



CHAPTER lxxi.

An Act to confer powers on the London County Council with regard to Hackney Marshes Albert Palace Battersea York Water Gate and Hilly Fields Brockley. A.D. 1893

[29th June 1893.]

Hackney Marshes.

WHEREAS there are certain lands in the administrative county of London (in this Act called "the county") commonly known as Hackney Marshes which are or are reputed to be Lammas lands within the manor of Lords Hold Hackney and it is expedient that the London County Council (in this Act called "the Council") should be empowered to acquire hold and manage the said lands as and for an open space for the perpetual use thereof by the public for exercise and recreation :

And whereas a provisional agreement has been entered into between the Right Honourable William Amhurst Baron Amherst of Hackney of the first part John Mitford (the trustee of the marriage settlement of the said Baron Amherst) of the second part and the Council of the third part for the sale to and purchase by the Council of the lands estates rights and interests therein mentioned being lands estates rights and interests forming part of or affecting the said marshes and a copy thereof is set out in Part I. of the schedule to this Act :

And whereas divers other provisional agreements have been entered into with the parties named in Part II. of the said schedule for the sale to and purchase by the Council of the lands estates rights and interests therein respectively mentioned being other lands estates rights and interests forming part of or affecting the said marshes of which particulars are set out in Part II. of the said schedule :

And whereas another provisional agreement has been entered into between the persons appointed by the homage of the court baron of the said manor of Lords Hold Hackney to be drivers of the said marshes (in such agreement and this Act called "the drivers") and

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And whereas it is expedient that provision should be made for enabling the proposed sale and incidental arrangements to be completed and that the agreement set out in Part I. of the said schedule should be confirmed and that the said agreement between the drivers and the Council set out in Part III. of the schedule should be confirmed and made binding upon the commoners :

And whereas it is also expedient that the said provisional agreements with the persons named in Part II. of the said schedule should be confirmed :

And whereas the said lands known as Hackney Marshes are shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference herein-after mentioned and it is expedient for the purpose of enabling the Council more fully to acquire hold and deal with the same lands for the purpose aforesaid that Hackney Marshes as shown on the deposited plans and defined by this Act and all estates interests and rights in over or affecting the same should from and after the passing of this Act be vested absolutely in the Council upon the terms and subject to the conditions as to compensation and otherwise by this Act provided and should be preserved as an open space :

And whereas there are certain other lands adjoining to the said marshes which it is expedient that the Council should be empowered to acquire hold and manage as additions to the said open space which lands are also shown on the said deposited plans and described in the said deposited books of reference :

And whereas the Council have resolved that subject to the board of works for the Hackney district entering into an agreement to contribute fifteen thousand pounds and the lord of the manor contributing five thousand pounds and five thousand pounds being raised from other sources the Council do purchase Hackney Marsh for the sum of seventy-five thousand pounds such sum to include the rights of the commoners lord of the manor and other owners and it is expedient that provision should be made as in this Act set forth with regard to the contribution of the said sum by the said board and other contributions as herein-after provided :

Albert Palace Battersea.

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And whereas the buildings and adjacent grounds in the parish of Saint Mary Battersea in the county of London known as the Albert Palace together with the organ therein have been offered to the Council as a gift and the Council have resolved subject to the sanction of Parliament to accept the same and to undertake the management and maintenance thereof as a place of recreation for the public on condition that they should be empowered to make a charge for admission to the palace as and when the Council should think fit and that the Council should be empowered to let any part of the palace at a rental as and when they should think fit:

And whereas on and subject to the conditions aforesaid it is expedient that the said palace and grounds should be vested in the Council by the authority of Parliament for an estate in fee simple and that the Council should have such powers with reference thereto as are for that purpose conferred upon them by this Act:

York Water Gate.

And whereas by an Act passed in the twenty-ninth year of King George the Second chapter 90 intituled "An Act to enable the proprietors and inhabitants of houses in York Buildings in the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields in the county of Middlesex to make and levy a rate on themselves sufficient to answer the expense of rebuilding or repairing of the terrace walk and water gate and such other part of the premises adjoining to the River Thames and belonging to the said buildings as shall be judged necessary and for keeping the same in repair for the future" it was recited that the terrace walk and a stone edifice called the water gate adjoining the River Thames and belonging to the proprietors and inhabitants of York Buildings in the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields and also the wall steps gates and rails of the said walk and edifice were so gone to ruin and decay that it would require a considerable sum of money to rebuild or repair the same:

29 Geo. II.
c. 90.

And whereas provisions were made in the said Act for the appointment of trustees for surveying ordering rebuilding or repairing the said terrace walk and water gate with the walls steps gates rails and premises belonging thereto and powers were conferred upon the trustees to make rates for amending and repairing the same and for amending and repairing the causeway leading from the stairs belonging to the said buildings and adjoining to the River Thames down to low-water mark:

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And whereas under the Thames Embankment (North) Act 1862 the bank and foreshore of the River Thames at this point were reclaimed by the embankment and the site and soil thereof is vested in the Council for the purposes of that Act :

And whereas the structure known as the York Water Gate which is situate in the garden of the Victoria Embankment belonging to the Council marks the position of the north-westerly bank of the River Thames previously to the formation of the Victoria Embankment and is an object of public interest But there is danger of the same being neglected and falling into decay :

And whereas there is situate along the north-western side of the said garden and between the said gate and Buckingham Street a piece of vacant ground which is said to have formerly formed part of the said terrace walk and it is expedient that provisions should be made under which the said piece of ground should be vested in the Council with a view to the preservation of the York Water Gate and the improvement of the said gardens :

Hilly Fields Brockley.

