



CHAPTER lxxxvi.

An Act to empower the London County Council to acquire lands for county offices and to construct an embankment in the River Thames and for other purposes.

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[20th July 1906.]

WHEREAS the London County Council (in this Act called "the Council") have no central office or premises adequate for the conduct of their administrative business and no sufficient accommodation for their officers and staff:

And whereas the Council are empowered by the Local Government Act 1888 to erect and furnish such halls buildings and offices as they may from time to time require:

And whereas it is expedient that the Council should be empowered to purchase and take compulsorily for the purpose of erecting such a hall buildings and offices the lands described in this Act:

And whereas in connexion with the erection of such buildings and offices and in order to utilise the said lands to the best advantage it is expedient that the Council should be empowered to enter upon take and use a portion of the foreshore of the said river and to erect thereon an embankment for the purpose of using the said portion of such foreshore as part of the site for the said buildings and offices:

And whereas it is also expedient that such further powers should be conferred on the Council as are in this Act contained:

And whereas the Council have caused to be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of London plans and sections describing the line and levels of the work by this Act authorised and the lands which may be taken for the purposes

A.D. 1906 there of and also plans of the lands which may be taken for other purposes under the powers of this Act and a book of reference to such plans containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of those lands and such plans sections and book of reference are respectively referred to in this Act as the deposited plans sections and book of reference :

And whereas estimates have been prepared by the Council as to the amount which they will require to expend on capital account under and for the purposes of this Act and such estimates amount to six hundred and fifty-five thousand pounds :

And whereas the purposes aforesaid cannot be effected 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) :—

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the County Office Site (London) Act 1906.

Incorporation of Lands Clauses Acts. 2. The Lands Clauses Acts are (except section 127 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Interpretation. 3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which by the Acts wholly or partly incorporated herewith meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective meanings unless there be in the subject or context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such construction :

Provided that for the purposes of this Act the expressions "the promoters of the undertaking" and "the company" in the Lands Clauses Acts shall be construed to mean the Council Provided also that notwithstanding anything contained in the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 any claim for compensation under this Act or any Act incorporated herewith by any person having or in respect of any interest in the lands in respect of which compensation is claimed not greater than that of a lessee or tenant for any term of which not more than eighteen months remain unexpired at the time when the claim is made shall be determined by justices in the manner provided by section 121 of the said Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Council for the purpose of erecting a hall offices and buildings for the conduct of the business of the Council may purchase take and hold the lands in the parish and metropolitan borough of Lambeth in the county of London herein-after described which are delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference viz. :—

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Power to
acquire lands
for county
buildings and
offices.

Lands bounded on the north by lands belonging or reputed to belong to the Council and used as a works depôt on the east by Belvedere Road on the south in part by Westminster Bridge Road and in part by Westminster Bridge and the eastern approach thereto and on the west by the River Thames (including a portion of the bank foreshore and bed of that river):

Any buildings erected by the Council on such lands or any part of such lands shall be in such position and of such description height and dimensions as the Council shall determine to be necessary or convenient.

(2) The Council may appropriate and use for the purpose of widening Belvedere Road such part of the said lands as the Council may determine.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act in the line or situation and within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and according to the levels shown on the deposited sections the Council may make and maintain the work in the said parish and metropolitan borough of Lambeth herein-after described viz. :—

Power to
make em-
bankment on
foreshore of
River
Thames.

An embankment wall and an embankment on the foreshore of the River Thames commencing at the northern side of Westminster Bridge and terminating at a point on the eastern bank or foreshore of the said river $12\frac{1}{2}$ chains or thereabouts north of the said bridge.

6.—(1) In constructing the embankment wall and embankment by this Act authorised the Council may construct such steps piers landing stages and other works in connexion with the said embankment as they may deem necessary or convenient.

Various pro-
visions as to
embankment
works &c.

