



## CHAPTER civ.

An Act to authorise the Staines Reservoirs Joint Committee to execute further works to amend in certain respects the Staines Reservoirs &c. Act 1896 and for other purposes. A.D. 1898.  
[25th July 1898.]

**W**HEREAS by the Staines Reservoirs &c. Act 1896 (in this Act called "the Act of 1896") the Staines Reservoirs Joint Committee (in this Act called "the Joint Committee") were constituted and incorporated and were authorised to construct amongst various works certain reservoirs in the parish of Stanwell in the county of Middlesex therein called and in this Act referred to as Reservoir No. 1 and Reservoir No. 1A respectively :

And whereas it is expedient that the Joint Committee be authorised to enlarge the said reservoirs respectively and to acquire the lands necessary for that purpose and to execute the other works in this Act mentioned :

And whereas by the Act of 1896 a debenture stock "the Staines reservoirs guaranteed debenture stock" to be issued by the Joint Committee was created to the nominal amount of one million pounds and it is expedient in order to enable the Joint Committee to meet the additional expenditure required for the purposes of this Act that the nominal amount of the said stock be increased :

And whereas certain footpaths now exist over the sites of the Reservoirs No. 1 and No. 1A and were shown on the plans deposited for and referred to in the Act of 1896 as intended to be stopped up but it is doubtful whether looking to the provisions of that Act and especially of section 52 thereof the Joint Committee have power to stop up the said footpaths and it is expedient that the Joint Committee be expressly empowered to stop up those footpaths and in substitution therefor be required to make the footpaths shown on the plans deposited for this Act as herein-after mentioned :

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And whereas it is expedient that any doubt as to the power of trustees to invest trust funds in the Staines reservoirs guaranteed debenture stock be removed :

And whereas it is expedient that such further powers be conferred upon the Joint Committee and such other provisions made as are in this Act expressed :

And whereas plans and sections of the works by this Act authorised and books of reference to the said plans containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of the lands required or which may be taken for the purposes or under the powers of this Act have been deposited with the respective clerks of the peace for the counties of Middlesex and Bucks and are in this Act referred to as the deposited plans sections and books of reference :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Staines Reservoirs Act 1898.

Incorporation of general Acts.

2. The Lands Clauses Acts and the Waterworks Clauses Acts 1847 and 1863 (except the provisions of the Waterworks Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the amount of profit to be received by the undertakers) are (except where expressly varied by or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Interpretation.

3. Expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts incorporated herewith or by the Act of 1896 have in this Act the same respective meanings Provided that for the purposes of this Act in construing the Acts incorporated herewith the expressions "the undertakers" and "the promoters of the undertaking" and "the company" mean the Joint Committee.

Recovery of demands under 50%.

4. Proceedings for the recovery of any demand not exceeding fifty pounds made under the authority of this Act or any incorporated enactment whether provision is or is not made for the recovery in any specified court or manner may be taken in the county court.

Power to construct works.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Joint Committee may make construct lay down and maintain in the situation and lines shown on the deposited plans and according to the levels

shown on the deposited sections the works herein-after mentioned together with all necessary or convenient cuts channels adits catchwaters aqueducts culverts tunnels drains sluices gauges wells pipes railways tramways approaches buildings engines machinery and appliances and for that purpose may enter upon take and use the lands shown on the deposited plans or any of them The works authorised by this Act will be wholly situate in the county of Middlesex and are—