And whereas it has been proposed to the Council by persons (herein-after referred to as "the preservation committee") that a piece of ground situate in the parish of Lewisham and being part of lands known as the Hilly Fields Brockley should be acquired by the Council in order to be laid out and preserved and maintained by the Council as an open space :

And whereas the freehold of part of the said land amounting to about seventeen acres three roods is vested in the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city of London as trustees of the Bridge House Estates (who are herein-after called "the Corporation") and is subject to a lease for a term of which about seventy-two years are unexpired :

And whereas negotiations are in progress for the acquisition by the Council of the said lands but the arrangements involve the acquisition of the said estate and interest of the Corporation and the acquisition of certain adjoining land and certain exchanges which cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas it is expedient that the board of works for the Greenwich district should have powers to contribute towards the purchase of the said land :

And whereas the Council are willing to undertake the maintenance and management of Hilly Fields as a place of public recreation :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be accomplished without the authority of Parliament and it is expedient that provision should be made as herein-after set forth :

And whereas the Council have caused to be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of London plans describing the lands which may be taken compulsorily under the powers of this Act and a book of reference to such plans containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of those lands and such plans and book of reference are respectively referred to in this Act as the deposited plans and book of reference :

And whereas estimates have been prepared by the Council as to the amount which they will require to expend out of borrowed money or money raised by the creation and issue of stock for the several purposes of this Act and such estimates are as follows :—

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Hackney Marshes - - -	75,000
York Water Gate - - -	1,000
Hilly Fields Brockley - - -	25,000

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) :—

PART I.

INTRODUCTORY.

1. This Act may be cited as the London Open Spaces Act 1893. Short title.

2. 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 : Interpretation of terms.

Provided that for the purposes of this Act the expressions "the promoters of the undertaking" and "the Company" in the Lands Clauses Acts shall be construed to mean the Council and that 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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Incorporation of
Lands
Clauses Acts.

3. The Lands Clauses Acts are (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act.

PART II.

HACKNEY MARSHES.

Defining
Hackney
Marshes.

4. In this part of this Act the expression "Hackney Marshes" means the lands in the parish of Saint John Hackney in the county of London shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference under the numbers 1 2 4 5 7 8 10 and 11 in that parish and includes the bed or soil of the adjoining and intersecting portions of the River Lee and the streams connected therewith (but as regards such adjoining portions only ad medium flum) and the soil of any highways thereon so far as such bed and soil respectively belong to any persons having any estate or interest in Hackney Marshes whether as lord of the manor of Lords Hold Hackney or otherwise.

Vesting of
Hackney
Marshes
in the
Council.

5. From and after the passing of this Act Hackney Marshes are hereby vested absolutely in the Council in fee simple and the Council shall from and after the passing of this Act hold the same (excepting any highways thereover) discharged from all estates interests rights titles charges and incumbrances whatsoever in to over or affecting the same or any part thereof as and for an open space for the perpetual use thereof by the public for exercise and recreation and shall maintain preserve manage and regulate the same as such accordingly :

Provided that nothing in this Act contained shall entitle the Council to place any erection or building on or over any part of the River Lee or to execute any work so as to obstruct or interfere with the flow of the water therein without the consent of the Lee Conservancy Board under the Lee Conservancy Acts : .

The sale and purchase of the Hackney Marshes as agreed on the terms of Part I. of the schedule to this Act shall be evidenced by a duly stamped deed of conveyance or by a receipt in writing for the purchase money stamped with the same ad valorem stamp duty on the money therein expressed to be received as if the same had been consideration money stated in a deed of conveyance which deed or receipt shall within three months after the passing of this Act be produced to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue and in default of production the ad valorem duty with interest thereon at the rate of five pounds per centum per annum from the date of passing of the Act to the date of payment shall be a debt due from the Council to Her Majesty.

6. All persons who immediately before the passing of this Act were entitled as owners (including in such term all parties by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 or the Settled Land Act 1882 enabled to sell and convey or release lands) of any estate interest or right of a profitable or beneficial nature in over or affecting Hackney Marshes (excepting any highway thereon) by this part of this Act vested in the Council or extinguished shall be entitled to claim compensation from the Council in respect of such estate interest or right and the amount of the compensation payable to such persons respectively by the Council shall be such as may be settled by agreement or failing such agreement by arbitration. Provided that if any owner of or person interested in any land adjoining or near Hackney Marshes would be injuriously affected by the extinguishment or closing of any private right of way over the said marshes under the powers of this Act the Council may if they think fit at any time after receiving any notice of claim for compensation in respect of the extinguishment or closing thereof (and whether in respect of such right only or in respect of such right together with any other subject of compensation) notify in writing to the claimant under the seal of the Council that they will not prevent such right of way from being exercised and enjoyed to the same extent and in the same manner as theretofore. And in such case such right of way shall continue unaffected by this Act and may be exercised and enjoyed as if this Act had not been passed and no compensation shall be payable by the Council in respect thereof. The amount of the compensation payable in any of the cases specified in section 101 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall (subject as hereinafter provided) be such as may be agreed upon between a committee of the parties mentioned in the said section and appointed in manner prescribed by the Lands Clauses Acts and the Council and failing such agreement in any case the amount of the compensation shall be such as may be settled by arbitration. The term "lands" in the Lands Clauses Acts shall for the purposes of this part of this Act be construed to include any estate interest or right in respect of which compensation is by this part of this Act made payable by the Council:

Provided that all arbitrations under this section shall be conducted by a standing arbitrator appointed as by this part of this Act prescribed and subject thereto in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement and such standing arbitrator shall for the purposes of each arbitration under this part of this Act be deemed to be a single arbitrator appointed by both parties:

Compensation agreed or awarded to be payable under this part of this Act shall (subject in the case of an award to any direction

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by the arbitrator to the contrary) be deemed to have been and to be due as from the date of the passing of this Act and (except as otherwise provided by any of the agreements in the next section referred to) to be payable together with interest thereon in the meantime until payment or deposit as by this part of this Act prescribed at the rate of four pounds per centum per annum :

If any part of Hackney Marshes vested in the Council under the powers of this Act is subject to any lease or tenancy nothing in this Act shall be deemed to compel the Council to purchase or acquire or to make compensation for such lease or tenancy provided they leave the same to expire by effluxion of time or terminate it by notice in accordance with the terms of such lease or the agreement for tenancy.

Confirmation
of agree-
ments.

