



CHAPTER clvii.

An Act to confer further powers on the Higham and Hundred of Hoo Water Company. [25th July 1898.] A.D. 1898.

WHEREAS the Higham and Hundred of Hoo Water Company (herein-after called "the Company") were incorporated by the Higham and Hundred of Hoo Water Act 1890 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1890") for the purpose of supplying water within the limits by that Act prescribed:

And whereas by the Act of 1890 it was enacted that if in any parish within the limits aforesaid the Company shall not have made adequate provision for the supply of water within seven years from the date of the passing of the said Act the restriction on the construction of waterworks by a local authority imposed by section 52 of the Public Health Act 1875 shall not in respect of the Company apply to or be binding on the local authority (as defined by the said Public Health Act) of any such parish:

And whereas the Company have executed the necessary works as described in section 25 of the Act of 1890 for supplying with water the several parishes and places within the authorised limits of supply but they are not actually supplying the whole of the said parishes and places:

And whereas the Company are willing to supply such of the said parishes and places as are not already supplied by the Company if the Act of 1890 be amended as herein-after enacted:

And whereas it is expedient that other provisions be enacted as herein-after provided:

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Higham and Hundred of Hoo Water (Amendment) Act 1898. Short title.

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(Amendment) Act, 1898.

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Amendment
of section 4
of Act of
1890.

2. Section 4 of the Act of 1890 is hereby amended and in lieu of the proviso to the said section so far as the same is still operative the following provision shall have effect. If at any time after the expiration of eighteen months from the commencement of this Act the Company are not furnishing a sufficient supply of water in the parishes of Cobham Cuxton Luddesdown and Meopham any local authority having jurisdiction in the said parishes or any of them may provide a supply in the whole or any part of such parishes in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act 1875 and any company body or person may apply for an Act of Parliament or Provisional Order for the purpose of supplying water in such parishes or any part thereof not sufficiently supplied by the Company as if there were no company authorised by this Act to supply water therein.

If any difference shall arise between the Company and any such local authority company body or person as to the sufficiency of the supply of water in any part of such district such difference shall be settled on the application of either party by the Board of Trade.

Company
to receive
notice from
consumer of
water for dis-
continuance.

3. A notice to the Company from a consumer for a discontinuance of a supply of water shall not be of any effect unless it be in writing and be left at or sent by prepaid letter to the principal office for the time being of the Company.

Reduction
of interest
payable on
deposits.

4. The amount payable by way of interest on money deposited with the Company as security by any consumer shall as from the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven be at the rate of four pounds per centum per annum and section 54 of the Act of 1890 is hereby repealed as from the said date.

Costs of Act.

5. 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 Company.

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