

15 Vict. cap. 16, relating to the Freemen's lands of the said borough, or wholly to repeal the said Act and make other provision in lieu thereof, and particularly to provide for the payment out of the borough fund of the said borough, of the compensation now payable to the freemen and freemen's widows of the said borough in respect of the rights of pasturage and other rights purchased by the Corporation in the said lands, and to release the Pastures Committee and their officers from further liability in respect of such compensation, and also to amend and extend the powers contained in the said Act, for the maintenance and protection of the Heugh and Headland of Hartlepool from the inroads of the sea, and for those purposes to enable the Corporation to construct and maintain in front of the said headland on the strand or shore of the sea a sea-wall or embankment, commencing in the said chapelry or township of Hartlepool, near the lighthouse, on the said Heugh or headland, at a point about 70 yards north-eastward from the new or north pier there, at the point marked A, on the plan of the sea-walls, to be deposited as hereinafter mentioned, and extending thence in a north-easterly direction to the point marked B, near the lighthouse, on the same plan, and also to construct and maintain a sea-wall or embankment from the point marked C, further northward, near to the lighthouse, on the same plan, and extending in a north-easterly direction round the headland to a point marked D, on the said plan, at the existing boundary of the said borough and chapelry; and also to construct and maintain an extension of the said sea-wall or embankment from the point marked D, further northwards, to near the far kiln in the township of Throston and parish of Hart at the point marked E, on the said plan, and to make openings in the said-sea wall or embankment, or ways over the same, in such places as may be considered expedient for access to and egress from the sea-shore for carriages, horses, or otherwise, and to fill in the spaces inclosed by such walls or embankments, and recover the same from the sea for the benefit of the Corporation and other owners of the lands on the Heugh or headland adjoining such walls or embankments, and to construct on such walls or embankments a public promenade, with powers from time to time to raise the same walls and embankments as the Corporation may deem expedient, and to remove and take away and use for the purposes of the said works any portions of the said cliffs which it may be necessary to remove, and of the loose rocks or stones fallen therefrom or otherwise lying on the sea-shore between high and low water-mark in front of the lands, to be protected by such sea-walls or embankments, the whole of which said sea-walls or embankments will pass or be made on the shore of the sea above low water-mark, and within the said parochial chapelry or township of Hartlepool, and the said township of Throston in the said parish of Hart, in the county of Durham.

And it is intended by the said Bill to authorize the Corporation from time to time to make, levy, recover, and receive rates and assessments, for or towards the expenses of the sea-wall, embankments, works, matters and things, to be authorized by the said Bill, or some of them, upon and from all or some of the owners, lessees, and occupiers of all descriptions of property, liable to be rated for the relief of the poor within all such parts of the borough of Hartlepool and of the parochial chapelry or township of Hartlepool, and of the parishes of Stranton and Hart, as are now included, or may be included, within the said borough and district, as so proposed to be extended, and to levy higher or different rates from some of such owners, lessees, and occupiers, than from others, and to grant total or partial exemptions from such

rates, and to provide for the making, levying, recovering, or receiving of such rates.

And it is intended by the said Bill to authorize the Corporation and the Local Board respectively to levy other rates and assessments upon the owners and occupiers, or owners or occupiers of houses, lands, tenements and hereditaments, within the borough and district, for carrying into effect the several powers and provisions by the said Bill to be vested in the Corporation and Local Board respectively, and to continue, or increase, or diminish the amount of rates authorized to be taken under the Municipal Corporations Act, or "The Public Health Act, 1848," and to levy new or additional borough rates, district rates, and other rates, and to confer, vary, and extinguish exemptions from the payment of tolls, rates, or duties, and to confer, vary, or extinguish other rights and privileges, and to raise by mortgage or otherwise, on the security of the borough fund, borough rates, and other existing or proposed rates, and other revenues and property of the Corporation or of the Local Board, or of either or both of them, such sums or sum of money as each body may require for carrying into effect the several powers and authorities to be vested in it by the said Bill, and for discharging all or any of its existing liabilities.

And it is intended by the said Bill to authorize and require the Hartlepool Port and Harbour Commissioners, incorporated by "The Hartlepool Port and Harbour Act, 1855," out of the funds by that Act authorized to be applied by the said Commissioners to the construction of the sea-walls or barriers and other works fourthly described in section 74 of that Act, or out of the general revenue of the said Commissioners, to pay and contribute funds towards the expenses incurred by the Corporation in the execution of the sea-walls, embankments, and works to be authorized by the said Bill, and which may be made by them under the powers thereof.

And it is also intended by the said Bill to authorize the Corporation and the Local Board respectively to purchase, by compulsion or agreement, any lands or buildings, or shore or bed of the sea, described on the plans to be deposited as hereinafter mentioned, or other lands or any rights or easements therein, which it may be necessary to purchase for effecting any of the objects of the said Bill, and to take down all buildings, and widen, narrow, divert, alter, or stop up, temporarily or permanently, all streets, roads, highways, railways, tramways, rivers, brooks, streams, canals, sewers, waters, watercourses, mains, pipes, gas-pipes, water-pipes, and aqueducts, which it may be necessary so to take down, widen, narrow, divert, alter, or stop up, for effecting any of the objects of the said Bill, and to lay down along any such roads or ways, and across any public or private lands any tramways, which may be necessary in the construction of the said works, and to alter, vary, or extinguish all rights, powers, privileges, easements, and immunities, in any manner connected with the lands, buildings, sea-shore, bed of the sea, harbours, docks, public and other works and property, to be purchased or affected by the said Bill, or which would or might in any manner prevent or interfere with the carrying into full and complete effect any of the objects and purposes of the said Bill, and to confer, vary, or extinguish other rights, powers, privileges, easements, immunities, and exemptions.

And it is intended by the said Bill to incorporate therewith, and extend to the purposes thereof, all or some of the powers and provisions of "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Towns