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FIRST SCHEDULE

MINOR AMENDMENTS

PART I

The Land Drainage Act, 1930

- 1 In sub-paragraph (ix) of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section four (which enables a scheme under that section to provide, among other matters, for the transfer of rights and liabilities to new drainage boards) the word " new " shall be omitted.
- 2 In subsection (4) of section six (which enables a river board to enter into agreements with certain authorities for the carrying out by those authorities of work in connection with the main river which the river board are authorised to do) for the words " borough or urban district" there shall be substituted the words
“county, county borough or county district”,
and at the end of the subsection there shall be added the words
“and may enter into a like agreement with any internal drainage board, and any such agreement with an internal drainage board may extend to work outside the internal drainage district but not within any other internal drainage district.”.
- 3 Any consent required under paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section seven (which relates to the carrying out by an internal drainage board of works affecting the interests of another internal drainage board) may be given subject to reasonable conditions ; and subsection (4) of the section (which provides for certain questions arising under that section to be referred to the Minister for decision) shall have effect as if the questions mentioned therein included the question whether any condition subject to which any such consent was given was reasonable.
- 4 (1) In paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section twenty (which provides for the apportionment of expenses of a catchment board among the councils of the several counties and county boroughs wholly or partly included in the catchment area on the basis of the total of the rateable values of hereditaments in that area) for the words from " on the basis " to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words
“on the basis of the product, estimated in such manner as the Minister may direct, of a rate of one penny in the pound for so much of the respective areas of those councils as is situated within the catchment area”.
- (2) In subsection (4) of that section (which requires councils of counties and county boroughs to supply statements of the totals of rateable values of hereditaments in a catchment area) for the words " the totals of the rateable values of all such hereditaments in the respective areas of those councils as are" there shall be substituted the words
“the product, estimated in such manner as the Minister may direct, of a rate of one penny in the pound for so much of the respective areas of those councils as is”.
- 5 At the end of paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section twenty-six (under which an occupier who has paid an owner's drainage rate may recover the amount paid by him from the owner) there shall be added the words
“and may deduct that amount from any rent payable by him to the owner”.

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- 6 After subsection (4) of section twenty-six there shall be inserted the following subsection:—
- “(4a) A drainage board may require the owner of any hereditament in the district in respect of which a drainage rate is levied to state in writing the name and address of any person known to him as being an occupier of that hereditament; and if the owner fails to comply with the requirement or knowingly makes a false statement in respect of the information required, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds”.
- 7 At the end of section twenty-eight (which provides for the amendment of drainage rates) there shall be added the following subsection:—
- “(3) Where in pursuance of this section a drainage rate has been amended, any amount overpaid shall be repaid or allowed and any amount underpaid may be recovered as if it were arrears of the rate.”
- 8 At the end of subsection (2) of section twenty-nine (which requires drainage boards to determine the annual value of land not assessed to income tax. under Schedule A) there shall be added the words
- “having regard to the annual values, for the purposes of income tax under Schedule A, of comparable land in their district, other than those which have been ascertained by reference to rents fixed by agreements commencing after the end of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six”.
- 9 In subsection (3) of section twenty-nine the words " whose decision shall be final " shall be omitted.
- 10 In subsection (4) of section twenty-nine (which enables drainage boards to obtain from surveyors of taxes particulars required for the purposes of drainage rates) for the words " on payment at a rate not exceeding five shillings for every hundred entries numbered separately " there shall be substituted the words
- “on payment at such rate as the Treasury may determine”.
- 11 For subsection (2) of section thirty-one (which enables a drainage board to authorise their clerk to institute, carry on or defend proceedings in relation to drainage rates) there shall be substituted the following subsection :—
- “(2) A drainage board may by resolution authorise any member -or officer of the board, either generally or in respect of particular proceedings, to institute or defend on their behalf proceedings in relation to a drainage rate or to appear on their behalf, notwithstanding that he is not qualified to act as a solicitor, in any proceedings 'before a court of summary jurisdiction for the issue of a warrant of distress for failure to pay a drainage rate.”
- 12 For subsection (1) of section thirty-two (which enables a local authority to contribute, in certain circumstances, to the expenses of drainage works) there shall be substituted the following subsection :—
- “(1) A local authority may contribute, or undertake to contribute, to the expenses of the execution or maintenance of any drainage works by a drainage authority such an amount as, having regard to the public benefit to be derived therefrom, appears to the local authority to be proper.”