(2) The Council may for the purposes of the said embankment and embankment wall take and use so much of the foreshore of the River Thames as is within the limits of deviation and of land to be acquired shown on the deposited plans and which may be required for such purposes and they may also for purposes

A.D. 1906. — of making temporary works and conveniences in connexion with the said embankment and embankment wall occupy and use temporarily so much of the bed or foreshore of the River Thames within the said limits as may be required for those purposes or any of them.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Act for the purposes of constructing maintaining renewing and repairing the said embankment wall and embankment the Council may alter or interfere with the bank bed or foreshore of the River Thames at or near the said embankment wall and may place temporarily coffer-dams and piles and may erect such temporary piers landing places staging and other works in upon or over the river or the bed or foreshore thereof as may be necessary or convenient for any of the purposes aforesaid.

Power to
make sub-
sidiary works
&c.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act and within the limits of deviation defined on the deposited plans the Council in connexion with and for the purposes of this Act and as part of the works to be executed under the powers of this Act may execute or do any of the following works or things viz.:—

They may--

- (A) Make junctions and communications with any existing streets contiguous to the lands to be acquired under the powers of this Act and may divert widen or alter the line or alter the level of any existing street;
- (B) Remove the stairway on the northern side of Westminster Bridge leading from that Bridge to the eastern bank or foreshore of the River Thames and appropriate the site of such stairway;
- (C) Execute any works for the protection of any adjoining land or buildings;
- (D) Execute any works and do any things necessary for the strengthening and supporting of any walls of adjoining buildings;
- (E) Construct erect and provide such vaults cellars arches sewers drains subways and other works and conveniences as they may think proper for the purposes of this Act; and
- (F) Raise lower alter and interfere with any drain or sewer providing a proper substitute before interrupting the flow of sewage in any such drain or sewer:

[6 EDW. 7.] *County Office Site (London) Act*, 1906. [Ch. lxxxvi.]

The site of the said stairway shall vest or continue vested in the Council and all rights of way or other rights over the same shall thereupon be extinguished and any materials of the said stairway or of any drain or sewer so altered shall vest in the Council and all substituted drains and sewers shall be under the same jurisdiction care management and direction as the existing drains and sewers for which they may be so substituted:

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Provided that the Council shall make full compensation to all parties interested in respect of any private rights extinguished under or by virtue of this section and such compensation shall be settled in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts with reference to the taking of lands otherwise than by agreement:

Provided also that the Council shall not raise sink alter the position of or otherwise prejudicially affect any mains or apparatus belonging to the London Electric Supply Corporation Limited except in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the fifteenth section of the Electric Lighting Act 1882 and the eighteenth section of the London Electric Supply Corporation Electric Lighting Order 1889 and that if by reason of any street widening effected by the Council under the powers of this Act it shall become necessary to move or otherwise alter any of such mains or apparatus the cost thereof reasonably occasioned shall be borne by the Council.

8. In making the works by this Act authorised or any part thereof the Council may subject to the provisions of this Act deviate to any extent from the line thereof within the limits of deviation defined on the deposited plans and the Council may subject to the provisions of this Act deviate to any extent not exceeding fifteen feet from the levels thereof defined on the deposited sections:

Deviation
from line and
levels.

Provided always that the Council shall not deviate from the line of embankment wall shown on the deposited plans without the consent of the conservators of the River Thames.

9. If any omission misstatement or erroneous description shall have been made of any lands or of the owners lessees or occupiers of any lands shown on the deposited plans or described in the deposited book of reference the Council may after ten days notice to the owners lessees and occupiers of the lands affected by such proposed correction apply to a metropolitan police magistrate for the correction thereof and if it shall appear to such magistrate that such omission misstatement or erroneous description arose from mistake he shall certify the same accordingly and he shall

Correction of
errors &c. in
deposited
plans and
book of refer-
ence.

A.D. 1906. in such certificate state the particulars of any such omission and in what respect any such matter shall have been misstated or erroneously described and such certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of London and shall be kept by such clerk of the peace along with the other documents to which it relates and thereupon such plans or book of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate and the Council may take the lands in accordance with such certificate.

