

altered, amended, and consolidated shape, and to enact other provisions.

And it is also intended by the said intended Act to provide that the Commissioners acting under the provisions of the said recited Acts (hereinafter called the "present Commissioners") shall cease to act, and shall go out of office.

And it is also intended to alter the qualification for Commissioners, and to provide for the election and appointment of a new Board of Commissioners, hereinafter called the "New Commissioners," for the conservancy, management, and regulation of the Port of Hartlepool and its appurtenances, which Port is defined in the said hereinbefore mentioned Acts, or some or one of them, or to alter the limits within which the new Commissioners shall exercise their powers and jurisdictions, and to vest in such new Commissioners the several rights, privileges, powers, jurisdictions, and authorities, or some of them, and also the several lands, tenements, hereditaments, and works, goods, chattels, and property now vested in, or lawfully claimed by the present Commissioners, and to impose on and give to the New Commissioners the debts, liabilities, duties, and obligations, or some of them, to which the present Commissioners are subject or liable, or for which they may be responsible.

And it is intended by such Act to apply for powers to make bye-laws for the regulation, management, and improvement of the said Port of Hartlepool, and the works within the same, either already constructed or hereafter to be constructed.

And it is also intended in the said intended Act to provide for the care and preservation of the present Light-house on the Heugh or Headland, constructed by the present Commissioners, and to take powers to hire vessels, keep life-boats, and to set up from time to time all proper lights, and to make all necessary and proper provisions for the preservation and protection of life and of ships resorting to the said Port, and to maintain the Pier, Jetty, Harbour, and other Works of the present Commissioners, or such part or parts thereof as the New Commissioners shall from time to time deem proper, and to alter and improve the same, and to set out boundaries and lay down, make, maintain, and grant licences for all necessary embankments, cuts, channels, sluices, reservoirs, piers, buoys, beacons, lights, light-houses, and other works, and to deepen, dredge, protect, and otherwise improve the bed, channels, and shores of the said Port to such extent as shall be expedient or necessary for the due conservancy of the said Port of Hartlepool and its appurtenances, and to prevent and remove all obstructions to the free navigation of the said Port and all encroachments therein, and to prevent the erection of Piers, Jetties, Quays, Wharfs, and other Works in the said Port, and within the limits of the said intended Act, which shall not be duly authorized, and which would interfere with or prejudice the free navigation of the said Port, and to prevent the throwing of ballast, mud, or other materials into the said Port or into the Sea, within certain limits to be defined by the said intended Act, and to impose penalties on all parties placing or continuing obstructions in the said Port, and to remove the same.

And it is also intended by the said intended Act to authorize the said New Commissioners to appoint and remove Port and Harbour Masters and other officers, and to place and remove buoys, beacons, and mooring chains in the said Port and in the Sea adjacent thereto, and to remove or compel the removal of wrecks which would impede or interfere with the navigation of the said Port.

And it is intended by the said intended Act to obtain powers for the purchase of lands, houses, tenements, and hereditaments, by agreement, for the purposes of the said intended Act.

And it is also intended by the said intended Act to alter or repeal the tolls, rates, and duties, now payable to the present Commissioners, and to alter the tolls payable to, or claimed by, the Corporation of Hartlepool, in respect of vessels using the said Port, and to repeal the same, or some part or parts thereof, and provide for the application of such tolls, or any present or future accumulation or surplus thereof, and to limit and define the purposes for which any tolls payable to the Corporation of Hartlepool shall be applied, and to alter and vary all existing rights and privileges, of and connected with the said Port of Hartlepool, and the Piers, Harbours, and Works of the present Commissioners, and the Corporation of Hartlepool, and all Harbours and Docks within or adjoining the said Port, and to levy other tolls, rates, and duties, and confer other rights and privileges, and to alter, vary, and extinguish all other rights and privileges, which could in any manner interfere with the objects and purposes of the said intended Act, and to compound for tolls, rates, and duties, and to confer, vary, and extinguish exemptions from tolls, rates, and duties, and to confer, vary, and extinguish other rights and privileges.

And it is also intended by the said intended Act to empower and require the New Commissioners to keep separate accounts of the tolls, rates, and duties to be respectively collected by virtue of the said beforementioned Acts, or the said intended Act, in respect of vessels entering or using the several different harbours and docks, within and adjacent to the said port, and of the expenditure of such tolls, rates, and duties respectively, and to appropriate such tolls, rates, and duties respectively, to objects from which all such harbours and docks shall derive a fair or equal benefit, or to separate objects within the limits of the said intended Act, in such manner as to secure the application and distribution of the monies arising from such respective tolls, rates, and duties respectively, to and among objects from which the vessels respectively using the different portions of the said port, where such tolls, rates, and duties shall respectively arise, shall respectively derive advantage. And it is intended by the said intended Act to make special provisions for securing and promoting such application and distribution of the said tolls, rates, and duties and otherwise, for the application of the said several tolls, rates, and duties, and the accumulation and investment thereof, or of parts thereof. And it is also intended to enable the said New Commissioners from time to time to alter and vary, decrease and increase, the several tolls, rates, and duties beforementioned, and to charge different tolls, rates, and duties in respect of vessels entering or using different portions of the said port, or different harbours in or adjacent thereto, so as to apportion the respective amounts to be collected as near as may be, to the benefit respectively to be derived by such vessels from the works or other objects made, maintained, or promoted by the present Commissioners and the new Commissioners.

And it is also intended by the said intended Act to provide that no monies, tolls, rates, or duties, to be received by the new Commissioners in respect of vessels entering or using the harbour and works of the Hartlepool West Harbour and Dock Company shall be expended on the works of the pier, jetty, harbour, and works appertaining thereto, now belonging to the present Commissioners, and leading to the Inner Harbour and Docks, now or late the property of the Hartlepool Dock and Railway Company, or their lessees or assigns, which pier, jetty, harbour, and works are now maintained by the present Commissioners, but are alleged to form the seaward works and entrance to the said last-named Company's works and docks, whereas