

CHAPTER cii.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of one of Her Majesty's  
Principal Secretaries of State for the improvement of  
an unhealthy area at St. Giles-in-the-Fields within the  
Metropolis. [12th July 1887.]

A.D. 1887.

WHEREAS the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one  
of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has made  
the Provisional Order set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed,  
under the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Acts,  
1875-1885 :

38 & 39 Vict.  
c. 36.

42 & 43 Vict.

c. 63.

45 & 46 Vict.

c. 54. Part I.

48 & 49 Vict.

c. 72.

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order should be confirmed  
by Parliament :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 :

1. The Order set out in the schedule hereunto annexed is hereby  
confirmed.

Order in  
schedule  
confirmed.

2. This Act may be cited as the Metropolis (Shelton Street,  
St. Giles) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1887.

Short title.

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SCHEDULE.

*The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement  
Acts, 1875-1885.*

THE METROPOLIS (SHELTON STREET, ST. GILES)  
IMPROVEMENT, 1886.

PROVISIONAL ORDER.

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Board of Works presented to me, the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, a petition praying that an order might be made confirming a scheme made by the said Board, under the above-mentioned Acts, for the improvement of an area within the Metropolis, situate in the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, in the district of the St. Giles District Board of Works, in the county of Middlesex, and subject to the jurisdiction of the said Board as the local authority under the said Acts :

And whereas a copy of the said scheme and of the estimates with which it was accompanied is annexed to this Order :

And whereas on consideration of the said petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and of the service of the proper notices, I thought fit to proceed with the case, and directed a local inquiry to be made by Mr. D. Cubitt Nichols in or in the vicinity of the area to which the scheme relates for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the official representation made to the Metropolitan Board of Works as to the area and the sufficiency of the scheme provided for its improvement, and any local objections to be made to such scheme :

And whereas before commencing such inquiry the said D. Cubitt Nichols made public by advertisement his intention to make such inquiry, and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all persons desirous of being heard upon the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875 :

And whereas the said D. Cubitt Nichols has reported to me in favour of the said scheme, subject to certain qualifications mentioned in his report :

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And whereas the number of persons of the working class that will be displaced by the scheme if carried out in accordance with this Order is estimated to be 861, as set forth in the following table :—

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Number of Holdings.	Number of Rooms in each Holding.	Total Number of Rooms.	Average Number of Occupants in each Holding.	Total Number of Occupants.
256	1	256	2·26	578
63	2	126	4·3	270
3	3	12	4·3	13
<u>322</u> Holdings.	or more.	<u>394</u> Rooms.		<u>861</u> Occupants.

And in addition to the above there are 5 houses and shops not occupied by persons of the working classes, and 12 common lodging houses registered for 347 persons, so that the total number of occupants in dwellings and registered lodging houses is 1,208:

And whereas the Metropolitan Board of Works has represented to me that it is impossible to provide upon the improvement area accommodation for more than 660 persons, and accordingly has applied to me under the 3rd section of the Artizans Dwellings Act, 1882, to dispense with the obligation of the local authority to provide accommodation for more than that number; and whereas Mr. D. Cubitt Nichols has reported to me that regard being had to the considerations specified in the said enactment that this dispensation ought to be granted.

Now, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the said Acts, I hereby grant the dispensation aforesaid, and confirm the said scheme and authorise the same to be carried into execution, subject to the following conditions and modifications:

With respect to the limits of the improvement area, the houses and lands which are numbered 2, 22a, 62, 63, 64, 81, 83 on the plan marked No. 23 B. (annexed to a copy of this Order and sealed with the official seal of this office and here deposited), and are coloured blue on the same plan, shall not be deemed part of the unhealthy area in respect of which official representation was made, but shall form part of the improvement area to which the scheme as amended by this Order shall relate, and shall be deemed to have been included in the scheme as neighbouring lands.

The house numbered 54 on the same plan, and coloured brown, and such part (also coloured brown) of Butcher's Court as forms the back entrance to houses in Drury Lane, shall be excluded from the scheme.

With respect to the appropriation of lands, the scheme of the Metropolitan Board shall be read as if in lieu of the plan marked No. 23, and annexed to the scheme was substituted the said plan marked No. 23 B.

*Schedule.*

The dwellings to be erected on the lands constituting the improvement area shall be dwellings approved by the Metropolitan Board and the Secretary of



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A.D. 1887. State, and so constructed as to contain in the aggregate not less than 660 persons belonging to the working class.

The dwellings shall be furnished with water-closets, sinks with water supply, and dust shoots, according to the number and size of the tenements in such dwellings.

The buildings upon the lands constituting the improvement area, when the same shall have been acquired, shall be taken down and removed, and new buildings shall be erected on the said lands according to regulations to be from time to time made in that behalf by the Metropolitan Board of Works, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Street.*

The following street shall be widened as shown by a dark red line upon the said plan, viz. :

Shelton Street shall be widened to about 30 feet from Drury Lane to No. 36 on the said plan.

(Signed) HENRY MATTHEWS.

Home Office, Whitehall,  
23rd May 1887.

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**SCHEME.**

*The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875 to 1885.*

**METROPOLIS (SHELTON STREET, ST. GILES) IMPROVEMENT, 1886.**

SCHEME for the Improvement of certain Lands within the Metropolis, situate in the Parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, in the District of the St. Giles District Board of Works, in the County of Middlesex, in pursuance of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875 to 1885.

