



CHAPTER xi.

An Act to increase the maximum rates dues tolls and charges leviable by the Blyth Harbour Commissioners. A.D. 1919.

[29th May 1919.]

WHEREAS the Blyth Harbour Commissioners (in this Act referred to as "the Commissioners") were incorporated by the Blyth Harbour Act 1882 and are by virtue of that Act and the Blyth Harbour Act 1912 and the Blyth Harbour Act 1915 authorised to carry on the undertaking consisting of the harbour and docks at Blyth in the county of Northumberland and to exercise with reference thereto the powers conferred by the said Acts and the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1854 the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1858 and the Blyth Harbour and Dock Act 1860 (all of which Acts together with the Acts incorporated therewith respectively are in this Act referred to as "the existing Acts"):

45 Vict. c. liv.
2 & 3 Geo. 5.
c. cix.
5 & 6 Geo. 5.
c. xiv.
17 & 18 Vict.
c. xcii.
21 & 22 Vict.
c. lxxviii.
23 & 24 Vict.
c. cvi.

And whereas the rates dues tolls and charges which the Commissioners may levy and charge in respect of vessels and goods and of various other matters and things and of various services rendered by the Commissioners or some of such rates dues tolls and charges are limited by the existing Acts or some or one of them to certain specified maxima and the rates dues tolls and charges so limited are in this Act referred to as "the maximum rates":

And whereas owing to the great increase which has recently taken place in the cost of carrying on the said undertaking and to the great reduction which has recently taken place in the number of vessels using the harbour and in the quantities of goods shipped and unshipped thereat the revenue of the Commissioners available for the maintenance and carrying on of the said undertaking and for the discharge of the financial obligations of the Commissioners has been substantially diminished

A.D. 1919. and the maximum rates are insufficient to enable the said undertaking to be carried on efficiently:

And whereas it is anticipated that such increased cost and diminution of available revenue as aforesaid will to a large extent continue permanently or for a prolonged period and it is expedient that the maximum rates should be increased as by this Act provided:

And whereas the purposes of this Act 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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Blyth Harbour Act 1919.

Increase of maximum rates.

2. As from the passing of this Act each of the maximum rates is hereby increased by an amount equal to fifty per centum thereof and the existing Acts shall be read and have effect accordingly.

Provision in case of future purchase.

3. If the undertaking of the Commissioners is acquired otherwise than by agreement by any public body or trustees the Commissioners shall not be entitled to make any claim in respect of the powers conferred upon them by the section of this Act of which the marginal note is "Increase of maximum rates" Provided that nothing in this section shall prejudice the rights of any person entitled to any mortgage of or charge secured upon the undertaking or revenue of the Commissioners or any part thereof.

Costs of Act.

4. All costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Commissioners.

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