



CHAPTER XXV.

An Act to authorise the County Council of Flint to raise a further sum of money for the completion of the Queen's Ferry Bridge. A.D. 1899.
[6th June 1899.]

WHEREAS by the Queen's Ferry Bridge Act 1894 (in this Act called "the Act of 1894") the County Council of the county of Flint (in this Act called "the Council") were authorised to make and maintain an opening bridge over the River Dee in the parish of Hawarden and the townships of Saltney and Sealand in the county of Flint:

And whereas at the time of the passing of the Act of 1894 the estimated cost of constructing the said bridge and the works connected therewith was thirteen thousand pounds to be contributed as follows viz. :—

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By the Cheshire County Council - . . .	3000
By the Dee Conservancy Board - . . .	4000
By landowners and others - . . .	1000
By the Council	5000

And whereas under the provisions of the Act of 1894 the Council are bound to construct the said bridge and to carry out the works connected therewith by the said Act authorised and thereafter to work and maintain the same and were for that purpose authorised (section 50) in addition to any sums which they were at that time authorised to borrow subject to the conditions and in the manner therein expressed to borrow such sum or sums of money as they should think fit not exceeding six thousand pounds and in order to secure the money so borrowed to mortgage the county fund and any revenues of the Council or such fund or revenues or any part of such revenues :

And whereas the Council in pursuance of the power so conferred and the obligation so imposed upon them have proceeded to

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construct the said bridge and relative works but the expense incurred and to be incurred by them in completing the same has amounted to upwards of twenty thousand pounds and after deducting the contributions above named to the cost of the said bridge and works there is now due and owing by them on account of the said cost a sum of upwards of six thousand pounds :

And whereas it is expedient that they should be authorised to borrow as herein-after provided such further money as may be necessary to enable them to pay off the debt so incurred and to be incurred by them in completing the said bridge and fulfilling the obligation incumbent on them with reference thereto and the works connected therewith as aforesaid :

And whereas the object aforesaid 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 :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Queen's Ferry Bridge Act 1899.

Power to Council to borrow.

2. The Council may (in addition to any sums which they are now authorised to borrow) borrow at interest for the purposes of this Act and the Act of 1894 such sum or sums of money as they may think fit not exceeding ten thousand pounds and such further sum or sums as may be sanctioned by the Local Government Board In order to secure the moneys so borrowed they may mortgage the county fund and any revenues of the Council or such fund or revenues or any part of such revenues subject to the same terms conditions and restrictions as are contained in sections 50 to 57 of the Act of 1894 in regard to the sum of six thousand pounds authorised to be borrowed by the Council by that Act Provided that any moneys borrowed with the sanction of the Local Government Board shall be repaid within such period not exceeding sixty years as that Board may approve.

Application of moneys borrowed.

3. The moneys by this Act authorised to be borrowed shall be applied in payment of the costs of this Act and also of the cost incurred or to be incurred by the Council in carrying out the powers conferred and in fulfilling the obligations imposed upon them by the Act of 1894 and to no other purpose.

Inquiries by Local Government Board.

4.—(1) The Local Government Board may direct any inquiries to be held by their inspectors which they may deem necessary in

regard to the exercise of any powers conferred upon them or the giving of any consents under this Act and the inspectors of the Local Government Board shall for the purposes of any such inquiry have all such powers as they have for the purposes of inquiries directed by that Board under the Public Health Act 1875.

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(2) The Council shall pay to the Local Government Board any expenses incurred by that Board in relation to any inquiries referred to in this section including the expenses of any witnesses summoned by the inspector holding the inquiry and a sum to be fixed by that Board not exceeding three guineas a day for the services of such inspector.

5. All the costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto as taxed by the taxing officer of the House of Lords or of the House of Commons shall be paid by the Council out of the moneys authorised to be raised by this Act or out of any of their revenues.

Costs of Act.

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