Power to Council to enter upon property for survey and valuation.

10. The Council and their surveyors officers and workmen and any person duly authorised in writing under the hand of the clerk of the Council may from time to time at all reasonable times in the day upon giving in writing for the first time twenty-four hours and afterwards from time to time twelve hours previous notice enter upon and into the lands and buildings by this Act authorised to be taken or any of them for the purpose of surveying and valuing the said lands and buildings without being deemed trespassers and without being subject or liable to any fine penalty or punishment on account of entering or continuing upon any part of the said lands and buildings.

Compensation in case of recently altered buildings acquired by Council.

11. In settling any question of disputed purchase money or compensation payable under this Act by the Council the court or person settling the same shall not award any sum of money for or in respect of any improvement alteration or building made or for or in respect of any interest in the lands created after the fifteenth day of December one thousand nine hundred and five if in the opinion of such court or person the improvement alteration or building or the creation of the interest in respect of which the claim is made was not reasonably necessary and was made or created with a view to obtaining or increasing compensation under this Act.

For protection of Holloway Brothers (London) Limited.

12. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or in any Act incorporated therewith—

- (1) The Council shall not without the consent in writing of Holloway Brothers (London) Limited (in this section referred to as "the company") enter upon take or use any part of the premises situate between Belvedere Road and the River Thames now in the occupation of the company until the expiration of three years from the date on which the Council serve on the company any notice to treat for the purchase under the powers of this Act of the estate and interest of the company in the said premises:

[6 Edw. 7.] *County Office Site (London) Act, 1906.* [Ch. lxxxvi.]

(2) The Council shall not so long as the company continue in occupation of the said premises close or interfere with the company's access to the said premises by means of the Belvedere Road or of Chicheley Street or by means of the company's wharf on the River Thames but the company shall have at all times free access to the said premises both by road and by river. A.D. 1906.

13. Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Acts to sell and convey or release lands may (if they think fit) subject to the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts and of this Act grant to the Council any easement right or privilege (not being an easement right or privilege of water in which persons other than the grantors have an interest) required for the purposes of this Act in over or affecting any such lands and for the purposes of this Act the provisions of the said Acts with respect to lands and rentcharges so far as the same are applicable in this behalf shall extend and apply to such easements rights and privileges as aforesaid and to any grant of the same respectively. Power to certain persons to grant easements &c. by agreement.

14. The Council may subject to the provisions of this Act enter into and carry into effect agreements with any person being the owner of or interested in any lands houses or property adjoining the lands by this Act authorised to be acquired with respect to the sale by the Council to such person of any lands or property for such consideration as may be agreed upon between the Council and such person and the Council may accept as satisfaction of the whole or any part of such consideration the grant by such person of any lands or other property required by the Council for the purposes of this Act. Power to Council to make agreements with owners of property &c.

15. The Council may for any purpose upon the lands acquired by them under the powers of this Act and also in any street within the limits of deviation defined on the deposited plans raise sink or otherwise alter the position of any watercourse water pipe or gas pipe belonging to or connected with any house or building and also any main pipe or apparatus laid down or used by the Metropolitan Water Board or any company or person for carrying a supply of water or water for hydraulic power or gas and also any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down or placed for telegraphic or other purposes and any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down or placed for supplying electricity and may remove any other obstruction making proper substituted works during any alteration and causing as little detriment and inconvenience as circumstances admit to the said board or to any company or person and making Alteration of position of water gas and other pipes.

