



Metropolis Management Act 1855

1855 CHAPTER 120

Provisions for Protection of Property and Works of Metropolitan and District Boards and Vestries, and preventing Obstruction in Execution of Works

CCIV Buildings not to be made over Sewers without Consent.

No Building shall be erected in, over, or under any Sewer vested in the Metropolitan Board of Works, or in any Vestry or District Board, without their Consent first obtained in Writing, and if any Building be erected contrary to this Provision the Board or Vestry in whom such Sewer is vested may demolish the Same, and the Expenses incurred thereby, shall be paid by the Person erecting such Building.

CCV Penalty on Persons sweeping Dirt into Sewers.

No Scavenger or other Person shall sweep, rake, or place any Soil, Rubbish, or Filth, or any other Thing, into or in any Sewer or Drain, or over any Grate communicating with any Sewer or Drain, or into any Dock or Inlet communicating with the Mouth of any Sewer or Drain, or into which any Sewer or Drain may discharge its Contents, or into the River *Thames* contiguous thereto; and every Scavenger or other Person who shall so offend shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

CCVI Penalty for wilfully damaging, &c. Lamps or other Property of Vestries or District Boards, or of the Metropolitan Board.

If any Person wilfully take away, break, throw down, or damage any Lamp set up for lighting any of the Streets in any Parish mentioned in either of the Schedules (A.) and (B.) to this Act, or wilfully extinguish the Light within the same, or damage the Iron or other Furniture thereof, or wilfully damage any other Property vested in any Vestry or District Board, or any Property vested in the said Metropolitan Board, it shall be lawful for any Person who sees such Offence committed to seize, as also for any other Person to assist in seizing, the Offender, and by Authority of this Act, and without any other Warrant, to convey him, or to deliver him into the Custody of a Police Officer in order to be secured and conveyed, before some Justice ; and if the Party accused be

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convicted of such, Offence he shall forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings, and shall also pay to such Vestry or Board the Amount of Damage done.

CCVII Persons carelessly or accidentally damaging Lamps, &c. to make Satisfaction.

In case any Person carelessly or accidentally break, throw down, or damage any such Lamp, or the Iron or other Furniture thereof, or other such Property as aforesaid, he shall pay the Amount of Damage done.

CCVIII Penalty on interrupting Workmen, &c. in Execution of Duties.

If any Person at any Time obstruct, hinder, or molest any Surveyor, Inspector, Collector, or other Officer, Workman, or Person whomsoever, employed by virtue of this Act, in the Performance or Execution of his Duty, every such Person so offending shall for the First Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings, for the Second Offence the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and for any subsequent Offence the Sum of Five Pounds.

CCIX Penalty upon Occupiers obstructing Execution of Works, or not disclosing Owner's Name.

If the Occupier of any Premises prevent the Owner thereof from carrying into effect, with respect to such Premises, any of the Provisions of this Act, or any Order of any Vestry or District Board made in pursuance thereof, he shall be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds for every Day during the Continuance of such Refusal or Neglect ; and if the Occupier of any Premises, when requested by or on behalf of the Vestry or District Board to state the Name and Description of the Owner of the Premises occupied by him, refuse or wilfully omit to disclose or wilfully misstate the same, it shall be lawful for any Justice to summon the Party to appear before him or some other Justice at a Time and Place to be appointed in such Summons; and if the Party so summoned neglect or refuse to attend at the Time and Place so appointed, or if he do not show good Cause for such Refusal, or if such wilful Omission or Misstatement be proved, the Justice before whom the Party is so summoned may impose upon the Offender a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

CCX Savings and Provisions in Local Acts applicable to Commissioners of Sewers to apply to Metropolitan and District Boards and Vestries.

All Savings and Provisions in Turnpike, Railway, Waterworks, Improvement, and other Acts, saving and providing for the Rights, Powers, and Authorities of the Commissioners of Sewers for any of the Parts which shall be within the Metropolis as defined by this Act, shall, so far as the same are not inconsistent with the Provisions of this Act, continue and be in force in favour of and with reference to the Metropolitan Board of Works and the several District Boards of Works and Vestries having the Management of Sewers under this Act, and in favour of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of *London*, so far as such Savings and Provisions respectively are now applicable to them, or to any Officer or Person so continued by the said Board.