

PULTENEY TOWN HARBOUR.

Amendment of Acts : New Works and Regulation of Harbour.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the following Acts, or some of them ; that is to say, ' An Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled ' An Act for incorporating certain persons therein named by the name and stile of ' The British Society for extending the Fisheries and improving the Sea Coasts of this Kingdom,' and to enable them, when incorporated, to subscribe a Joint Stock, and therewith to purchase lands, and build thereon free towns, villages, and fishing stations in the Highlands and Islands in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, and for other purposes." An Act passed in the fifty-fourth year of the reign of His said Majesty, intituled ' An Act to enable the Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Directors of the Society called ' The British Society for extending the Fisheries and improving the Sea Coasts of the Kingdom,' to levy certain rates and duties on vessels frequenting their Harbours ;' and another Act passed in the seventh and eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled ' An Act to explain and amend the Acts incorporating ' The British Society for extending the Fisheries and improving the Sea Coasts of the Kingdom,' for enlarging and improving the Harbour of Pulteney Town, in the County of Caithness ; and for lighting, cleansing, and improving the said Town, and better supplying the same with water,' or to repeal the said Acts, or any of them, in whole or in part, and to re-enact and consolidate the provisions thereof, or some of them, with such new and additional provisions as may be necessary or expedient. By which Bill it is intended to incorporate the said Society, and to alter and define the qualifications of the Governor, Deputy-Governor, and Directors thereof, and to regulate the actings and proceedings of the said Society, and to transfer to, and vest in the said Society, the full and absolute right and property of and in the Harbours of Pulteney Town, and all lands, heritages, works, property, and appurtenances thereto belonging or connected therewith, and of and in all other estates, lands, and property, heritable or moveable, acquired, or to be acquired by the said Society under the powers, and for the purposes of the said Acts and the said Bill, or otherwise, and to confer on and vest in the said Society the sole power of managing and regulating the said Harbours and Works, and other lands and property, of supplying with water the said Harbours and Works, and vessels entering or using the same ; and of appointing and regulating the Police, and other matters relating to or connected with the said Harbours, Works, and Property, and of making Bye-Laws and Regulations for the several purposes aforesaid, and to exclude, so far as may be necessary or expedient, the powers, controul, and jurisdiction of all other persons in reference to the said Harbours, Works, and Property.

And it is intended by the said Bill to fix and regulate the capital stock of the said Society, to take powers to raise additional capital and funds ; to assign and pay preferential or guaranteed dividends on existing stock or shares, or to create or issue new stock or shares with guaranteed or preferential dividends, and to dispose of shares or stock of the said Society by public sale or otherwise, and

on such terms and conditions as may be expedient, and to borrow money for the purposes of the said Acts and the said Bill.

And it is also intended by the said Bill to take power to alter, deepen, improve, and enlarge the said Harbours of Pulteney Town and the entrances thereof, and to make and maintain the following works or some of them, that is to say :—First, A Pier or Breakwater extending from the land at or near the Crane Rock, which is situated about 460 yards or thereby south-east of the present south pier of Pulteney Town Harbour, and which Breakwater is to extend into the Bay of Wick 520 yards or thereby so as to terminate within 200 yards or thereby of the north-east end of the present south pier of Pulteney Town Harbour. Second, Quays, jetties, curing ground, and roads, extending between the landward end of the aforesaid new Breakwater, and the landward end of the present south pier of Pulteney Town Harbour, and such other piers, docks, breakwaters, quays, graving and dry docks, patent slips, cranes, warehouses, roads, and approaches, or such alterations, diversions, extensions, and improvements of the existing harbour, piers, and works as may be necessary ; and Third, To divert and alter the course of the River Wick ; to make a new cut, channel, or course for the said River, commencing 100 yards or thereby north-west of Port Dunbar, and terminating about 300 yards or thereby north-west of the said Port Dunbar, and to straighten, scour, deepen, embank, or widen and otherwise to improve the said River and the Navigation thereof ; as the said several Works are described and defined on the Plan and Sections to be deposited as hereinafter mentioned, and which Harbours and River, and the Works intended to be made and maintained as aforesaid, are or will be situated partly in the Royal Burgh of Wick, and all in the Parish of Wick, and County of Caithness.

And it is also intended by the said Bill to define the limits of the said Harbours, and to extend the said limits so as to include within the same the new or extended Harbour, Quays, channel or course of the said River, and other Works to be made and maintained as aforesaid, and all the lands and property acquired, or to be acquired for the purposes of the said Acts and of the said Bill ; and also to include in the limits of the said Harbours the whole of the Bay of Wick, or so much thereof as lies within a straight line drawn from the North-head to the South-head of the said Bay of Wick, as shewn on the said Plan.

And it is also intended by the said Bill to take power to deviate in the construction of the several Works to be made and maintained as aforesaid, to the extent defined in the said Plan, and to acquire, by compulsory purchase or otherwise, the lands, houses, and other property required for the purposes of the said several Works ; to cross, divert, or stop up, temporarily or permanently, Rivers, Streams, Streets, Roads, Sewers, and Watercourses ; to vary or extinguish all rights or privileges connected with the lands, houses, rivers, and other property or works so to be taken or interfered with, which would in any manner prevent the execution of the said several Works, or the carrying into execution of the purposes of the said Acts and the said Bill ; and to confer, vary, or extinguish other rights and privileges.

And it is also intended by the said Bill to continue or to alter the several existing tolls, rates, assessments, duties and dues leviable under the said Acts, or any of them, or to repeal the same, and to take power to levy new or increased and additional rates and duties, tonnage dues, anchorage dues, and pilot