7. The agreements of which copies are set out in Parts I. and III. of the schedule to this Act are hereby confirmed and made binding on the several parties thereto and shall be deemed to be agreements settling the amounts of compensation within the meaning of the last preceding section of this Act and the agreement between the drivers and the Council set out in Part III. of the said schedule is hereby made binding on the commoners as fully and effectually as if the drivers had been a committee duly appointed under section 103 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and such agreement had been entered into by them as such committee under section 104 of that Act which section shall be applicable in all respects as to the payment receipt and apportionment of the compensation payable under such agreement :

The agreements between the Council and the parties respectively named in Part II. of the schedule to this Act of which the dates are given in the first column of the said part of the said schedule shall be binding on the said parties and the Council respectively and the said agreements shall operate as fixing at the amounts stated in the third column of the said part of the said schedule the sums to be paid by way of compensation for all estates interests or rights of a profitable or beneficial nature in over or affecting Hackney Marshes by such agreements respectively contracted to be sold whether belonging to the respective vendors or capable under the Lands Clauses Acts or otherwise of being sold and conveyed or released by them subject nevertheless to the obligation of the respective vendors to produce a good title and to the other provisions contained in the said agreements respectively and such agreements shall be deemed to be agreements settling the amounts of compensation within the meaning of the last preceding section of this Act.

8. Upon payment of any money agreed or awarded to be paid by way of compensation under this part of this Act together with interest thereon at the rate (except as by the said agreements otherwise provided) of four pounds per centum per annum from the date of the passing of this Act to any person who shall adduce a good title to the satisfaction of the Council to the estate interest or right in respect of which such money shall be payable or upon the deposit in the Bank of England of any such money in manner prescribed by the Lands Clauses Acts in any case in which any person shall neglect or fail or be unable to adduce or make out to the satisfaction of the Council a good title to the estate interest or right in respect of which such money shall be payable or to give a valid receipt for such money and in any of the other cases specified in the Lands Clauses Acts in which compensation is required or authorised to be deposited in the Bank of England such person or the cashier of the said bank shall give to the Council or to the person paying or depositing such money a receipt for such money specifying for what and in the case of the same having been so deposited the title of the account to which the same has been paid or deposited and such receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the Council for the same.

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 Payment
 of compen-
 sation.

9. For the purpose of determining the amount of compensation in respect of any claim by this part of this Act directed to be determined by arbitration there shall be a standing arbitrator appointed and acting as follows (that is to say):—

Appoint-
 ment of
 standing
 arbitrator.

- (1.) The Board of Trade shall as soon as may be after the passing of this Act by writing under the hand of a secretary or an assistant secretary of the said Board appoint a person to act as such standing arbitrator;
- (2.) Any standing arbitrator may be removed from his office by the Board of Trade by writing under the hand of a secretary or an assistant secretary of the said Board;
- (3.) If any standing arbitrator dies or resigns or is removed from office the Board of Trade shall in manner aforesaid within one month after notice of his death resignation or removal appoint another person to be a standing arbitrator in his place;

Before any standing arbitrator enters upon the duties of his office he shall in the presence of a justice make and subscribe the following declaration (that is to say):—

I A.B. do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and honestly and to the best of my skill and ability hear and determine all matters which may from time to time be referred to me under the provisions of Part II. of the London Open Spaces Act 1893;

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(4.) And if a standing arbitrator having made such declaration wilfully acts contrary thereto he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Power to Council to grant rights or easements over Hackney Marshes.

10. The Council may from time to time as the consideration or part of the consideration for the purchase of lands or for any consideration which they may deem of public advantage grant (for a limited time or in perpetuity) to any person upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Council and such person any right or easement in over or affecting Hackney Marshes or any part thereof. Provided that the standing arbitrator shall at the request of the Council award that instead of making compensation for any private right of way over Hackney Marshes the Council shall permit such private right of way to be exercised and enjoyed by any person entitled thereto as before the passing of this Act:

And the standing arbitrator may if he thinks fit at the request of the Council and with the consent of any person entitled to compensation under this part of this Act award that the Council shall grant and thereupon the Council shall grant any such right or easement as aforesaid to such person in satisfaction wholly or in part of such compensation. Provided that no such right or easement shall be such as in the opinion of the Council shall be inconsistent with the due carrying into execution by the Council of the purposes for which Hackney Marshes are hereby vested in the Council.

Purchase of rights &c. by agreement.

11.—(1.) The Council may from time to time by agreement with any person who may by or by virtue of any such agreement or award as aforesaid for the time being be entitled to any such right or easement in over or affecting Hackney Marshes purchase or acquire such right or easement on such terms and conditions as the Council shall think fit:

(2.) Any person empowered by the Lands Clauses Acts or the Settled Land Act 1882 to sell and convey or release lands may subject to the provisions of the said Acts enter into any such agreement with the Council for the sale or release of any such right or easement as aforesaid.

Power to Council to exchange lands.

12. The Council may from time to time by agreement with any person exchange any lands forming part of Hackney Marshes for any other lands adjoining which the Council may think it desirable to substitute for such first-mentioned lands:

Any lands given by the Council in exchange under the authority of this part of this Act shall thereupon cease to form any part of Hackney Marshes although the same be shown on the deposited plans as part thereof:

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Any lands taken by the Council in exchange under the authority of this part of this Act shall thereupon be deemed to be and shall be held by the Council together with and as though the same were part of Hackney Marshes as shown on the deposited plans and this part of this Act shall be construed accordingly :

Any person empowered by the Lands Clauses Acts or the Settled Land Act 1882 to sell and convey or release lands may subject to the provisions of the said Acts enter into any such agreement with the Council for exchange of lands aforesaid.

13. The Council may from time to time open or make or permit or suffer any person (upon such terms and conditions as the Council may think fit) to open or make any foot carriage or other way over Hackney Marshes or any part thereof which the Council may deem proper for the use of the public. Provided always that until such way shall become repairable by the inhabitants at large the same shall continue subject to all by-laws for the time being in force with respect to Hackney Marshes.

Powers of Council as to roads over Hackney Marshes.