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- 13 In subsection (1) of section thirty-four, in paragraph (b) (which empowers a drainage board to remove mill dams, weirs, or other obstructions to watercourses) after the word " remove " there shall be inserted the words
“or alter”.
- 14 In subsection (3) of section thirty-four (which provides for compensation to persons injured in the exercise of powers under that section) for the words from " shall be determined" to the end of the subsection there shall be substituted the words
“shall be determined by the Lands Tribunal”.
- 15 In section thirty-nine (which enables arrangements to be made between the drainage boards of adjoining drainage districts for the execution and maintenance of drainage works, but does not extend to river boards) the words " not being a catchment area " shall be omitted in both places where they occur.
- 16 In subsection (1) of section forty-three (which confers on persons authorised by drainage boards power to enter and survey land and to inspect documents) the words " within the drainage district" in paragraph (a) and the words " in the drainage district" in paragraph (b) shall be omitted.
- 17 (1) Section forty-four (which prohibits the erection, without the consent of the drainage board, of any mill dam, weir or other like obstruction to the flow of any watercourse) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In the proviso to subsection (7) (which provides for compensation to persons injured in the exercise of powers under that subsection) for the words from " shall be determined " to the end of the subsection there shall be substituted the words
“shall be determined by the Lands Tribunal”.
- (3) At the end of the section there shall be added the following subsection:—
“(9) Nothing in this section shall apply in relation to any watercourse which is part of the main river.”
- (4) Where the erection or alteration of a culvert would be likely to affect the flow of any watercourse, the said section forty-four shall apply in relation to the erection or alteration as it applies in relation to the erection or alteration of such an obstruction as is mentioned in subsection (1) of that section.
- 18 (1) The power of a drainage board under subsection (1) or subsection (2) of section forty-five to acquire land shall include power to secure the creation of an easement or other right over land in their favour.
- (2) In subsection (4) of that section (which enables a drainage board to sell or exchange land not required for the purposes of their functions) the word " let" shall be inserted after the word
“sell”.
- (3) For the purposes of section twenty-six of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1959 (which, subject to certain exceptions, dispenses with the need to obtain the Minister's consent to the exercise of certain powers) the power conferred by sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph shall be deemed to have been conferred by an enactment passed before the commencement of that Act.

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- 19 The power of a drainage board under subsection (1) of section forty-six to borrow money for the purpose of discharging loans previously contracted shall be exercisable without the sanction of the Minister, and references in that subsection to the execution of the Act of 1930 shall be construed as including references to the execution of this Act.
- 20 (1) In paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section forty-seven (which enables byelaws to compel persons to cut vegetable growths in a watercourse) for the words " in the watercourse " there shall be substituted the words
- “in or on the bank of the watercourse”.
- (2) In subsection (8) of that section (which imposes a fine not exceeding twenty pounds for a contravention and a further fine not exceeding five pounds for every day on which an offence is committed or continued) there shall be substituted, for the word
- “. twenty”the word " fifty", and for the words " the offence is committed or continued " the words " the contravention or failure is continued after conviction ".
- (3) After the said subsection (8) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
- (8a) If any person acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with, any byelaw made under this section, the drainage board may, without prejudice to any proceedings under subsection (8) of this section, take such action as may be necessary to remedy the effect of the contravention or failure, and may recover the expenses reasonably incurred by them in doing so from the person in default.
- (4) Subsection (2) of that section, except in so far as it requires byelaws to be confirmed by the Minister, and subsections (3) to (7) thereof shall not apply to byelaws made by virtue of section thirty-four of this Act; and subsection (8) of the said section forty-seven shall apply in relation to such byelaws in substitution for section two hundred and fifty-one of the Local Government Act, 1933.
- 21 In subsection (2) of section fifty (which enables the councils of counties and county boroughs to exercise the powers conferred on drainage boards by section twenty-eight of this Act) after the words "county borough", in each place where they occur, there shall be inserted the words
- “or county district”; and after that subsection there shall be inserted the following subsection :—
- “(2a) Before exercising in relation to any watercourse or part of a watercourse in a river board area any power conferred on it by subsection (2) of this section a council shall notify the drainage board concerned, that is to say, if the watercourse or part is in an internal drainage district, the drainage board of that district, and, in any other case, the river board.”
- 22 (1) Section sixty-one (which relates to the protection of certain public undertakings) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) after the words with the consent of the undertakers ", and in subsection (2) after the words " with the consent of the railway company ", there shall be inserted the words
- “(which may be given subject to reasonable conditions but shall not be unreasonably withheld).”
- (3) At the end of subsection (1) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