A.D. 1906. — reasonable compensation to the said board or to any company or person for any damage caused by any such alteration. Provided always that before the Council alter the position of any main pipe or apparatus laid down or used by the said board or by any such company or person they shall (except in cases of emergency) give to the board company or person to whom the same belongs notice of their intention to do so specifying the time at which they will begin to do so such notice to be given seven days at least before the commencement of the work for effecting such alteration and such work shall be done under the superintendence (at the expense of the Council) of the board company or person to whom such main pipe or apparatus belongs unless such board company or person refuses or neglects to give such superintendence at the time specified in the notice for the commencement of such work or discontinues the same during the execution of such work and the Council shall execute such work to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer of such board company or person. Provided also that the Council shall not cause any street to be lowered or raised nor the position of any water or gas main or other pipe to be altered so as to leave over such main pipe or apparatus in any part a covering of less than two feet where the covering now existing is not less than two feet unless the Council shall in such case protect such main pipe or apparatus from frost or injury by artificial covering to the satisfaction of the engineer of such board company or person or more than six feet where the covering now existing does not exceed six feet or more than such existing covering where the same exceeds six feet unless the Council in such case provide special means of access to the same to the satisfaction of the engineer of such board company or person :

If any difference arise between the Council or their chief engineer and any such board company or person or their or his engineer touching the amount of any costs expenses or charges under the provisions of this section to be paid by the Council to any such board company or person or touching any work matter or thing with reference to such mains or other pipes under such provisions to be done or executed by the Council or the mode of doing or executing the same such difference shall be settled by an engineer to be agreed upon by the chief engineer of the Council and the engineer of any such board company or person respectively or failing agreement by such engineer as shall on the application of the engineer either of the Council or of any such board company or person be named by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers :

Provided also that the Council shall not raise sink or otherwise alter the position of any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down for telegraphic or other purposes and belonging to the Postmaster-General except in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1878: A.D. 1906.

Provided always that nothing in this section shall extend to prejudice or affect any of the provisions for the protection of any undertakers authorised to supply electrical energy contained in any special Act or any Provisional Order confirmed by Act of Parliament.

16. If within seven days after a notice under the preceding section of this Act shall have been served upon the Metropolitan Water Board or any gas company that board or company so elect such board or company shall themselves execute all such alterations to their mains and pipes as may from time to time be necessary and the reasonable costs of executing such alterations shall be repaid by the Council to such board or company. Provided always that such alterations shall be carried out in accordance with the directions and to the reasonable satisfaction of the chief engineer of the Council. For protection of Metropolitan Water Board and gas companies.

17. The powers of the Council for the compulsory purchase or taking of lands for the purposes or under the powers of this Act shall cease after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act. Limitation of time for purchase of lands.

18. If the works by this Act authorised be not completed within the period of seven years from the passing of this Act then on the expiration of that period the powers of the Council under this Act for the execution of the said works shall cease (except so far as the same shall then have been completed). Period for completion of works.

19. The Council may sell or dispose of all building and other materials of any houses and buildings acquired by them under the powers of this Act and all lamp-posts paving metalling and materials in under or upon any road street or other place altered by them for the purposes of this Act and any materials obtained in the removal of the stairway herein-before referred to or the alteration of or interference with any drain or sewer which are vested in the Council under the powers of this Act. Power to sell materials.

20. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 or in any other Act to the contrary the Council may retain hold and use for such time as they may think fit and may from time to time sell lease exchange or otherwise Power to retain sell &c. lands.

A.D. 1906. — dispose of in such manner and for such consideration and purpose and on such terms and conditions as they think fit and in case of sale either in consideration of the execution of works or of the payment of a gross sum or of an annual rent or of any payment in any other form any lands or any interest in any lands acquired by them under this Act and may sell and exchange and dispose of any rents reserved on the sale exchange lease or disposition of such lands and may make do and execute any deed act or thing proper for effectuating any such sale lease exchange or other disposition and on any exchange may give or take any money for equality of exchange.

Agreements
between
Council and
Conservators
of River
Thames.

21. It shall be lawful for the Council and the Conservators of the River Thames to enter into and carry into effect agreements and arrangements with respect to the acquisition by the Council under the provisions and for the purposes of this Act of any part of the foreshore of the River Thames and with respect to any other matter or thing incidental to such purposes.

