



CHAPTER xxxvii.

An Act to confer further powers upon the corporation of London in regard to the city of London police and the rate for the relief of the poor and for other purposes. A.D. 1924.
[14th July 1924.]

WHEREAS the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city of London acting by the mayor aldermen and commons of the city of London in common council assembled (in this Act called "the Corporation") are the police authority for the city of London (in this Act called "the city"):

And whereas it is expedient that the Corporation should be authorised to purchase and acquire by agreement lands buildings and premises and rights in respect thereof and to erect and equip offices stations and other buildings and premises for the accommodation and housing of the police force of the city and for such purposes to borrow moneys on the security of the general rate of the city:

And whereas by the City of London (Union of Parishes) Act 1907 all parishes in the city were constituted one parish for rating purposes and the common council were appointed the overseers of such parish and authorised to delegate to a committee all or any of their duties as overseers and to appoint from among their members an assessment committee for the city:

And whereas a great part of the rateable property in the city consists of large buildings containing many

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A.D. 1924. — offices or tenements which are in the separate occupation of many different tenants or occupiers :

And whereas by the said Act of 1907 provision was made for consolidating into a rate known as the general rate the rates which were formerly the police rate the consolidated rate and the sewers rate and provision was made for the assessment collection levying and recovery of the general rate on and from owners of rateable property in the city :

And whereas it is expedient that provision should be made whereby the rate for the relief of the poor may be assessed collected levied and recovered on and from the owners of property in the city in respect of which such last-mentioned rate is leviable :

And whereas it is expedient that the Corporation should be empowered to transfer the school for orphans of freemen of the city from its present site at Brixton to a new site to be purchased or appropriated by the Corporation for that purpose instead of transferring the same to the site at Walton-on-the-Hill described in section 4 of the School for Orphans of Freemen of the City of London Act 1901 :

And whereas it is expedient that the Corporation should be empowered to receive maintain and treat as voluntary boarders in any mental hospital established by them persons desiring treatment for incipient mental infirmity :

And whereas it is expedient that such other provision should be made as is in this Act hereinafter set forth :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

PART I.

INTRODUCTORY.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1924.

2. This Act is divided into Parts as follows:— A.D. 1924.
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| Part I.—Introductory. | Division of
Act into
Parts. |
| Part II.—Police. | |
| Part III.—Poor Rate. | |
| Part IV.—School for Orphans of Freemen of
City. | |
| Part V.—Mental Hospitals. | |

3. In this Act unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction:— Interpretation.

- “The city” means the city of London;
“The Corporation” means the mayor and commonalty and citizens of the city;
“The common council” means the mayor aldermen and commons of the city in common council assembled;
“The city police force” means the police force of the city;
“The general rate” means the general rate of the city;
“The poor rate” means the rate for the relief of the poor of the city.

PART II.

POLICE.

4. (1) The Corporation may purchase and acquire by agreement and hold and use any lands houses buildings and premises and any rights or easements in on or over lands or other property and may provide by building or otherwise such police stations offices houses and buildings as they may consider necessary for the purposes of the city police force and the execution of the enactments relating to such force and may improve enlarge fit up and provide proper access yards and other appurtenances for any such offices stations houses and buildings provided either before or after the passing of this Act for any such purpose.

Purchase of lands and erection of buildings for city police force.

(2) Nothing in this section shall exempt any buildings or structures provided under or in pursuance of the provisions thereof from any of the provisions of the London Building Acts 1894 to 1923 or of any Act amending the same or of any byelaws or regulations

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A.D. 1924. in force thereunder so far as the same are applicable
— to any such buildings or structures.

Power to
Corporation
to borrow.

5. The Corporation may from time to time borrow for the purposes of this Part of this Act any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one million pounds on the credit of the general rate and such sum or sums may be borrowed by any one or more of the modes referred to in the Local Loans Act 1875 and that Act shall apply accordingly and the Corporation acting through the common council shall be a local authority and the general rate shall be the local rate within the meaning and for the purposes of that Act and the sum or sums borrowed under this section shall be discharged within the period of sixty years after the raising of the same by means of such one or more of the methods in the Local Loans Act 1875 mentioned as the common council may before raising the said sum or sums determine.

PART III.

POOR RATE.

Owner may
be rated
instead of
occupier
in certain
cases.

6. All provisions of the City of London Sewers Act 1848 and the City of London (Union of Parishes) Act 1907 which apply to the assessment levying collection recovery or enforcement of the general rate or relate to persons on and from whom the same may be assessed levied collected or recovered shall extend and apply to the assessment levying collection recovery and enforcement of the poor rate. Provided that nothing in this section shall authorise or empower the common council to assess to or collect or recover the poor rate from any owner of any premises within the city in respect of any empty untenanted or unoccupied house or building.

PART IV.

SCHOOL FOR ORPHANS OF FREEMEN OF CITY.

Purchase
or appro-
priation
of lands
for school.

7.—(1) The Corporation may purchase and acquire by agreement any lands houses buildings and premises or may appropriate and use any lands houses buildings and premises belonging to them or in their possession for the purposes of the school for orphans of freemen of the

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city and they may on any such lands or on any part or parts thereof provide and erect construct alter and fit up buildings and premises as a school with all necessary and convenient dwellings offices and other buildings playgrounds yards approaches conveniences and appurtenances and may remove and transfer the existing school for orphans of freemen of the city at Brixton to any new premises provided by the Corporation for the said school under the provisions of this section and the Corporation may from time to time repair enlarge re-build or alter the schoolhouse and any such dwellings buildings offices playgrounds yards approaches conveniences and appurtenances as aforesaid in such manner as to them shall seem fit.

(2) The provisions of the School for Orphans of Freemen of the City of London Act 1901 shall with the necessary modifications and so far as applicable apply as if any lands or property provided by the Corporation under the provisions of this section were the new premises referred to in the said Act of 1901.

PART V.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

8.—(1) The visiting committee of the Corporation may if they think fit receive and lodge as a boarder and maintain and treat at any mental hospital now or hereafter belonging to the Corporation and on such terms and conditions as to payment and otherwise as they may determine any person suffering from incipient insanity or mental infirmity who is desirous of voluntarily submitting himself to treatment therefor.

Visiting committee of Corporation may receive boarders at mental hospitals.

(2) The Corporation may if they think fit defray the whole or any part of the expenses of the maintenance and treatment in any such hospital of any such person as a voluntary boarder.

(3) Rules made under subsection (1) of section 338 of the Lunacy Act 1890 shall prescribe the books entries reports notices and other documents to be kept and made in respect of boarders in any such hospital.

(4) A voluntary boarder in any such hospital shall be at liberty to leave the hospital on giving forty-eight hours' notice of his intention to do so.

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Corporation's
asylums
to be called
mental
hospitals.

9. The provisions of any public or local Act order regulation or other document relating to any asylum provided by the Corporation for lunatics or persons of unsound mind shall be read and have effect as if the words "mental hospital" had been inserted therein instead of the word "asylum" wherever such last mentioned word occurs and any such asylum shall be deemed to be a mental hospital for the purposes of this Part of this Act.

Expenses
of Act.

10. All costs and expenses of the Corporation in the execution of this Act (except so far as they may be otherwise provided for by this or any other Act) and the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation out of the general rate.

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