14. The Council may purchase and take by agreement all or any of the lands shown on the deposited plans of Hackney Marshes and thereon numbered 3 6 9 and 12 or any interests or rights in over or affecting such lands and any lands so acquired shall thereupon for all the estate and interest of the vendor in such lands conveyed to the Council but not further or otherwise be deemed to be and shall be held by the Council together with and as though the same were part of Hackney Marshes and this part of this Act shall be construed accordingly. Provided that the Council may subject to the provisions of this Act retain or remove alter enlarge or adapt any buildings on lands acquired under this section for any purpose which they may think conducive to the public benefit.

Power to acquire additional lands and hereditaments by agreement.

15. The board of works for the Hackney district shall and they are hereby required to contribute towards the costs and expenses of the Council in relation to the acquisition of and payment of purchase and compensation money for Hackney Marshes the sum of sixteen thousand pounds and such contribution shall be made within two months after the passing of this Act. The board of works for the Hackney district shall charge the amount of the said contribution of sixteen thousand pounds and all expenses connected therewith in the proportions following (that is to say) As to $\frac{1}{6}$ th parts thereof upon the parish of Saint John at Hackney and as to the remaining $\frac{1}{6}$ th part thereof upon the parish of Saint Mary Stoke Newington and shall direct the sum or sums necessary for defraying the said contribution and expenses so charged to be levied in the proportions aforesaid upon the said parishes respectively and all the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and

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the Acts amending the same with regard to the collection and levying of moneys chargeable on part of the district shall apply to the collection and levying of moneys charged on the said parishes respectively under the provisions of this Act. The board of works for the Hackney district and the district board or vestry of any other adjacent or neighbouring district or parish may from time to time contribute towards the purchase of the said lands numbered 3 6 9 and 12 on the deposited plans or any of them or further towards the purchase of Hackney Marshes any sum or sums which they may think fit to resolve.

PART III.

ALBERT PALACE BATTERSEA.

Transfer of
Albert Palace
and grounds
to Council.

16. In this Act the expression "the Albert Palace" means the lands and buildings delineated on the plan thereof signed by William Coddington the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred:

If the Albert Palace is granted and conveyed to the Council free of expense and freed and discharged from all encumbrances (the buildings together with the organ therein being in good repair and condition to the satisfaction of the Council) the Council may accept and hold for all the estate and interest therein of the grantors and shall thereafter manage and maintain the same for the use and recreation of the public.

Use of
Albert
Palace.

17. It shall be lawful for the Council after such grant and conveyance as aforesaid and so far as the same shall vest in the Council the fee simple of the Albert Palace free from encumbrances to utilise and adapt the Albert Palace or portions thereof for the purposes of a museum picture gallery or exhibition or for a library or for a reading music or lecture room or for a gymnasium or any like purpose and to appoint officers for the care and management thereof or for the Council to let on payment or otherwise or use the palace or any parts thereof for the purposes of meetings lectures entertainments or such other purposes as the Council may think fit and from time to time to make such reasonable charges for admission to the Albert Palace and on such occasions as the Council may think fit.

Contribu-
tions by
vestries to
expenses.

18. The vestry of Battersea and any other vestry or district board acting under the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and the Acts amending the same may from time to time contribute towards the purchase acquisition and extinction of all estates rights and interests in over or affecting the Albert Palace or the organ erected therein and any costs charges and expenses incident thereto such sum or sums as they or any of them may from time to time think fit.

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YORK WATER GATE.

19. The York Water Gate and the site thereof and the land adjoining thereto which are delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference under the numbers 1 and 2 in the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields shall subject to the provisions herein-after contained be by virtue of this Act transferred to and vested in the Council so far as they are not already vested in the Council and the Council shall preserve in its present position and maintain the said York Water Gate and may if they think fit make an entrance to the embankment garden through or by the side of the said gate from Buckingham Street :

York Water Gate &c. vested in Council.

Subject to the provisions herein-after contained the Council may enclose and throw into the said garden so much as they may think fit of the land transferred to and vested in them by this section.

20.—(i.) The Council shall not in any way interfere with the access of light and air to or with the view from the buildings upon the north side of the vacant space of ground numbered 1 as aforesaid or the premises known as No. 16 Villiers Street :

Further provisions as to property near York Water Gate.

(ii.) In the event of the Council adding to the embankment garden the said vacant space or any part thereof (except any part thereof used for the purpose of the aforesaid entrance to the embankment garden) the Council shall make and maintain in good condition such paths as are necessary for the approach to the doorways and windows at present opening or hereafter to be opened on to the said space of ground and shall unless otherwise agreed with the owners of the houses on the north side of the said land and of the house now numbered 16 Villiers Street (herein-after referred to as "the said houses") provide means whereby the owners of the said houses and their tenants servants and workmen employed about the said houses shall at all times be enabled to pass through at the points where Villiers Street Buckingham Street and York Buildings join the said space of ground :

(iii.) Unless and until the Council add any part of the said space of ground to the said garden the rights of the owners of the said houses in or over the said space (except any part thereof used for the purpose of the aforesaid entrance to the embankment garden) shall be and remain as at the date of the passing of this Act :

(iv.) In the event of the rebuilding painting or cleaning of or any alteration or repair to any of the said houses the owners thereof shall at all times have full and free liberty to enter upon and to erect temporary scaffolding ladders and other appliances upon the said

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(v.) It shall be lawful for the owner for the time being of Nos. 16 and 19 Villiers Street to erect an archway over the said vacant space or the site thereof to connect the said houses :

(vi.) Any of the provisions contained in this section may subject to any estates or interests of other parties be at any time altered by agreement between the Council and the owners of the said houses.

Power to purchase adjoining premises.

21. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Council may if they think fit for the purposes of the improvement authorised by this part of this Act purchase and take the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference under the number 3 in the parish of Saint Martin-in-the-Fields.

PART V.

HILLY FIELDS BROCKLEY.

Purchase and exchange of land at Hilly Fields Brockley.