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- “(e) the undertakings of Area Boards (within the meaning of the Gas Act, 1948) and the undertaking of the National Coal Board”.
- (4) In subsection (3) after the word " aforesaid " there shall be inserted the words
- “or whether any consent is being unreasonably withheld or whether any condition subject to which any consent was given was reasonable”.
- (5) The references in the said section sixty-one to the Act of 1930 shall be construed as including references to section forty-six of this Act.
- 23 In section sixty-two (which safeguards fishery interests) the references to the fishery interests shall be construed as including references to the interests of sea fisheries and the references to the Act of 1930 as including references to this Act.
- 24 Section seventy-one (under which drainage authorities other than river boards are liable to pay fees in respect of business transacted by the Minister) shall cease to have effect.
- 25 In section eighty-one, in the definition of " main river " (which extends that expression to certain appliances for controlling or regulating the flow of water in or out of the channel) after the word " water " there shall be inserted the word
- “into”.
- 26 At the end of paragraph 2 of Part I of the Second Schedule (which requires the Minister, before making an order, to consider any objections duly made to the draft order) there shall be added the words
- “and in making the order the Minister may make such modifications in the terms of the draft as appear to him desirable”.
- 27 In paragraph (ii) of the proviso to paragraph 1 of Part II of the Third Schedule (which excludes the qualification of a person to be elected to a drainage board as being the owner, or a person nominated by the owner, of any land if at the date of the election an owner's drainage rate has remained unpaid for more than one month) for the words "has remained unpaid for more than one month " there shall be substituted the words
- “remains unpaid, unless either the date of the election falls less than six months after the beginning of the period for which the rate was made or the land was occupied, when the amount was demanded, by a person who, as between the owner and the occupier, was liable to pay the owner's drainage rate.”.
- 28 In paragraph 2 of Part II of the Third Schedule (which relates to the term of office of the first members of a drainage board) for the words from " until " to the end of the paragraph there shall be substituted the words
- “until the expiration of one year from the first day of November next following the day on which they are appointed”.
- 29 For paragraph 12 of Part II of the Third Schedule (which relates to the remuneration and expenses of the chairman and members of a drainage board) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—
- “12 The Minister may, if he thinks fit, by order authorise the board to pay to the chairman of the board for the purpose of enabling him to meet the expenses of his office such allowance as may be specified in the order. 12a. A drainage board may pay any reasonable expenses incurred by its members and officers

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in attending meetings of the board or a committee or sub-committee thereof, in carrying out inspections necessary for the discharge of the functions of the board, or attending conferences or meetings convened by one or more drainage boards, or by any association of drainage boards, for the purpose of discussing matters connected with the discharge of the functions of drainage boards ; and any reasonable expenses so incurred in purchasing reports of the proceedings of any such conference or meeting.”

PART II

The River Boards Act, 1948

- 30 (1) In subsection (1) of section ten (which provides for the apportionment of expenses of a river board among the councils of the several counties and county boroughs wholly or partly included in the river board area on the basis of the totals of the rateable values of hereditaments in that area) for the words 'from " on the basis " to " river board area " there shall be substituted the words

“on the basis of the product, estimated in such manner as the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may direct, of a rate of one penny in the pound for so much of the respective areas of those councils as is situated within the river board area”.

- (2) For subsection (4) of that section there shall be substituted the following subsection:

“(4) The councils of the several counties and county boroughs wholly or partly included in a river board area shall from time to time, if and when so required by the river board, furnish to the board a statement of the product, estimated in such manner as the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may direct, of a rate of a penny in the pound for so much of the respective areas of those councils as is situated within the river board area”.

- 31 The power of a river board under paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section eleven to borrow money for the purpose of the repayment of money previously borrowed shall be exercisable without the consent of the Ministers referred to in that subsection.

- 32 In subsection (6) of section sixteen (which enables a person entitled under that section to enter any land to take with him such other persons as may be necessary) after the words " such other persons " there shall be inserted the words

“and such equipment”;

and in subsection (4) of that section (which requires twenty-four hours' notice before admission is demanded to any land used for residential purposes) after the word " purposes" there shall be inserted the words

“and admission with heavy equipment to any other land”,
after the words " shall not" there shall be inserted the words

“except in an emergency”;

and for the words " twenty-four hours " there shall be substituted the words

“seven days”.

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- 33 At the end of paragraph 2 of the First Schedule (which requires the Ministers, before making an order, to consider any objections duly made to the draft order) there shall be added the words
- “and in making the order the Ministers may make such modifications in the terms of the draft as appear to them desirable”.
- 34 At the end of paragraph 3 of the Second Schedule (which provides for the appointment of members of a river board for a term of three years beginning on the first day of November) there shall be added the words
- “but if for any reason a member is appointed on or after the day on which he ought to have come into office he shall come into office on the day on which he is appointed and shall hold office for the remainder of the said term”.
- 35 In sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 7 of the Second Schedule (which requires a member of a river board to vacate his office if without good reason he is absent from meetings of the board for more than six months) after the word " board ", where it first occurs, there shall be inserted the words
- “and of any committee of the board of which he is a member”.
- 36 In paragraph 14 of the Second Schedule (which enables a river board to regulate its proceedings) the words " with the approval of the Ministers " shall be omitted.