*Preliminary.*

WHEREAS an official representation under the provisions of the third section of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, was made to us, the Metropolitan Board of Works, by Samuel Robert Lovett, L.R.C.P. Ed., Medical Officer of Health for the said St. Giles district, with respect to a certain area within the said district, under our jurisdiction as the local authority within the meaning of the said Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875, and delineated on the plan annexed to the said representation, and thereon coloured red, that the houses, courts, and alleys within the said area were unfit for human habitation, and that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health amongst the population had been from time to time prevalent in the said area, and that such prevalence might reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, and bad arrangement, and the bad condition of the streets and houses, and groups of houses within the said area, and to the want of light, air,

ventilation, and proper conveniences and other sanitary defects, and that the evils connected with the said houses, courts and alleys, and other sanitary defects of the said area could not be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within the said area, or of some of such streets and houses :

And whereas we, the Metropolitan Board of Works, have taken such representation into our consideration, and being satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of our resources, have passed a resolution to the effect that the said area is unhealthy, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect thereof:

Now, therefore, we, the Metropolitan Board of Works, in furtherance of such resolution, and in pursuance of the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875 to 1885, and the powers by the said Acts conferred upon us, do make the scheme following, that is to say :

#### *Improvement Area.*

The lands delineated and coloured red on the plan marked No. 23 to this scheme annexed, on which plan the lands referred to in the before-mentioned resolution are coloured red, and which lands are situate in the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, in the county of Middlesex, and within the Metropolis, shall constitute the improvement area to which this scheme refers.

#### *Acquisition of Lands.*

The lands constituting the said improvement area, or any of them, may for the purposes of this scheme be taken compulsorily.

#### *Appropriation of Lands.*

Upon the lands constituting the said improvement area, dwellings for the working classes shall be so constructed as to afford the accommodation and to have the sanitary arrangements specified in the particulars set forth in the schedule to this scheme annexed, and the street shown on the said plan marked No. 23, shall be widened as nearly as may be to the extent shown by a dark red line on the said plan, and according to the particulars set forth in the schedule to this scheme annexed.

In the appropriation for the aforesaid purposes of the lands constituting the said improvement area, any regulation made for the purposes, and in the manner set forth in the schedule to this scheme annexed, shall be duly observed.

#### *Execution of Scheme.*

The Metropolitan Board of Works shall carry this scheme into execution in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Acts, 1875 to 1885, and subject to such conditions and modifications as may be prescribed and made under the authority of the said Acts, the Provisional Order authorising the execution of this scheme, or the Act confirming such Provisional Order.



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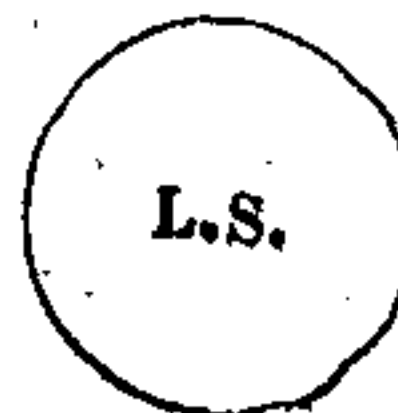
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*Short Title.*

This scheme may be cited for all purposes as "The Metropolis (Shelton Street, St. Giles) Improvement Scheme, 1886."

Dated this 12th day of November 1886.

Sealed by Order,  
(Signed) J. E. WAKEFIELD,  
Clerk of the Metropolitan Board of Works.



SCHEDULE.

PARTICULARS referred to in the foregoing SCHEME.

Upon the lands within the said improvement area buildings shall be built in such manner and under such conditions and restrictions as to elevation, size, design, and extent of accommodation as the Metropolitan Board of Works shall prescribe or approve, and to their satisfaction, so as to afford in the aggregate suitable accommodation for not less than 660 persons out of a total of about 1,208 persons of the working class who will be displaced by the execution of this scheme; 660 persons being the largest number that can without overcrowding be accommodated on the said area.

Such dwellings shall be furnished with such waterclosets, sinks, water supply, dust shoots, and other proper sanitary arrangements as the Metropolitan Board of Works shall prescribe and to their satisfaction.

The buildings upon the lands constituting the improvement area, when the same shall be acquired, shall be taken down and removed, and new buildings upon the said lands shall be erected according to regulations to be made from time to time in that behalf by the Metropolitan Board of Works, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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Shelton Street shall be widened to about 30 feet from Drury Lane, to No. 36 on plan.

N.B.—With reference to the provision in this scheme as to accommodation for persons of the working class displaced, the Metropolitan Board of Works intends to apply to the confirming authority, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of the Artizans' Dwellings Act, 1882, under the circumstances and to the extent therein authorised, to dispense with the obligation to provide accommodation for the persons who may be displaced by the scheme, and the said Board intends to call evidence before the officer conducting the local inquiry, to found a report by him in support of the application to the confirming authority for such dispensation.

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ESTIMATE required by section 5 of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875— A.D. 1887.

	£	s.	d.
Cost of land, &c. - - - - -	58,900	0	0
Cost of roads - - - - -	2,750	0	0
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	61,650	0	0
Less recoupment - - - - -	6,100	0	0
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Total net cost - - - - -	£55,550	0	0
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