

In Parliament.—Session 1880.

Stafford Borough.

(Powers to the Corporation to Purchase Compulsorily or by Agreement certain Lands and Rights in Coton Field; and certain other Lands adjoining or near thereto; Scheme as to dealing with Coton Field and other Lands; Sale and Exchange of Lands; Extension of Borough Boundary; Abandonment of Water Works authorized by "The Stafford Corporation Act, 1876;" Power to make other Works in lieu thereof; Extension of Limits of Supply; Extension of Time for Compulsory Purchase of Lands Authorized by that Act; New Streets and Improvements of Streets; Extension of School Board District to the whole of the Borough, and further Provisions in connection therewith; Provision as to Giving Notices in Cases of Infectious Diseases; Compulsory Connections with Sewers; Further Rating and Money Powers; Alteration and Extension of Borrowing Powers of the Corporation; Incorporation and Amendment of Acts, and other purposes.)

NOTICE is hereby given that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Stafford (hereinafter called "the Corporation") for leave to bring in a Bill for the following, or some of the following, among other purposes (that is to say):—

To enable the Corporation to purchase by compulsion or agreement certain parcels of land called or known by the name of the "Freehold Acres," situate in the township of Coton in the parish of St. Mary, Stafford, and within the municipal borough of Stafford, and forming part of the field or enclosure known as "Coton Field," which said parcels of land so to be purchased are sixteen in number, and are estimated to contain in the aggregate 19 acres 0 roods 7 perches, and are numbered respectively 6, 10, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, and 107, on the tithe map of the township of Coton aforesaid; and to provide for the extinguishment of all rights of way and other rights, privileges, and customs of every kind and description in and over the said several parcels of land, as well as in and over the whole of Coton Field aforesaid.

To enable the Corporation to purchase by compulsion or agreement the lands, houses, and buildings hereinafter described, or some of them, viz:—

1. A certain piece of land in the township of Coton aforesaid, belonging or reputed to belong to the Earl of Shrewsbury, containing 2 acres 2 roods and 29 perches or thereabouts, immediately adjoining Coton Field aforesaid, and situate to the north-west of the Double Gates in Coton Field aforesaid.
2. A certain piece of land in the parish of St. Mary, Stafford, also belonging or reputed to belong to the Earl of Shrewsbury, containing 2 roods and 38 perches or thereabouts, adjoining the south-western boundary of Coton Field aforesaid, and bounded on the west by land belonging or reputed to belong to the Justices for the county of Stafford.
3. A certain piece of land in the parish of St. Mary, Stafford, belonging, or reputed to belong to the said Justices containing 3 roods and 4 perches or thereabouts, bounded on the north by the piece of land lastly described; on the south by a water-course known as "Thieves' Ditch;" and on the east and west by certain other lands belonging or reputed to belong to the said Justices.
4. Certain lands, houses, and buildings, in the

parish of St. Mary, Stafford, adjoining the East-gate in Stafford aforesaid, and belonging or reputed to belong to the executors of the late Matthew Gaunt, and containing 11½ perches or thereabouts.

5. A certain piece of land in the parish of St. Mary, Stafford aforesaid, belonging, or reputed to belong, to John Hillman, containing 3½ perches, and adjoining the Borough Pinfold, and fronting to Crooked Bridge-road.
6. A certain piece of land in the parish of St. Mary, Stafford aforesaid, belonging or reputed to belong to William Henry Peach, containing 1 rood and 1 perch, and adjoining Coton Field aforesaid, and fronting to the Sandon-road.

To enable the Corporation to appropriate the whole of Coton Field aforesaid, including the said parcels of land called "the Freehold Acres"; and also the several pieces of land and other property so intended to be purchased as aforesaid (which field, parcels and pieces of land, and other property are hereinafter referred to as "Coton Field Estate"), to the following purposes, and to exercise the following powers with regard thereto, or some of them, that is to say:—

- (a.) The formation of a public park or parks and gardens, with all necessary promenades and inclosures for the general use and public recreation of the inhabitants of the borough, with power for the Corporation to cultivate and manage the said park or parks, gardens, promenades, and enclosures; and to make and enforce bye-laws for the proper maintenance, regulation, and protection thereof.
- (b.) The allotment of not less than 70 acres (hereinafter referred to as "the Allotments") as garden plots for the use of freemen of the borough upon such terms as may be defined by the Bill, with power to confirm any scheme which may have been or may be made in reference thereto.
- (c.) The sale, subject to chief rents or the granting of building leases by the Corporation, of not exceeding 50 acres, and to make provision for the appropriation of the moneys arising from any such sale or lease.
- (d.) The sale by the Corporation of the residue of Coton Field Estate, with power to receive the moneys to arise from every or any such sale, and to give effectual discharges for the purchase moneys to arise thereby, and to apply the proceeds of all and every such sales or sale in the payment of the costs and expenses of and incident to the application for and the obtaining and passing of the intended Act, including the costs of the freemen relating thereto; and to further apply such proceeds in manner to be defined by the Bill.

To vest the allotments in trustees, and to incorporate such trustees, and provide for their election and rotation, meetings, duties, and powers.

To provide for the management of the allotments, and the persons to, and the terms and conditions (as to quantity; rent, cultivation, forfeiture, and otherwise) on which the allotments shall be let, and to enable the trustees to recover such rent; and from time to time to make and enforce bye-laws and regulations for all or any of the purposes aforesaid.

To provide for the formation of a capital fund for the management of the allotments, and for the contribution thereto by the Corporation out of any of their corporate funds, and for the redemption by the Corporation of the tithe rent charge, land tax, and other incumbrances (if any) on the