

"And whereas by the South Stockton Local Board (Water) Act, 1884, the said Local Board were empowered to acquire from the Corporation of Stockton one sixth part of their interest in the said Waterworks Undertaking and for such purpose were authorized to borrow not exceeding one hundred and sixty thousand pounds and to secure the same by mortgage of the Water Revenue and their District Fund and General District Rate.

"And whereas by an Order of the Local Government Board dated the twenty-eighth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in pursuance of the powers given by 'The Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act, 1876,' as amended and extended, by 'The Poor Law Act, 1879,' the Local Government Board ordered that the portion of the town and borough of Stockton which was situated to the south of the middle of the River Tees, and was otherwise bounded by the townships of Thornaby, Linthorpe, and Stainton, should cease to be part of the said township and borough of Stockton and county of Durham, and should be amalgamated with the township of Thornaby and form part of the North Riding of the county of York, and that the said Order should take effect on the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven.

"And whereas by an Order of the Local Government Board dated the second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, ordered that a Joint Board should be formed as therein mentioned and should be permanently constituted the Port Sanitary Authority for the Ports of Middlesbrough and Stockton, and that the expenses incurred by the said Port Sanitary Authority should be contributed by the authorities therein mentioned including the Urban Sanitary Authority for the Local Government District of South Stockton and exempting from such expenses the Rural Sanitary District of the Middlesbrough Union.

"And whereas the said Order of the second January, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, was amended by a further Order of the Local Government Board dated June thirty one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

"And whereas by 'The Stockton and Middlesbrough Waterworks Act, 1888,' the said Local Board were authorized to borrow on the security of the Water Revenue and their District Fund and General District Rate, in addition to the powers given by the Act of 1884, further sums of one thousand one hundred and fifty-five pounds and four thousand pounds together with such sum as might be required for the purposes of defraying their proportion of the costs, charges, and expenses of obtaining and passing that Act.

"And whereas by a Local Act of Parliament passed in the fifty-third and fifty-fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, Queen Victoria, intituled 'An Act to amend the Acts relating to the supply of water by the Stockton and Middlesbrough Water Board, and to confer further powers on the said Board, and for other purposes,' herein called 'The Stockton and Middlesbrough Waterworks Act, 1890,' the Local Board were authorized to borrow on the security of the Water Revenue and their District Fund and General District Rate, in addition to the sums authorized by the Acts of 1884 and 1888, a sum not exceeding thirty-two thousand six hundred and ninety pounds together with such sum as might be required for the purposes of defraying their proportion of the

costs, charges, and expenses of obtaining and passing of the said Act.

"And whereas under and in pursuance of the said Stockton Bridge Act, 1881, the Local Board have paid to the Joint Committee for executing that Act the sum of sixteen thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, which amount has been borrowed by the Local Board on the security of their District Fund and General District Rate, and provision was made for the repayment of the money so borrowed by way of annuity, and fifteen thousand six hundred and fifty-eight pounds ten shillings and four pence part of the said sum of sixteen thousand two hundred and fifty pounds the repayment whereof is so charged upon the District Fund and the General District Rates of the district of South Stockton is still outstanding and unpaid.

"And whereas under and in pursuance of the Stockton and Middlesbrough Waterworks Acts, 1884, 1888, and 1890, the said Local Board have borrowed the sum of one hundred and thirty-one thousand pounds the repayment whereof, with interest, is charged upon the District Fund and General District Rate of the said district of South Stockton for the purposes of the said Acts and provision was made for repayment thereof by way of annuity.

"And whereas one hundred and twenty-seven thousand and twelve pounds eight shillings and eight pence part of the said sum of one hundred and thirty-one thousand pounds so charged upon the District Fund and General District Rates of the said district of South Stockton is still outstanding and unpaid.

"And whereas it is expedient that provision be made for the continuance, transfer, and vesting of the Bridge and Water Undertakings of the Local Board and other property, rights, powers, and privileges conferred by or acquired under the Acts of 1881, 1883, 1884, 1888, and 1890 as by this scheme mentioned.

"And whereas under and by virtue of the Burial Act 1853, and the Acts amending the same, a Burial Board was appointed for the parish of Thornaby the area whereof is coextensive with the area of the borough of Thornaby-on-Tees.

"And whereas under and by virtue of the Elementary Education Act, 1870, and the various Acts amending the same, a School Board was formed for the School District of the township of Thornaby, hereinafter called the Thornaby Township School Board and District respectively, the area whereof is coextensive with the area of the borough of Thornaby-on-Tees.

"And whereas the Local Board are the Urban Sanitary Authority for their said district of South Stockton as extended as aforesaid and the Guardians of the Poor of the Middlesbrough Union, in the said North Riding of the county of York, are the Rural Sanitary Authority for amongst other places the said remaining portion of the township of Thornaby and such Urban Sanitary Authority and Rural Sanitary Authority and the Burial Board and the School Board are Local Authorities within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882 and of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1885.

"And whereas this scheme was before being settled by the Committee of Council referred for consideration to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department to the Local Government Board and to the Committee of the Lords of the Privy Council on Education (hereinafter referred to as the Education Department).

"And whereas it is expedient that a scheme