- (A) An enlargement of the Reservoir (No. 1) by extending the embankment on the southern side thereof as shown upon the plans deposited for and referred to in the Act of 1896 (herein-after referred to as "the plans of 1896") for a distance of about 9 chains eastwardly and by the construction of an embankment on the north-east side of the reservoir as enlarged from the termination of the said south embankment as extended as aforesaid to the embankment on the northern side of the said reservoir shown on the plans of 1896 in the field numbered on those plans 54 in the parish of Stanwell :
- (B) An enlargement of the Reservoir (No. 1A) by extending the embankment on the northern side thereof shown upon the plans of 1896 for a distance of about 9 chains eastwardly and by extending the embankment on the south-eastern side of the said reservoir shown upon the plans of 1896 for a distance of about 42 chains north-eastwardly and by the construction of an embankment from the eastern end of the embankment on the northern side of the said reservoir as extended as aforesaid to the eastern end of the embankment on the south-eastern side of the said reservoir as extended as aforesaid :
- (C) A line or lines of rails in the parish and urban district of Staines to be laid across and on the level of Water Lane as authorised to be diverted under the powers of the Act of 1896 :
- (D) A diversion of the road leading from Hanworth past the East London Waterworks to Ashford Common and an alteration of the levels of the said road where the same will not be so diverted as aforesaid not as shown upon the sections deposited for and referred to in the Act of 1896 (herein-after called "the sections of 1896") but as shown upon the sections deposited for this Act as aforesaid :

And upon the completion to the satisfaction of two justices and the opening to the public of such diversion (D) the Joint Committee may close and stop up for traffic so much of the existing road as will lie between the commencement and termination of such diversion and the site and soil of the portion of road so to be stopped up shall upon the completion and opening for public traffic

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of the diversion be by this Act vested in the Joint Committee freed and discharged from all public and private rights of way or other rights (if any) over the same and as from the completion as aforesaid of the road diversion the same shall be maintained and repaired by the authority liable to maintain and repair highways repairable by the inhabitants at large (other than main roads) in the district within which the same is situate:

(E) Alterations of the levels of the road on the plans of 1896 numbered 55 in the parish of Littleton and 30 in the parish of Ashford and of the road on the plans of 1896 numbered 18 in the parish of Ashford and 56 in the parish of Littleton and of the road on the plans of 1896 numbered 2 in the parish of Sunbury.

Power to deviate.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Joint Committee may in the construction of the works by this Act authorised deviate from the lines or position thereof as shown on the deposited plans relating thereto to any extent within the limits of deviation defined on those plans and where the line of any work is shown on those plans as passing along any road and no limits of lateral deviation are marked on the deposited plans the Joint Committee may in making such work deviate laterally to any extent within the boundaries of such road and the Joint Committee may also deviate from the levels of the works by this Act authorised as delineated on the deposited sections to any extent downwards and upwards (A) in the case of any portion of the works shown on the deposited sections below the present surface of the ground to any extent so long as such portion of works is not raised above the level of the present surface of the ground and (B) in the case of other portions of the works to any extent not exceeding five feet Provided that if it be found necessary or expedient in the enlargement by this Act authorised of the Reservoirs No. 1 and No. 1A or either of them to alter the situation of any embankment or retaining wall of any reservoir shown on the deposited plans or the plans of 1896 the Joint Committee shall not construct any such embankment or retaining wall of a greater maximum height above the general surface of the ground than three feet above the maximum height thereof shown on the deposited sections or as the case may be on the sections of 1896.

Time for completion of works.

7. If the works by this Act authorised are not completed within seven years from the passing of this Act then on the expiration of that period the powers by this Act granted for the making of such respective works or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease except as to such of them or so much thereof respectively as are or is then completed:

Provided always that the enlargement by this Act authorised of the Reservoirs No. 1 and No. 1A shall be commenced as soon as may be practicable after the passing of this Act and shall be prosecuted and completed with all due diligence.

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8. Notwithstanding anything in this Act or the Acts herewith incorporated the Joint Committee shall not for the purposes of sale take any waters in under or on the lands authorised to be acquired by them under this Act.

Water not to be taken from lands acquired under Act.

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

Power to persons under disability to grant easements &c.

10. The powers of the Joint Committee for the compulsory purchase or taking of lands under this Act shall cease after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Limit of time for compulsory purchase.

11. The Joint Committee shall not under the powers of this Act purchase or acquire in any parish or urban district ten or more houses which on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers or except with the consent of the Local Government Board ten or more houses which were not so occupied on the said fifteenth day of December but have been or shall be subsequently so occupied.

Restriction on taking houses of labouring class.

For the purpose of this section the expression "labouring class" means mechanics artizans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them.

