

The Towns Drainage and Sewage Utilization Act, 1867.

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tion Act, 1860," (with the Exception of the Provisions of the last-recited Act with respect to the Purchase and taking of Lands otherwise than by Agreement,) so far as such Acts respectively are applicable for the Purposes and are not inconsistent with the Provisions of this Act, are hereby incorporated with this Act; and the Expression "the Promoters of the Undertaking" used in those Acts or any of them shall, in applying the Provisions therein respectively contained, be read as denoting the Company hereby incorporated.

Interpre-
tation of
Terms.

3. In the Construction of this Act the following Words and Expressions, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction, shall have the following Meanings assigned to them respectively; (that is to say,)

The Expression "the Company" shall denote the Company hereby incorporated:

The Expression "the Inclosure Commissioners" shall denote the Inclosure Commissioners for *England and Wales*:

The Expression "Sewer Authorities" and "Local Board" respectively shall have the same Meanings as they have in "The Sewage Utilization Act, 1865," and "The Sanitary Act, 1866:"

The Word "Person" shall denote and include any Body Corporate, whether aggregate or sole, and whether lay, ecclesiastical, or collegiate, as well as an Individual.

Incorpora-
tion of
Company.

4. *George Frederick Fox, William Stafford, Stephen Reggio, Charles Miller Layton, John Maule Sutton,* and all other Persons and Corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns respectively, shall be united into a Company for the Purpose of making and maintaining the Works and carrying out the Purposes by this Act authorized, and for those Purposes shall be incorporated by the Name of "The Towns Drainage and Sewage Utilization Company," and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and with Power to purchase, take, hold, and dispose of Lands and other Property for the Purposes of this Act.

Works
authorized
by this Act.

5. The Works and Improvements which may be made under the Provisions of this Act shall be made in respect to the following Matters; (that is to say,)

(1.) The Removal of Sewage and the Disposal thereof:

(2.) The Drainage of Houses and Lands, and the supplying of Water for Irrigation, flushing Sewers, and other like Purposes:

(3.) The making, clearing, and improving of Drains, Sewers, and Watercourses, and the Diversion of Sewage from Streams and Places where it may be injurious to Health:

(4.) The

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- (4.) The Cultivation and Improvement of Waste and other Lands by Irrigation by means of Sewage or Water :
- (5.) The constructing, erecting, or improving any Buildings, Engine Houses, Mills, Kilns, Roads, Tramways, Shafts, Wells, Tanks, Reservoirs, Drains, Pipes, Conduits, Water-courses, Bridges, Weirs, Sluices, Floodgates, and other Works which shall be thought requisite for carrying out the Objects of the Company, or which is sanctioned by "The Sewage Utilization Act, 1865," and "The Sanitary Act, 1866," or either of them, or which may be approved by any Authorities acting under the same respectively.
6. For the Purpose of effecting any Work or Improvement under this or any of the before-mentioned Acts, it shall be lawful for the Company, by Agreement, to get and work any Stone, Clay, Sand, Gravel, or other Substance out of any Land on which the Operations of the Company shall be carried on, and to make Tramroads and other Ways, and to make and fashion Bricks, Tiles, and other Materials and Things, and to cut down and use Timber, and to do all other Acts and Things necessary or expedient for carrying out the Purposes of this Act. Company may get and work Materials on Lands during the Operations of the Works.
7. The making of Works of Distribution and Service for the Supply of Water to Lands for agricultural Purposes shall, so far as relates to the Works of the Company, be deemed an Improvement of Land authorized by "The Land Improvement Act, 1864," and the Provisions of that Act shall apply accordingly. Supply of Water for agricultural Purposes.
8. The Capital of the Company shall be Two hundred thousand Pounds in Ten thousand Shares of Twenty Pounds each. Capital.
9. The Company shall not issue any Share created under the Authority of this Act, nor shall any Share vest in the Person accepting the same, unless and until a Sum not being less than One Fifth of the Amount of such Share has been paid in respect thereof. Shares not to issue till One Fifth paid up.
10. One Fifth of the Amount of a Share shall be the greatest Amount of a Call, and Two Months at least shall be the Interval between successive Calls, and Three Fourths of the Amount of a Share shall be the utmost aggregate Amount of the Calls made in any Year upon any Share. Calls.
11. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, the Company, with the Authority of Three Fourths of the Votes of the Shareholders present in person or by proxy at a General Meeting of the Company specially convened for the Purpose, may from Time to Time divide any Share in their Capital into Half Shares, of which one shall be called "Preferred Half Share," and the other shall be called "Deferred As to Division of Shares.

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“Deferred Half Share:” Provided always, that the Company shall not divide any Share under the Authority of this Act unless and until not less than Sixty *per Centum* upon such Share has been paid up, and upon every such Division Fifty *per Centum* upon the entire Share shall be carried to the Credit of the Deferred Half Share (being the whole Amount payable thereon), and the Residue to the Credit of the Preferred Half Share.

Application
of Dividends.

