

ceived in respect of such sale, and to make other provisions in reference thereto.

To enable the Board, within their water limits, to have, enjoy, and exercise all the powers, rights, and authorities of an urban sanitary authority under the Public Health Acts, 1875 and 1878, and the Acts amending the same, with respect to the supply of water.

To authorise the Board to purchase additional lands by agreement and to acquire easements in, through, under, and over public and private lands, roads, streets, footways, and highways, and to lay down, maintain, and renew mains, pipes, apparatus, and works in, through, over, or under streets, roads, footways, highways, thoroughfares, railways, tramways, bridges, canals, rivers, streams, watercourses, sewers, drains, pipes, and telegraph apparatus, within the limits for the supply of water, and to break up and interfere with the same.

To authorise the Board and any other sanitary authority or any company, body, commissioners, or persons to enter into and carry into effect contracts and agreements for a supply in bulk or otherwise by the Board, of water within or beyond their limits of supply, and to confer upon the Board special powers with reference thereto.

To make provisions for the transfer of the portion of the undertaking of the Kent Company within the county of London, or part thereof, and with or without the sources of supply, works, wells, and pumping stations, to the London County Council or any Company or authority that has been or may be established by Parliament for the supply of water within the county of London.

To empower the Board to borrow money for the purchases aforesaid, or either of them, and to borrow and re-borrow moneys on mortgage, debentures, or debenture stock, and to issue and create perpetual, redeemable, and other annuities, and to charge the payment of the sums borrowed and the said annuities issued and created upon their undertaking, and the funds and district rates of the respective districts of the Kent Authorities.

To authorise the Board to exercise all or some of their borrowing powers by the creation of stock in the manner provided by Part V of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, or under the Local Loans Act, 1875.

To provide for the application by the Board of the revenue and profits arising from their water undertaking, and for meeting any deficiency in the revenue of the Board, and for the apportionment and payment of such deficiency between and by the Kent Authorities respectively.

To empower the Board to make, levy, and recover rates, rents, assessments, and other charges for the supply of water, and other purposes of the Bill, and to increase, alter, repeal, or extinguish existing rates, rents, assessments, and charges, and to make new or increased rates, rents, assessments, and charges in lieu thereof, and to grant exemptions from rates, rents, assessments, and charges, and to compound with the owners and occupiers of houses and premises for the payment of such rates, rents, assessments, and charges.

To provide for the payment of the costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing, applying for, obtaining, and passing the intended Act, and the carrying of the powers of the intended Act into execution.

The Bill will or may vary and extinguish all powers, rights, authorities, and privileges in-

consistent with, or which would in any manner impede or interfere with the carrying into complete effect any of the objects and purposes of the Bill, and will confer other powers, rights, authorities, and privileges.

To incorporate in the intended Act or to extend and make applicable to the purposes thereof all or some of the provisions of the Waterworks Clauses Acts, 1847 and 1863; the Commissioners' Clauses Act, 1847; the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847; and the Town Police Act, 1847; and the Public Health Acts, 1875 and 1878.

To alter, amend, extend, enlarge, or to repeal so far as may be necessary for the purposes of the Bill, all or some of the provisions of the Kent Waterworks Act, 1809, and all other Acts relating to the Kent Company, and the Lambeth Waterworks Act, 1848, and all other Acts relating to the Lambeth Company.

Printed copies of the proposed Bill will, on or before the 21st day of December next, be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1896.

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Birkenhead Corporation (Ferries).

(Purchase and acquisition by Corporation of Rock Ferry and New Ferry; Power to maintain and work such Ferries; Application to such Ferries of provisions of Acts and bye-laws relating to existing Ferries of Corporation; Power to construct New Pier at Rock Ferry; Provisions as to efficient service of Ferry between New Ferry Pier and Liverpool; Power to Borrow Money; Amendment of Acts, &c.)

NOTICE is hereby given that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next Session by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Birkenhead (hereinafter called "the Corporation") for an Act for all or some of the following purposes, that is to say.—

To authorize the Corporation to purchase and acquire the ferries across the River Mersey between the Cheshire side of the River Mersey and Liverpool, known respectively as Rock Ferry and New Ferry, together with all piers, landing stages, lands, plant, property, and rights belonging to or connected with such ferries respectively.

To authorize and empower the Corporation to enter into contracts or agreements with the owners of such ferries respectively with respect to the purchase of such ferries, and to confirm and give effect to any such contracts or agreements which have been or may be entered into before the passing of the intended Act.

To authorize the Corporation to work, maintain, and improve such ferries, or either of them, and in connection therewith to construct all such