12. Subject to the provisions of this Act and in addition to the other lands which they are by this Act authorised to acquire the Joint Committee may take purchase and acquire by compulsion or otherwise hold use and demise or otherwise deal with the lands and

Power to acquire additional lands.

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(A) A strip of land 25 feet or thereabouts in width in the parish of Wyrardisbury or Wraysbury in the rural district of Eton in the county of Buckingham for the purpose of forming a road or communication to the authorised works of the Joint Committee from a point at or near the south-east corner of the property numbered 3 in the same parish on the plans of 1896 to the main road from Wyrardisbury over Hythe End Bridge to Staines at a point about 9 chains south-westwardly from the west end of the said bridge :

(B) Certain lands in the parish and urban district of Staines in the county of Middlesex with the mill (Pound Mill) and buildings thereon situate immediately to the eastward of the Staines Station on the Staines and West Drayton Railway belonging to or leased by the Great Western Railway Company.

Joint Committee to abandon certain portions of their authorised works.

**13.** The Joint Committee shall abandon and relinquish the construction of so much of the authorised embankments and works of or connected with the said Reservoirs Nos. 1 and 1A as will be rendered unnecessary by the construction of the embankments for the enlargement of the said reservoirs by this Act authorised and may also abandon and relinquish the construction of the diversion authorised by the Act of 1896 of the roads on the plans of 1896 numbered 55 in the parish of Littleton and 2 in the parish of Sunbury.

Power to stop up footpaths shown on plans of 1896 over sites of reservoirs.

**14.** Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1896 and especially in section 52 of that Act the Joint Committee may stop up and discontinue for public or other traffic all or any of the footpaths shown on the plans of 1896 as crossing the sites of the Reservoirs No. 1 and No. 1A or either of those reservoirs and on the said plans shown as intended to be stopped up and in substitution therefor shall make the footpaths shown on the deposited plans and after the stopping up as aforesaid of such first-mentioned footpaths respectively all public and other rights of way or other rights (if any) therein or thereover shall be by this Act extinguished.

Power to divert certain footpaths.

**15.** The Joint Committee may in the parish and urban district of Staines in the county of Middlesex divert in the direction shown on the deposited plans the public footpath in Staines Moor on the plans of 1896 numbered 21 in the parish of Staines where the same is shown on the plans of 1896 within the limits of deviation for Aqueduct or Conduit No. 1 and may also in the parish and urban

district of Staines aforesaid divert the footpath crossing Shortwood Common numbered 38 in the parish of Staines on the plans of 1896 not in the direction shown on those plans but in the direction shown upon the plans deposited for this Act as aforesaid: A.D. 1898.

And the making of such diversions respectively shall be deemed to be purposes of Aqueduct or Conduit No. 1 Provided that nothing in this Act shall empower the Company to take any greater quantity of Staines Moor or of Shortwood Common than the quantities mentioned in reference to that moor and that common respectively in section 37 of the Act of 1896.

**16.** The Joint Committee shall as soon as practicable make and complete to the satisfaction of two justices and open to the public the new or diverted footpaths referred to in the two last preceding sections of this Act. Substituted footpaths to be completed as soon as practicable.

**17.** The Joint Committee may in the parish and urban district of Staines divert the stream known as the River Ash by carrying such diversion in the direction shown upon the deposited plans below a point in the said stream immediately to the south-westward of the bridge now carrying the main road from Staines to London over the said stream and the Joint Committee are subject as hereinafter provided by this Act relieved from any obligation which is or might be imposed upon them by section 45 of the Act of 1896 to carry the said main road over the said stream And when and so soon as such diversion shall have been made all public and other rights of way and other rights (if any) at and over the ford through the said stream at or near the bridge above mentioned and all or any roads leading to or from that ford shall be by this Act extinguished Provided always that in case of disagreement it shall be referred as a difference within the provisions of subsection (E) of section 46 of the Act of 1896 whether any and if any what works of improvement or widening of the said main road or bridge should be carried out by the Joint Committee. Power to divert River Ash.

