

Tees Conservancy.

(Purchase and regulation of Fisheries; transfer to Commissioners of Anchorage and Plankage Dues and Primage; vesting reclaimed lands in Commissioners; Powers to alter existing and take New Tolls and Rates; Repeal and Amendment of Acts; and for other purposes).

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 repeal, alter, and vary some of the powers and provisions of "The Tees Conservancy and Stockton Dock Act, 1852," and of "The Tees Conservancy Act, 1854," and to amend and extend the same, or to repeal the said Acts, and to consolidate all or some of the provisions thereof and of the said intended Act or Bill into one Act, and to confer on the Tees Conservancy Commissioners further and other powers in lieu thereof and in addition thereto; and also to confer on the said Commissioners powers for all or some of the following purposes; that is to say:

To purchase, compulsorily or otherwise, all existing rights of fishing in the River Tees or any part thereof, below Stockton Bridge, and to the extent of and within the jurisdiction of the said Commissioners, and to become the exclusive owners of such rights of fishing within such jurisdiction, and to enable the said Commissioners to lease or let the said rights of fishing in the said river, and to make regulations for the control of all vessels and persons engaged in fishing in the said river, and for preventing unauthorised vessels and persons fishing therein, and for preventing ballast being thrown from fishing vessels into the said river or in any other places than those appointed by the Commissioners for the purpose, and to make bye-laws and impose penalties for all or any of such purposes and connected therewith;

To make provision for the preservation and increase of the breed of salmon and other fish in the River Tees, and for better regulating the fisheries in the said river, between the point where the said river leaves the boundary of the county of Westmoreland and the eastern boundary of the jurisdiction of the said Commissioners at the bar or mouth of the said river Tees and the several streams running into the same, and for those purposes to vest the management and control of the said salmon and other fisheries in the said Commissioners, and to confer upon them all necessary powers for such purposes;

To alter and vary or fix and determine the annual close times and weekly close times and other periods during which it shall be unlawful to fish for, take, or kill salmon and other fish in the River Tees, and the rivers or streams running into or communicating with the same within the said limits, or within the mouth or entrance to the said river, and to fix, define, and regulate, with regard to fishing by nets and angling by rods respectively, the annual and weekly close times and other periods during which it shall not be lawful to fish for, take or kill any salmon, grilse, sea trout, bull trout, whittings, smelts, scurfs, summercocks, or any shell-fish or other fish of any kind, or any trout or other fresh-water fish in the said River Tees, and other rivers and streams as aforesaid, and within the mouth or entrance of the said river, and to provide for the preservation and increase of salmon and other fish as aforesaid, and the improvement of the fisheries therein; to regulate the times and manner of fishing by nets and by rods, or otherwise, and to make such provisions as may be necessary for the prevention of illegal fishing for, killing, taking, selling, or having possession of salmon and other fish as aforesaid;

and to provide against the constructing, forming, or setting in the said River Tees, or other rivers or streams as aforesaid, or within the mouth or entrance of the said river, of any erection or works, or any fixed net, boat, or machinery or apparatus for the purpose of taking or killing salmon or other fish as aforesaid, or which may obstruct the fishing therein, and against the laying or placing in, or allowing to flow into the said river and streams of matters or things injurious to fish, and to take power to remove or take away or alter all such erections, works, fixed nets, boats, machinery, apparatus, obstructions, matters, or things which now are or may be constructed, formed, set, or placed in the said River Tees, or other rivers or streams as aforesaid, or within the mouth or entrance of the said river, and also to provide for the detection and punishment by penalty, imprisonment, or otherwise, of offenders against the enactments of the intended Bill;

To levy rates or assessments for the purposes of the said Bill on and from the proprietors and tenants or occupiers, or either of them, of salmon fisheries in the said River Tees, or in any river or stream running into or communicating with the same, and in the mouth or entrance of the said river, and on the owners and occupiers of any lands adjoining the said river and streams which confer a right of fishing therein, and to confer vary or extinguish exemptions from payment of such rates or assessments, or to lease the said fisheries and rights of fishing and receive the rents thereof for a limited period, and to make such provision as may be necessary for the regulation of meetings, actings, and proceedings of the Commissioners, and the appointment of overseers and officers, and for the government of the overseers and officers appointed or to be appointed under and for the execution of the said Bill, and to grant powers to the said Commissioners, their overseers and officers, to enter upon lands adjoining the said river and streams in the execution of their duties, and to vary or extinguish all rights and privileges which would in any manner interfere with the execution of the powers of the said Bill, and to confer all such additional powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or expedient for carrying the same into effect;

To vest in the said Commissioners the right to all mud lands and foreshore reclaimed from the said river and estuary, by means of any of the works to be hereafter executed by the said Commissioners for the improvement of the navigation, but subject to a right of pre-emption or to a reasonable payment or compensation to the owners of the lands immediately adjoining the said river for the loss of water frontage, or to vest such mud lands and foreshore so reclaimed in such adjoining owners of lands subject to the payment to the said Commissioners of a sum in gross or of an annual sum by way of rent, for the value of the lands so reclaimed by the works of the said Commissioners, and to provide for ascertaining the amount of such compensation, sum in gross, or annual sum, and to enable the said Commissioners and the owners, lessees, and occupiers of such lands adjoining the said river and all bodies and persons claiming to be entitled to the bed and soil of the said river below high water mark, to enter into and carry out all necessary agreements for such purposes, and to enable the said Commissioners to improve and to sell or lease such lands so reclaimed;

To transfer to and vest in the said Commissioners the several dues, rates, tolls or charges respectively known as "the anchorage and plank-