement to such clerk and surveyor and tolls manager under section two of the Superannuation Act 1859 in the event of his having served in an established capacity in the

permanent civil service of the State for the same time as in the service of the said Company, and if ten years were added to the number of years he may have actually served ;

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- (3) That in estimating such allowance the amount of the salary upon which the same shall be calculated shall be taken on the average of the salary actually received by the person to be compensated during the two years next preceding such first day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three ;
- (4) That no such allowance shall exceed two-thirds of the salary upon which the same shall be estimated.

Every such allowance shall be payable by two equal half-yearly payments the first of such payments to be made at the expiration of six months from the date when the Board shall have acquired absolute control subject to the lease of 1868 over the said undertaking Provided always that the Board may at any time agree with any person entitled to any allowance under this enactment for the commutation of such allowance and that where any such allowance is payable to any person in respect of more than one office or in respect of the duties of offices which may have been consolidated into one office the allowance shall be estimated separately in respect of each of the said offices or of the duties of each of the said offices so consolidated into one.

55. The Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company from and after the transfer of their undertaking and the adjustment and winding-up of their affairs in manner by this Act directed shall thereupon be and the same is hereby dissolved.

Dissolution of Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company.

56. Where after the neglect or default of any vestry district board or other body or person to pay the amount or any part of the amount required by any precept to be paid to the Board by such vestry district board or other body or person within the time specified in such precept the Board have obtained any copy of any rate or of any copy of any rate contained in any book in pursuance of the provisions of the fifteenth section of the Metropolis Management Amendment Act 1862 then and in every such case where not less than fourteen days previous notice of the intention to procure a copy of such rate has been given by the Board to the vestry district board or other body or person so neglecting or defaulting the Board may charge the expenses incurred by them in obtaining such copy upon the vestry district board or other body or person so neglecting or defaulting and include the same amongst the moneys which such vestry district board or other body or person may be

Expenses incurred by Board in obtaining a copy of poor rate to be either paid as general expenses or charged upon Vestry &c. making default.

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Expenses of Act. **57.** The costs charges and other expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act or incurred by the Board with reference thereto shall be paid by the Board.

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