22.—(1.) It shall be lawful for the Council to enter into and carry into effect any arrangement with the Corporation the preservation committee and the owners and lessees of and other persons interested in any part of Hilly Fields or lands adjoining the same as to the sale and exchange of any of the said lands at Hilly Fields so as to secure that not less than forty-one acres of land in such situation and with such boundary as the Council may approve shall be preserved and maintained by the Council as an open space and when such piece of land has been vested in the Council it shall be laid out by them as an open space and shall be thereafter dealt with as if it had been acquired by the Council for the purposes of and under the powers of The Open Spaces Acts 1877 to 1890 :

(2.) It shall be lawful for any of the said owners lessees and other persons to enter into and carry into effect any such arrangement as aforesaid :

(3.) It shall be lawful for the Corporation to sell and convey to the Council for such consideration as may be agreed upon between the Corporation and the Council or as in default of agreement may be settled in accordance with the provisions of section 9 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 all the estate and interest of the Corporation in the land at Hilly Fields and adjoining the same or any part thereof.

Contributions by vestries and district boards.

23. The board of works for the Greenwich district shall when required by the Council contribute towards the purchase and acquisition of the said lands and any costs and expenses incident thereto

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the sum of seven thousand pounds and any vestry or any other district board may from time to time contribute towards the purchase and acquisition of the said lands and any costs and expenses incident thereto such sum or sums as they or any of them may from time to time think fit The board of works for the Greenwich district shall charge the amount of any contribution made by them in aid of such purchase and all expenses connected therewith upon the parish of Saint Paul Deptford only and shall direct the sum or sums necessary for defraying the contribution and expenses so charged to be levied in the parish of Saint Paul Deptford only and shall exempt every other part of their district from the levying or collecting of any rate for the purpose thereof and all the provisions of the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and the Acts amending the same with regard to the collection and levying of moneys chargeable on part of the district shall apply to the collection and levying of any moneys charged on the parish of Saint Paul Deptford under the provisions of this Act.

PART VI.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

24. Where under the powers of this Act any vestry or district board of works acting under the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and the Acts amending the same are required or empowered to contribute towards the costs and expenses of the Council in relation to the acquisition of any lands any such vestry or district board may for the purpose of paying any such contribution or any part thereof borrow the requisite moneys and for the purpose of securing the repayment with interest of any moneys to be borrowed as aforesaid the vestry or district board may mortgage and assign all the moneys or rates authorised to be raised by such vestry or district board under the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and all the provisions of sections 183 to 191 inclusive of the last-mentioned Act shall apply to any borrowing by any vestry or district board under this section of this Act.

Contributions by local authorities.

25. It shall be lawful for any vestry or district board acting under the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and the Acts amending the same to erect and maintain on any of the open spaces belonging to or under the control of such vestry or district board buildings for the accommodation of keepers constables and other persons employed by them in connection with the maintenance and management of such open spaces and also such other convenient and ornamental buildings and such appliances as they may think requisite for purposes

Erection of buildings &c. by vestries.

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By-laws—
Parks &c.

26. Subject to the provisions of this Act any of the lands which may be acquired or managed by the Council under the powers of this Act shall be deemed to be included among the parks gardens and open spaces to which the provisions of the London Council (General Powers) Act 1890 with respect to by-laws (parks and open spaces) are applicable and the Council may make similar by-laws so far as applicable with regard to Albert Palace :

The Council may place upon any parts of the said lands any such buildings or erections as they may think desirable with a view to the utilisation thereof for the recreation and enjoyment of the public.

Limitation
of time for
purchase
of lands.

27. The powers of the Council for the compulsory purchase or taking of lands for the purposes of this Act shall cease after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Money to
be raised
on capital
account.

28.—(1.) The Council may expend on capital account for the several purposes of this Act herein-after stated such money as they may from time to time think fit in relation to each such purpose not exceeding the amounts herein-after stated viz. :—

	£
Hackney Marshes - - -	75,000
York Water Gate - - -	1,000
Hilly Fields Brockley - - -	25,000

And in order to raise or provide the money required for that purpose the Council may from time to time create and issue consolidated stock or resort to the consolidated loans fund or otherwise raise money in accordance with any of the provisions of the Acts for the time in force regulating the raising of money for capital purposes by the Council :

Provided that nothing in this Act shall authorise the borrowing and expenditure of any money on capital account after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four :

(2.) The Council shall make provision for the redemption of such stock or the repayment of any moneyp borrowed or expended on capital account for the purposes of this Act within a period of not exceeding sixty years from the date of the expenditure of such money in accordance with the provisions in relation to redemption

and repayment of the Acts relating to the raising and expenditure of money by the Council on capital account. A.D. 1893.

29. All costs and expenses of the Council in the execution of this Act (except so far as they may be otherwise provided for by this or any other Act) shall be defrayed as payments for general county purposes within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1888 and 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 Council in like manner.

As to payments under this Act.

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The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

PART I.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made the twenty-fourth day of February One thousand eight hundred and ninety-three between The Right Honourable WILLIAM AMHURST BARON AMHERST of Hackney (hereinafter called "the said BARON AMHERST") of the first part JOHN MITFORD the Chief Cashier of the General Post Office of the second part and THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF LONDON (herein-after called "the Council") of the third part.