For protec-
tion of Con-
servators of
River
Thames.

22. For the protection of the Conservators of the River Thames (in this section called "the conservators") the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed have effect (that is to say):—

- (1) The Council shall not make or commence any work in the River Thames or on or under the bed or shores thereof until the plans elevations and sections referred to in subsection (2) of this section have been approved by the conservators:
- (2) All works in the River Thames or on or under the bed or shores thereof shall be executed according to plans elevations and sections to be approved in writing by the conservators and deposited at their office and shall be executed and performed to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer for the time being of the conservators and the traffic of the said river shall not be interfered with more than may be absolutely necessary in the construction of the said works:
- (3) The compensation payable to the conservators in respect of the lands taken and all permanent or temporary works in the River Thames or on or under the bed or shores thereof shall be assessed in accordance with the provisions of section 116 of the Thames Conservancy Act, 1894 or any statutory provision in lieu thereof for the time being in force:

(4) The Council shall not (except so far as shall be necessary in the construction of the works) take any gravel soil or other material from the bed or shores of the River Thames without the previous consent of the conservators signified in writing under the hand of their secretary : A.D. 1906.

(5) The Council shall during the construction of any works on the bed banks or shores of the River Thames and after completion thereof if so required by the conservators hang out and exhibit at or near to the said works every night from sunset to sunrise lights to be kept burning by and at the expense of the Council and proper and sufficient for the navigation and safe guidance of vessels and the lights shall from time to time be altered by the Council in such manner and be of such kind and number and be so placed and used as the conservators by writing under the hand of their secretary or other authorised officer shall approve or direct and in case the Council fail so to exhibit and keep burning the lights they shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds :

(6) The Council shall after completion of the permanent works upon reasonable notice in writing from the conservators so to do remove any temporary works and materials for temporary works which may have been placed in the River Thames by the Council and on their failing so to do the conservators may remove the same charging the Council with the expense of so doing and the Council shall forthwith repay to the conservators all expenses so incurred :

(7) All temporary works and materials for temporary works which may have been placed in the River Thames by the Council shall in any event be removed by the Council within the period by this Act prescribed for the completion of the works by this Act authorised and on the Council failing so to do the conservators may remove the same charging the Council with the expense of so doing and the Council shall forthwith repay to the conservators all expenses so incurred.

23. The receipt of the Council or of any person duly authorised by the Council for any purchase money rent or money payable to the Council by virtue of this Act shall be a sufficient

Receipts of Council to be effectual discharges.

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and effectual discharge for the money in such receipt expressed or acknowledged to be received and the person to whom the receipt shall be given shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for the misapplication or non-application of the money in such receipt expressed or acknowledged to be received.

Money to be raised on capital account.

24.—(1) The Council may expend on capital account for the purposes of this Act including the purchase of land by this Act authorised such money as they may from time to time think fit not exceeding six hundred and fifty-five thousand pounds and in order to raise or provide the money required for those purposes the Council may from time to time create and issue consolidated stock or resort to the Consolidated Loans Fund or otherwise raise money in accordance in each case with the provisions of the Acts for the time being in force regulating the raising of money for capital purposes by the Council:

Provided that nothing in this Act shall authorise the borrowing and expenditure of any money on capital account after the thirtieth day of September one thousand nine hundred and seven.

(2) The Council in accordance with the provisions in relation to redemption and repayment of the Acts relating to the raising and expenditure of money by the Council on capital account shall make provision for the redemption of stock or the repayment of money borrowed or expended on capital account for the purposes of this Act within such term not exceeding in any case sixty years as the Council with the consent of the Treasury may determine.

As to payments under this Act.

25. All costs and expenses of the Council in the execution of this Act (except so far as they may be otherwise provided for by this or any other Act) shall be defrayed as payments for general county purposes within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1888 and the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Council in like manner.

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