

vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of Bridgwater aforesaid.

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#### INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Bridgwater Borough, in the county of Somerset, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for Bridgwater Borough and Haygrove Tything aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Office of the Clerk to the Commissioners of Taxes, situate in Bridgwater, on Thursday, the 26th day of March, 1885, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax for the division of Bridgwater Borough aforesaid.

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Witham Drainage (Steeping River).

Petition for Additional Provision.

(Substitution of New Works for those Described in Bill and Reduction of proposed Acre Tax, and of Amount, &c., Borrowed on Security thereof.)

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that application will be made in the House of Lords, by or on behalf of the General Commissioners for Drainage, by the River Witham (hereinafter called the Commissioners) acting under the Act of the second year of the reign of King George the Third, chapter 32, "for draining and preserving certain lowlands, called the Fens, lying on both sides of the River Witham, in the county of Lincoln, and for restoring and maintaining the navigation of the said river from the High Bridge, in the city of Lincoln, through the borough of Boston, to the sea," and under the (Local) Acts following, or some of them, namely:—41 George III, cap. 135; 43 George III, cap. 118; 52 George III, cap. 108; 58 George III, cap. 60; 2 and 3 Vict., cap. 34; the Witham Drainage Act, 1865; the Witham Drainage (Fourth District) Act, 1867; the River Witham Outfall Improvement Act, 1880; and the River Witham Drainage Act, 1881; for leave to amend the Bill now pending in that Right Honourable House, under the above-name or short title, and to make additional provision therein for affecting the purposes, or some of the purposes following, that is to say:—

Firstly. To confer upon the Commissioners power to execute (in substitution for the principal works proposed to be authorized by and described in paragraphs (A) to (J), both inclusive, of Clause 4 of the said Bill) the following, or some of the following works, that is to say:—

(a.) The straightening, deepening, widening, and improving of the channel of Steeping

River (sometimes known as Wainfleet Haven), hereinafter referred to as "the River," between the east side of Salem Bridge at Wainfleet, in the parishes of Wainfleet All Saints and Wainfleet St. Mary, in the parts of Lindsey, in the county of Lincoln, or one of those parishes, and a point in the river in the parishes of Croft and Wainfleet St. Mary, in the parts of Lindsey aforesaid, or one of those parishes, about 78 chains, measuring along the river below or to the eastward of the junction of the River Limb with the river, and about 53 chains measured in a stright line in an easterly direction from Croft Bank Station on the Wainfleet and Skegness Railway, which intended work will be made or pass through, from, or into the parishes of Wainfleet All Saints, Wainfleet St. Mary, and Croft aforesaid.

- (b.) A new cut or channel (No. 1), wholly in the parishes of Croft and Wainfleet St. Mary aforesaid, commencing at or near the termination of the intended work (a) above-described, and terminating at a point in the river about 35 chains (measuring along the river), in a westerly direction from the Wainfleet Sea Clough.
- (c.) The straightening, deepening, widening, and improving of the river in the parishes of Croft and Wainfleet St. Mary aforesaid, between the termination of the intended work (b) above-described, and a point in the river about 4 chains (measuring along the river) west of Wainfleet Sea Clough.
- (d.) A new cut or channel (No. 2), commencing in the parish of Croft aforesaid at or near the termination of the intended work (c) above-described, and terminating in the river in the said parishes of Croft and Wainfleet St. Mary aforesaid, or one of them, at a point about 7 chains (measuring along the river) below or to the eastward of Wainfleet Sea Clough.
- (e.) The construction in the parish of Croft aforesaid of a new sea sluice in the intended new cut or channel (No. 2) above-described, and immediately to the south of Wainfleet Sea Clough.
- (f.) The straightening and improving of the river between the intended new sluice or clough lastly above-described, and a point in the river in the parish of Wainfleet St. Mary aforesaid, about 5 chains southward from the junction of Wainfleet Marsh Sluice Outfall with the river.
- (g.) The removal of the Wainfleet Stauch, and the construction in lieu thereof of a new and larger stauch in the parish of Wainfleet St. Mary aforesaid, at a point in the intended new cut or channel (No. 1), distant about 4 chains eastward from the intended commencement thereof, as above described.

And secondly. To reduce the maximum amount of the Acre Tax to be annually levied in respect of lands within the area to be taxed, under the powers of the Bill, from 9*d.* per acre to 6*d.* per acre, and to reduce the amount to be borrowed on the security of such rates.

And notice is hereby given, that plans and sections of the proposed substituted works, and showing the lands, houses, and bridges which may be taken, or will be vested in the Commissioners for the purposes thereof, with a book of reference to the plans, and a copy of this notice as published in the London Gazette, will, on or before the 13th day of March instant, be deposited for public inspection with the Clerk of the