Whereas the Council are desirous of acquiring certain lands and hereditaments in the county of London known as "Hackney Marshes" which are delineated on the plan hereto annexed (being the lands defined as "Hackney Marshes" in clause 4 of a Bill entitled "the London Open Spaces Act 1893" promoted by the Council in the present session of Parliament) and are Lammas lands within the manor of Lords Hold Hackney as an open space for the perpetual use thereof by the public for exercise and recreation :

And whereas the said Baron Amherst is tenant for life of the said manor of Lords Hold Hackney and of the hereditaments herein-after mentioned (forming part of the said "Hackney Marshes") under an indenture of settlement bearing date the third day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six and under such settlement he is also entitled to the fee simple thereof in remainder on his said life estate subject to certain limitations in favour of his son or sons by his present marriage (should there be any) and to the jointure of his wife and the portions of his younger children :

And whereas the said settlement contains a power of sale now vested in the said John Mitford as sole trustee thereof :

Now it is hereby agreed and declared between and by the parties hereto as follows :—

1. The said John Mitford at the request and by the direction of the said Baron Amherst testified by his being party to these presents shall sell and the Council shall purchase free from incumbrances :—

(a.) The fee simple subject to the Lammas rights of the pieces of land forming part of Hackney Marshes specified in the schedule hereto and delineated on the plan hereto annexed and thereon coloured pink ;

(b.) All other estates rights and interests in or over all the lands known as Hackney Marshes delineated in the plan hereto annexed which the said Baron Amherst or the said John Mitford as such trustee can convey (regard being had to the Act passed in the twenty-first year of the reign of King James I. regulating the customs of the manors of Hackney and Stepney).

2. The purchase-money to be paid for the said hereditaments and premises shall be the sum of 28,436*l.* 9*s.* which together with interest thereon at the rate of three per centum per annum calculated from the passing of the Act to be

applied for as afterwards mentioned to the expiration of two calendar months from the passing of such Act shall be paid at the expiration of such two calendar months and if the same be not paid at that time the Council shall pay interest on the said purchase-money at the rate of four per centum per annum from that time until actual payment.

3. The estates rights and interests referred to in Part (b) of Clause 1 hereof shall in particular include:—

(a.) All rights which the said Baron Amherst or the said John Mitford as such trustee as aforesaid respectively possess or can convey either as lord of or as belonging or incident to the manor of Lords Hold or as severalty owner of or as belonging or incident to the severalty ownership of Lammas lands over the said Hackney Marshes and all rights to and interests in respect of the gravel sand brick earth or other minerals lying under such lands;

(b.) All such rights of common (if any) over the said Hackney Marshes and all such rights of every kind over or in respect of lands forming part of the said Hackney Marshes which have at any time heretofore been enfranchised as the said Baron Amherst or the said John Mitford as such trustee may possess or can convey;

(c.) All benefits accruing in respect of the rights of escheat and forfeiture which they or either of them may possess or can convey as lord of or as incident to the said manor in respect of the said "Hackney Marshes."

4. (a.) The said Baron Amherst and the said John Mitford as such trustee shall at the cost of the Council deduce a good title to the hereditaments and premises hereby contracted to be sold:

(b.) Provided always that inasmuch as by the custom of the said manor the lord cannot sell the freehold of the copyhold portions of the said Hackney Marshes so as to sever it from the manor without the consent of the copyholder in each case this Agreement is made subject to such right and the Council if they desire to acquire such freehold in all or any of the said copyhold portions shall either procure the consent of each copyholder to the sale or conveyance of the freehold of his copyhold to the Council or purchase the copyhold interests or procure statutory powers for the said Baron Amherst or the said John Mitford to convey the freehold inheritance of the copyhold portions of Hackney Marshes and upon the fulfilment of one or other of these three alternatives by the Council and upon their observing the other stipulations of this Agreement the said Baron Amherst and the said John Mitford or one of them shall convey the freehold inheritance in all or any of the same copyhold lands to the Council the consideration for the same being included in the aforesaid sum of 28,436*l.* 9*s.* and in the meantime from the passing of the said Act until the conveyance of the said freehold inheritance the Council shall be intitled to all quitrents and fines if any accruing due in respect of the same copyholds and the said Baron Amherst and John Mitford shall not nor shall either of them after the date of agreement except with the consent of the Council enfranchise unless by law compelled so to do any of the same copyholds and in case after the date hereof the said Baron Amherst and John Mitford or either of them shall either by agreement with the consent

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of the Council or by compulsion of law enfranchise any of the same copyholds the Council shall be entitled to deduct the purchase-money fines or other sums paid as the consideration for such enfranchisement from the said sum of 28,436*l.* 9*s.* when the same shall be paid or to receive the said purchase-money fines or other sums if any such enfranchisement shall be carried out after the completion of the purchase :

(c.) The said Baron Amherst shall join in the conveyance to the Council for the purposes of granting assuring and confirming unto the Council all and singular the lands hereditaments rights and premises hereby agreed to be sold or conveyed to the full extent of his estate right power and interest under the said settlement or otherwise and as to such of the same premises (if any) as cannot be effectually sold and conveyed by the trustee under the power of sale in the said settlement for the purpose of entering into absolute covenants for title as if he were absolute owner thereof in fee simple in possession subject only to the interests of any son or sons of his present marriage (should there be any) under the said settlement and in particular of indemnifying the Council from the jointure and portions under the said settlement and of binding himself his heirs and assigns in case of any compulsory enfranchisements under the Copyhold Acts of any of the lands comprised in the said Hackney Marshes to reserve the minerals and thenceforth to hold all excepted minerals in trust for the Council.

5. As from the passing of the said Act the Council shall be entitled to possession and up to that time all outgoings shall be discharged by the said Baron Amherst such outgoings if necessary being apportioned for this purpose.

6. Such of the muniments of title in the possession or power of the said Baron Amherst and John Mitford or either of them (including muniments in the possession of mortgagees) as do not relate exclusively to the property sold will be retained by them or one of them or some person interested and the Council shall be entitled to the proper statutory acknowledgment of the right to production of the muniments so retained but neither the said John Mitford nor any other person being a trustee or mortgagee shall be required to give any undertaking for safe custody of any such muniments.

7. The said John Mitford shall not be required to enter into any covenant except the usual express or implied statutory covenant that he has not encumbered.

8. The property is believed and shall be taken to be correctly described as to quantity and otherwise and any error misstatement or omission in this agreement or the plan hereto annexed shall not annul the sale or be a ground for any abatement or compensation on either side.

9. If the Act herein-after mentioned be obtained the costs of the said Baron Amherst and John Mitford and all other necessary parties as between solicitor and client of the preparation and execution of this Agreement and also the cost of title and conveyance as provided by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall be borne by the Council.

