

In Parliament—Session 1869.

St. Helen's Borough Improvement.

(Repeal, consolidation, and amendment of Acts, dissolution of Local Boards of districts of Sutton and Parr, discontinuance of Local Government Act, 1858, and other Acts within those districts and the borough; purchase of lands and properties, compulsorily or otherwise; powers as to sewage, drainage, cleansing, lighting, watching, paving, and improving and regulating the borough and the streets thereof; prevention of nuisances, maintenance of police force and fire brigade; providing, improving, maintaining, and regulating Town Hall, gaols, police and fire stations, markets and fairs, parks, museums, libraries, and slaughter houses; power to purchase the Town Hall belonging to the St. Helen's Town Hall Company; maintenance of existing water works, construction of new water works; power to purchase St. Helen's Water Works, and provide for dissolution of the St. Helen's Water Works Company; power to purchase the undertaking of the St. Helen's Gas Company, and provide for dissolution of the Company; power to lay down gas and water mains; new and altered tolls, rates, and duties; powers to borrow money, make by-laws, and impose penalties, and for other purposes.)

THE Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the town of the St. Helen's, in the county of Lancaster (who are hereinafter called the Corporation), intend to apply to Parliament in the next session thereof for a bill for the following or some of the following among other purposes (that is to say):—

To dissolve the Local Boards of the districts of Sutton and Parr, in the said county, and to rescind all resolutions and provisional or other orders whereby "The Public Health Act, 1848," "The Local Government Act, 1858," or any act wholly or partially incorporated with the two last-named acts, or either of them, has been put in force in any district within the borough of St. Helen's (hereinafter called the borough), and to repeal, so far as they relate to the borough, all acts of Parliament confirming such orders, and to transfer to the Corporation, subject to the provisions of the said bill, all or some of the powers, privileges, duties, and liabilities now vested in and enjoyed by or imposed upon the said Local Boards.

To vary, amend, and enlarge, or to repeal wholly or partially, and to consolidate and re-enact the Acts 6 Vic., c. 23, and "The St. Helen's Improvement Act, 1855," and to incorporate with the said bill, in extenso or by reference, all or some of the powers and provisions of "The Commissioners' Clauses Act, 1847," "The Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847," "The Town Police Clauses Act, 1847," "The Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847 and 1863," "The Gas Works Clauses Act, 1847," "The Markets and Fairs Clauses Act, 1847," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860," "The Public Health Act, 1848," "The Local Government Act, 1858," and "The Local Government Amendment Act, 1861," and also such parts of "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," relating to roads and the temporary occupation of lands, and to other matters, as may be deemed expedient, and to extend the operation of the said bill to the whole of the borough, and to confirm the letters patent granted to the Corporation by her present Majesty, bearing date the 5th day of March, in the 31st year of her reign.

To provide for the sewerage and draining of and the cleansing the sewers and drains within the borough, and for the carrying away, collecting, distributing, utilising, or selling the sewage, and to enable the Corporation to make such works as may be necessary for the several purposes aforesaid.

To vest in the Corporation all sewers and drains, whether public or private, within the borough, with the works and rights thereunto appertaining or necessary to the due supervision thereof.

To authorise the Corporation to make and maintain sewers and drains through private property, and for those purposes to acquire compulsorily easements in, through, and under land and buildings.

To constitute the Corporation the surveyors of highways within the borough, and to vest in them all existing and future streets, roads, public bridges, lanes, footways, squares, courts, alleys, passages, and ways within the borough (hereinafter referred to as highways), and the materials thereof, and to enable the Corporation to provide for the draining, levelling, cleansing, paving, watching, lighting, and improving all such highways.

To enable the Corporation to compel the draining, cleansing, paving, and improving any existing or future street, passage, or court (not repairable by the Corporation) by the owners, lessees, or occupiers of buildings situate therein, or abutting thereon, or in default thereof to execute the works necessary for the aforesaid purposes and recover the expenses thereof from the said owners, lessees, or occupiers.

To empower the Corporation to regulate the laying out of new streets within the borough, and to prescribe the level line and dimensions, and the time and mode of construction of such new streets, and the lines, frontage, height, and elevation of houses and buildings in such new streets or abutting thereon.

To provide for the naming and altering from time to time the names of existing and future highways within the borough, and the numbering and altering from time to time the numbers of the houses and buildings therein.

To empower the Corporation to authorise any house or building within the borough to be set forward or backward, or to take down or set forward or back any house or building for the improving the line of the street; to prevent, remove, or alter projections, obstructions, and dangerous openings in, upon, under, or abutting on any highways (including turnpike roads), pavement, footpath, or public place.

To empower the Corporation to remove, pull down, repair, or rebuild ruinous or dangerous buildings, and to recover the expenses thereof from the owners, lessees, or occupiers, and to sell the materials of any building so removed or pulled down.

To empower the Corporation to maintain and pay a police force and a fire brigade, and to acquire land and erect thereon, or on any land belonging to the Corporation, or otherwise to provide suitable gaols, court houses, station houses, and other buildings for both forces.

To provide for the construction of buildings to be hereafter erected in the borough in such a way as to prevent fire, and generally to make provisions within the borough as to the prevention of fire, consumption of smoke, the heights of chimneys, the position of steam and smoke pipes, and the discharge of steam from factories and other works, and the issuing of smoke or steam from buildings contiguous to highways, public roads,