**18.** Section 46 of the Act of 1896 shall apply as regards roads or bridges in Middlesex to all works by this Act authorised. Applying section 46 of Act of 1896.

**19.** The provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the temporary occupation of lands near the railway during the construction thereof incorporated with the Act of 1896 and the application of which is by section 44 of that Act limited to the reservoirs by that Act authorised and the works immediately connected therewith are hereby extended to and shall be applicable in the case of all or any of the works authorised by the Act of 1896 and those provisions shall also extend to and be applicable in the case of all or any of the works by this Act authorised. Extending certain provisions of Railways Clauses Act 1845 to all works authorised by Act of 1896 or by this Act.

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For pro-  
tection of  
Conservators  
of River  
Thames.

**20.** If the Conservators of the River Thames at any time construct across the River Thames at Penton Hook the weir referred to in the Act of 1896 as the Penton Hook Weir the Joint Committee shall not draw impound or take any water from the River Thames when the water is flowing over that weir at a rate per day of twenty-four hours of less than three hundred million gallons or such other quantity as may in accordance with the provisions of section 55 of the Act of 1896 be determined to be equivalent to two hundred and sixty-five million gallons over Bell Weir and the said conservators shall from time to time with all reasonable despatch give notice to the Joint Committee at their intake works at Staines when the flow at Penton Hook Weir aforesaid is in excess of and when it is less than three hundred million gallons or such other quantity as aforesaid.

Section 75 of  
Thames Con-  
servancy Act  
1894 not to  
interfere with  
taking of water  
by Joint Com-  
mittee.

**21.** The powers of section 75 of the Thames Conservancy Act 1894 shall not be so exercised as to interfere with or prejudice the taking of water by the Joint Committee at their intake by gravitation or otherwise.

Increasing  
nominal  
amount of  
Staines  
reservoirs  
guaranteed  
debenture  
stock.

**22.** Section 70 and the other provisions of Part VI. (Financial) of the Act of 1896 shall be read and have effect as if in the said section 70 one million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds had been named instead of one million pounds as the nominal amount of the Staines reservoirs guaranteed debenture stock and the moneys raised by the issue of such debenture stock shall in addition to the purposes to which the same are by section 82 of the Act of 1896 made applicable be applicable and may be applied by the Joint Committee in the payment of the costs charges and expenses of and preliminary and incidental to the applying for obtaining and passing of this Act and in the purchase of lands and execution of works by this Act authorised to be purchased or executed and in otherwise carrying this Act into effect being in each case purposes to which capital is properly applicable.

Extending  
section 84 of  
Act of 1896.

**23.** Section 84 (Provision in case of future purchase of undertaking) of the Act of 1896 shall be read and have effect as if the same had been enacted with reference to any advantage conferred upon the three companies therein referred to by or resulting from the passing of this Act as well as the Act of 1896.

Amending  
section 16 of  
Act of 1896.

**24.** Section 16 of the Act of 1896 shall be read and have effect as if the thirty-first day of July and the thirty-first day of January respectively had been mentioned therein as the dates on or before which the half-yearly balance sheets prepared by the Joint Committee should be reported by them to each of the three companies referred to in the said section.



**25.** Section 77 of the Act of 1896 shall be read and have effect as if after the words "including any premiums which may be obtained on the sale thereof" there had been inserted in that section the words "after deducting the expenses of and incident to such issue." A.D. 1898.  
Amending  
section 77 of  
Act of 1896.

**26.** The Staines reservoirs guaranteed debenture stock shall for the purposes of subsection (1) of section 1 of the Trustee Act 1893 be deemed to be debenture stock of each of the companies from whom interest on the first-mentioned stock is by section 78 of the Act of 1896 made recoverable. Trustees may  
invest trust  
funds in the  
Staines reser-  
voirs guaran-  
teed debenture  
stock.

**27.** Nothing in this Act shall prejudice alter or affect any of the rights powers authorities or privileges of the Conservators of the River Thames. Saving of  
rights &c. of  
conservators.

**28.** All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Joint Committee. Costs of Act.

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