10. The Council shall with all due diligence apply for and endeavour to obtain an Act of Parliament enabling them to purchase the whole of the said "Hackney Marshes" including power for them to carry out this present

Agreement and the said Baron Amherst and the said John Mitford will if requested so to do by the Council and at the Council's expense concur in the application for and otherwise assist the Council in obtaining such powers. The said Act may if thought fit by the Council contain provisions vesting the said Hackney Marshes as from the passing of such Act or any later period in the Council absolutely in fee simple discharged from all estates interests rights titles charges and incumbrances whatsoever in to over or affecting the same or any part thereof but subject to the obligation of making compensation in respect of any estate interest or right of a profitable or beneficial nature in over or affecting the said Hackney Marshes so to be by such Act vested in the Council or extinguished such compensation so far as regards the hereditaments and premises hereby agreed to be sold to be the said purchase-money hereinbefore agreed upon with such interest as aforesaid

11. If for any reason the said Act is not obtained by the Council before the end of the ordinary session of Parliament to be held in 1893 then the agreement for sale and purchase herein contained shall be at an end.

12. Notwithstanding anything herein-before contained the Council shall not be bound to apply for or endeavour to obtain the said Act unless contributions towards the purchase of the said Hackney Marshes to a total amount of 25,000*l.* shall be paid or secured to the satisfaction of the Council by bodies or persons other than the Council.

In witness whereof the said Baron Amherst and John Mitford have respectively hereunto set their hands and the Council have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the above Agreement.

Numbers on Marsh Map.	Acreage.			Numbers on Marsh Map.	Acreage.		
	a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
12	1	2	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	49	0	3	37 $\frac{3}{4}$
13	2	0	19 $\frac{2}{3}$	50	1	0	2 $\frac{4}{5}$
15	1	1	13	281	0	3	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
16	2	1	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	283	0	1	31
17	5	2	18	52	1	3	27
18	0	2	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	(part) 56	0	2	6
19	0	2	9	54	2	0	29 $\frac{1}{3}$
25	0	0	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	58	2	2	4
26	0	0	15 $\frac{2}{3}$	59	1	0	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
28	0	1	37	60	0	1	15
29	0	1	6 $\frac{1}{5}$	61	0	2	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
32	2	0	36 $\frac{1}{5}$	57	2	3	0 $\frac{1}{3}$
38	0	0	35 $\frac{1}{5}$	64	0	3	9
41	0	1	12	66	0	1	36
43	0	2	25	67	1	0	10
44	0	3	29	69	1	3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
45	0	1	29	71	0	2	30 $\frac{2}{3}$
279	0	0	38	72	0	1	15
48	0	2	7	74	0	1	3 $\frac{2}{3}$

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THE SCHEDULE—continued.

Numbers on Marsh Map.	Acreage.			Numbers on Marsh Map.	Acreage.		
	a.	r.	p.		a.	r.	p.
76	0	2	6 $\frac{1}{3}$	191	1	0	18
77	4	0	37	195	2	3	14
80	1	2	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	197	0	1	36
82	0	0	35	203	0	2	27
85	0	3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	(part) 205	—	—	—
88	0	3	24 $\frac{1}{3}$	207	0	0	28
91	1	0	10	209	1	2	15 $\frac{2}{3}$
93	0	1	26	212	0	2	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
97	0	1	25	216	0	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
98	0	1	36	220	0	2	0
101	2	3	17	221	0	1	0 $\frac{9}{20}$
105	0	2	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	222	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{3}$
110	2	1	20	230	0	0	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
111	0	1	26	277	0	1	19
174	2	3	25	238	0	2	27 $\frac{1}{4}$
175	0	1	34 $\frac{3}{4}$	278	0	0	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
117	0	1	15	242	0	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
119	4	3	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	246	0	2	31 $\frac{1}{3}$
123	2	2	2	248	1	0	2
130	0	1	20	249	0	2	26
133	0	1	35	257	2	0	13
137	0	3	11	258	0	2	25
156	0	2	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	259	1	0	5
158	1	0	38 $\frac{1}{5}$	260	0	1	37
167	1	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	264	0	2	28
168	0	1	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	266	0	2	21 $\frac{1}{2}$
170	1	0	0	267	0	0	36
177	0	1	19 $\frac{1}{3}$	268	0	0	22 $\frac{1}{2}$
182	0	3	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	269	0	2	27
183	3	1	33	274	0	1	32
184	0	3	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	275	1	1	24
187	1	1	23	285	0	1	39 $\frac{1}{5}$
188	1	0	39	142	0	0	28
190	1	2	4				

Witness to the signature of the said
WILLIAM AMHURST BARON
AMHERST of Hackney.

(Signed)

AMHERST of Hackney.
JOHN MITFORD.

NOEL VILLIERS
15 Great George Street
Westminster S.W.
Land Agent.

Sealed by Order
H. DE LA HOOKE
Clerk of the Council.

Seal of the
London County
Council.

PART II.

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Date of Agreement.	Name of Vendor.	Amount of Purchase money.		
		£	s.	d.
24 February 1893	Alderson's Devises	9,548	0	0
"	Ashpitel, Rev. Francis	32	6	0
"	Ashpitel, Rev. Francis, and Osborne Sheppard	776	10	0
"	Saint Bartholomew's Hospital Governors of	427	10	0
"	Bennett, Solomon	449	0	0
"	Brook, Abraham John, and Others	566	10	0
"	Bruford, Thomas	623	0	0
"	Button, Reuben	48	18	0
"	Cass, Sir John (Trustees of Charity)	5,429	0	0
"	Cheston, Chester	85	0	0
"	Crowdy, James	547	15	0
"	Curtis, James	*2,693	10	0
"	Gardiner, Rev. Canon	416	0	0
"	Glyn, Clayton Louis	1,190	0	0
"	Gardiner, Rev. Canon, and Others (Trustees of Hackney Charities)	4,416	0	0
"	Homewood, Jane	175	0	0
"	Kendall, (Ellen and George)	493	0	0
"	Larter, James Thomas	330	0	0
"	Lay, Daniel	106	0	0
"	Marriott, Charles	649	0	0
"	Paine, Charles Cleverly	279	9	0
"	Powell, James David	947	0	0
"	Robertson, Thomas David Deane	42	10	0
"	Robertson, William	69	10	0
"	Ryder, Henry Dudley	2,116	0	0
"	St. Thomas's Hospital (Governors of)	2,459	0	0
"	Sparks, Harold Elliott	1,298	0	0

* The purchase money in this case will be 2,393*l.* 10*s.* if a leasehold interest now subsisting is not got in by the Vendor before the date of passing of this Act.

