

In Parliament—Session 1907.

LONDON PORT AND DOCKS.

(Extending and Defining Limits of Port of London and Jurisdiction and Powers of Thames Conservators; Imposing Rates on Goods Imported into Port of London; Provisions for Collection and Recovery of such Rates, Penalties, Apportionment of Rates between London and India, Surrey Commercial and Millwall Dock Companies and Conservators; Powers to Commissioners of Customs and Provisions as to Accounts and Inspection thereof, and of Books of said Commissioners and Registers of Vessels and as to Recovery of Rates from said Commissioners; Provisions as to Fixing and Regulation of Rates; Power to said Dock Companies to Levy Rates, &c., in respect of Lighters, Barges, &c., and repeal of Exemptions Relating to and to Ballast and Goods Discharged or Received from and by Lighters and Barges, and Provisions as to Ascertainment and Recovery of such Rates, and as to Services to be Performed by Dock Companies in Relation to Barges and Lighters; Alteration and Assimilation of Tonnage Rates and Rents and Fixing and Regulation of Certain Rates on Goods Leviable by and Provisions as to Charges for Services Performed by said Dock Companies; Imposing obligations on said Dock Companies with Respect to Improvements of Docks, &c.; Powers to Board of Trade to Require such Improvements and Control Expenditure of said Dock Companies; Limitation of Dividends on and Provisions with Respect to Issue and Disposal of Capital of said Dock Companies with Respect to Formation of Reserve Funds by and Application of Income of such Companies; Extension of Dredging and other Powers of Conservators; Power to Board of Trade to Require Conservators to Exercise Powers and Execute Works and Imposing other Obligations on Conservators; Power to Board of Trade to Increase Number of Conservators; Power to Board of Trade and Commissioners of Woods to Transfer Land and to Conservators to Purchase Land and to Borrow Money and Apply Funds; Provisions with respect to Securities of and Keeping of Accounts and Application of Surplus Income of Conservators; Provision as to Payment of Costs of Bill by Dock Companies and Conservators or out of Rates and Application of Funds by those Bodies; Agreements between Conservators and Dock Companies; Amendment and Repeal of Acts, &c., &c.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for leave to bring in a Bill for effecting the purposes or some of the purposes following (that is to say) :—

To define and prescribe the limits of the Port of London to which the Bill will relate so as to include all or any portion of the River Thames between Teddington Lock and a line drawn from the pilot mark at the entrance of Havengore Creek, in the county of Essex, to the land's end at Warden Point in the Isle of Sheppey, in the county of Kent, and all islands, rivers, streams, creeks, waters, watercourses, channels, harbours, docks, and places within the before mentioned limits and the whole or any part of any area which for the time

being is under any Act to be deemed to form part of the Port of London and to extend the limits of the Port of London for the purposes of the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894, and if thought fit to alter and amend the definition of "the Thames" in section 3 of the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894, and extend the limits of the jurisdiction of the Conservators of the River Thames (hereinafter called "the Conservators") for all or such purposes as the Bill may define over the River Thames so as to embrace all or any portion of the area of the Port of London as so defined (hereinafter referred to as "the Port of London").

To impose rates, dues and charges (hereinafter referred to as "goods rates") upon animals, goods, articles, merchandise and things (hereinafter referred to as and included in the expression "goods") imported into the Port of London from parts beyond the seas (including goods from such parts transhipped at any other port in the United Kingdom and thence imported into the Port of London) other than (1) goods on any vessel passing though any part of the Port of London on a voyage solely between places situate on the River Medway or the River Swale and not within the Port of London and any other places not within that port; (2) goods to be transhipped directly from one ship to another for immediate conveyance by the latter ship to some other port and which are the subject of a through bill of lading to such other port; (3) and such other descriptions of goods as may be specially exempted under the provisions of the Bill and to make provision for the collection and recovery of such rates, dues and charges by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs or by such other body or persons as the Bill may prescribe and to confer upon the said Commissioners or other the body or persons so prescribed and their officers and servants (hereinafter referred to as and included in the expression "the collecting authority") all necessary powers in that behalf and to make provisions for securing the payment of such goods rates and the giving of information by masters and owners of vessels and owners and consignees of goods and others and to impose penalties on persons evading or aiding or abetting in the evasion of payment of goods rates or otherwise failing to comply with the provisions of the Bill.

To make provision for the payment of the cost of the collection of the goods rates to be imposed as aforesaid, and for the payment (after deducting such costs) to the London and India Docks Company, the Surrey Commercial Dock Company and the Millwall Dock Company (hereinafter called "the Dock Companies") respectively of the goods rates levied in respect of goods landed, discharged or unshipped in or at their respective docks, canals, basins, locks, cuts and entrances, quays, piers or other works and to the Conservators of the goods rates levied in respect of goods not so landed, discharged or unshipped or otherwise to provide for the application of the sums received in respect of such goods rates and for the allocation and apportionment thereof to and between the respective Dock Companies and the Conservators or if thought fit to confer powers upon the Dock Companies and the Conservators or any of them of themselves collecting and recovering such goods rates or any of them.

To make all necessary provision for ascertaining the amount of goods rates due to any of the Dock Companies and to the Conservators and for the recovery of the same by them respectively from the collecting authority and for the keeping by