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PART III.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT made the twenty-fourth day of February One thousand eight hundred and ninety-three between JOHN CROWFOOT of Chigwell Road in the county of Essex Esquire REUBEN BUTTON of Stamford Hill in the county of Middlesex Esquire THOMAS DAVID DEANE ROBERTSON of 217 New Kent Road in the county of London HENRY HOBSON of 98 Stamford Hill aforesaid Esquire CHARLES CLEVERLY PAINE of Cedar House Stamford Hill aforesaid Esquire SOLOMON BENNETT of 117 Richmond Road in the Parish of Hackney in the same county Esquire and WILLIAM EVANS GARSTIN of 5 Welbeck Street Cavendish Square in the same county of London being the persons appointed by the Homage of the Court Baron of the Manor of Lords Hold Hackney to be drivers of the Hackney Marshes (herein-after called "the drivers") of the one part and THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF LONDON (herein-after called "the Council") of the other part.

WHEREAS the Council are desirous of acquiring certain lands and hereditaments in the county of London known as "Hackney Marshes" which are all the lands delineated on the plan hereto annexed except those coloured pink (being the lands defined as "Hackney Marshes" in clause 4 of a Bill entitled "the London Open Spaces Act 1893" promoted by the Council in the present Session of Parliament) and are Lammas lands within the said manor of Lords Hold Hackney and are shortly about to apply for an Act of Parliament enabling them in this behalf:

And whereas the Council have entered or are about to enter into provisional contracts with the several owners of the said lands and hereditaments for the purchase of the same together with any Lammas or common rights which they respectively possess by virtue of such holdings but subject as to such of the freehold and copyhold tenants of the said manor as own other hereditaments in the said manor (which tenants are herein-after referred to as "the commoners") to the Lammas rights in respect of such other hereditaments:

And whereas the Council are desirous of obtaining a surrender or release by the commoners of their said rights of common over the said Hackney Marshes to the intent that the said Hackney Marshes may be held by the Council freed and discharged therefrom:

And whereas the drivers as drivers of the Hackney Marshes have certain powers of management over the commons of the said manor including powers for making by-laws for the regulation thereof:

Now it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto (the drivers acting on behalf of themselves and so far as they lawfully may or can on behalf of all other the commoners) as follows:—

1. The commoners shall by way of sale make and the Council shall accept a surrender or release of all rights of common over the said Hackney Marshes which the commoners may now possess in respect of hereditaments other than those forming part of "Hackney Marshes."

2. The purchase-money or compensation to be paid for such surrender or release shall be the sum of ten thousand pounds which together with interest thereon at the rate of three per centum per annum calculated from the passing of the Act to be applied for as herein-after mentioned until payment shall be paid by the purchasers to a committee of commoners appointed as directed by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845.

3. The drivers will use their best endeavours to induce all the commoners to assent to the purchase-money or compensation herein-before mentioned as the value of the common rights over the said Hackney Marshes.

4. As from the passing of the said Act the commoners shall not be entitled to exercise their rights of common over the said Hackney Marshes.

5. The commoners shall deduce a good title to the said rights.

6. If the Act herein-after mentioned be obtained the costs as between solicitor and client of the drivers and all other parties of the preparation and execution of this Agreement and also the costs of title and conveyance as provided by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall be borne by the Council.

7. The Council shall with all due diligence apply for and endeavour to obtain an Act of Parliament enabling them to purchase the said Hackney Marshes and all common rights over the same. Such Act may if it be considered desirable by the Council provide for enforcing and giving effect to this Agreement and the drivers will if requested so to do by the Council and at the Council's expense concur in the application for and otherwise assist the Council in obtaining such Act. The said Act may if thought fit by the Council contain provisions vesting the said Hackney Marshes as from the passing of such Act or any later period in the Council absolutely in fee simple discharged from all estates interests rights titles charges and incumbrances whatsoever in to over or affecting the same or any part thereof but subject to the obligation of making compensation in respect of any estate interest or right of a profitable or beneficial nature in over or affecting the said Hackney Marshes so to be by such Act vested in the Council or extinguished and may provide that such compensation so far as regards the rights hereby agreed to be sold shall be the purchase-money or compensation herein-before mentioned with such interest as aforesaid or may provide for the same being determined by agreement or otherwise in accordance with the provisions contained in sections 101 to 107 (inclusive) of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with or without any variations as to the appointment of an arbitrator for the purpose as Parliament may think fit.

8. If for any reason the said Act is not obtained before the end of the ordinary session of Parliament to be held in 1893 or if the Council shall not acquire all the interest of the lord of the manor and the severalty owners in the lands called "Hackney Marshes" shown on the plan annexed hereto before the end of such session then the Agreement herein contained shall be at an end.

9. Notwithstanding anything herein-before contained the Council shall not be bound to apply for or endeavour to obtain the said Act unless contributions towards the purchase of the said Hackney Marshes to a total amount of 25,000*l.* shall be paid or secured to the satisfaction of the Council by bodies or persons other than the Council.

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10. Provided always that each of the drivers is bound by this Agreement so far as the terms thereof are or ought to be performed by him or her his or her executors administrators or assigns but not further or otherwise.

In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and the Council have hereunto affixed their Common Seal.

JOHN CROWFOOT.
R. BUTTON.
T. D. D. ROBERTSON.
HENRY HOBSON.
CHAS. C. PAINE.
SOLOMON BENNETT.
W. E. GARSTIN.

Sealed by Order
H. DE LA HOOKE
Clerk to the Council.



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