12. The Dividend which would from Time to Time be payable on any divided Share if the same had continued an entire Share shall be applied in Payment of Dividends on the Two Half Shares in manner following; (that is to say,) first in Payment of Dividend after such Rate, not exceeding Six *per Centum per Annum*, as shall be determined at a General Meeting of the Company specially convened for the Purpose, on the Amount for the Time being paid upon the Preferred Half Share, and the Remainder, if any, in Payment of Dividend on the Deferred Half Share; and the Company shall not pay any greater Amount of Dividend on the Two Half Shares than would have from Time to Time been payable on the entire Share if the same had not been divided.

Dividend
on Preferred
Half Shares.

13. Each Preferred Half Share shall be entitled out of the Profits of each Year to the Dividend which may have been attached to it by the Company as aforesaid in priority to the Deferred Half Share bearing the same Number; but if in any Year ending the Thirty-first Day of *December* there shall not be Profits available for the Payment of the full Amount of Dividend on any Preferred Half Share for that Year, no Part of the Deficiency shall be made good out of the Profits of any subsequent Year, or out of any other Funds of the Company.

Half Shares
to be
registered.

14. Forthwith after the Creation of any Half Share the same shall be registered by the Directors, and each Half Share shall bear the same Number as the Number of the entire Share Certificate in respect of which it was issued, and the Directors shall issue Certificates of the Half Shares accordingly: Provided always, that the Directors shall not be bound to issue a Certificate of any Half Share until the Certificate of the existing Share be delivered to them to be cancelled, unless it be shown to their Satisfaction that the Certificate is destroyed or lost, and on any such Certificate being so delivered up the Directors shall cancel it.

Terms and
Conditions
of Shares
to be stated
on Certifi-
cate.

15. The Terms and Conditions on which any Preferred Half Share or Deferred Half Share created under this Act is issued shall be stated on the Certificate of each Half Share.

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Preferred

16. The Provisions of “The Companies Clauses Act, 1845,” with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for Nonpayment of Calls, shall apply to all Preferred Half Shares to be created under the Authority
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of this Act, and every such Preferred Half Share shall for that Purpose be considered a whole Share distinct from the corresponding Deferred Half Share: Provided always, that until any forfeited Preferred Half Shares shall be sold by the Directors of the Company all Dividends which would be payable thereon if the same had not been forfeited shall be applied in or towards Payment of any Expenses attending the Declaration of Forfeiture thereof, and of the Arrears of Calls for the Time being due thereon, with Interest.

Half Shares
in respect to
Forfeiture of
Half Shares
for Non-
payment
of Calls.

17. No Preferred Half Share created under the Authority of this Act shall be cancelled or be surrendered to the Company.

Half Shares
not to be
surrendered
to the
Company.

18. The several Half Shares under this Act shall be Half Shares in the Capital of the Company, and every Two Preferred or Deferred Half Shares held by the same Person shall confer such Right of voting at Meetings of the Company, and (subject to the Provisions herein-before contained) shall confer and have all such other Rights, Qualifications, Privileges, Liabilities, and Incidents, as attach and are incident to an entire Share.

Right of
voting in
respect of
Half Shares.

19. The Company may from Time to Time borrow on Mortgage any Sum not exceeding in the whole Fifty thousand Pounds, but no Part of the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds shall be borrowed until the whole Capital of Two hundred thousand Pounds is subscribed for, issued, and accepted, and One Half thereof is paid up, and the Company have proved to the Justice who is to certify under the Fortieth Section of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," before he so certifies, that the whole of such Capital has been subscribed for, issued, and accepted, and that One Half thereof has been paid up, and that not less than One Fifth Part of the Amount of each separate Share has been paid on account thereof before or at the Time of the Issue or Acceptance thereof, and that such Capital was issued *bonâ fide*, and is held by the Subscribers or their Assigns, and that such Subscribers or their Assigns are legally liable for the same; and upon Production to such Justice of the Books of the Company, and of such other Evidence as he thinks sufficient, he shall grant a Certificate that the Proof aforesaid has been given, which Certificate shall be sufficient Evidence thereof; and in case of any such Increase of Capital as is by this Act provided for, the Company shall have Power to borrow additional Money in the same Proportions and on the same Terms and Conditions as have been mentioned in this Section with respect to Monies to be borrowed previously to such Increase of Capital.

Power to
borrow on
Mortgage.

20. The Mortgagees of the Company may enforce Payment of Arrears of Interest or Principal, or Principal and Interest, due on their Mortgages, by the Appointment of a Receiver; and in order to authorize the Appointment of a Receiver in respect of Principal,

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or Principal and Interest, the Amount owing to the Mortgagees by whom the Application for a Receiver is made shall not be less than Five thousand Pounds in the whole.

Borrowed Money to have Priority.

21. All Monies to be borrowed on Mortgage under this Act from the Time when the said Monies shall be advanced, and the Interest for the Time being due thereon, shall have Priority against the Company, and the Property from Time to Time of the Company, over all other Claims on account of any Debts incurred or to be incurred or Engagements entered into or to be entered into by them: Provided always, that such Priority shall not prejudice or affect any Claim against the Company or their Property in respect of any Rentcharge to be granted by them in pursuance of the Provisions of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," or "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860," nor shall anything herein-before contained prejudice or affect the Lien of any Vendor for the unpaid Purchase Money of any Land purchased by the Company, or the prior Rights of any specific Mortgagee.

All Money to be applied for the Purposes of this Act.

22. All Money raised under this Act, whether by Shares, Mortgages, or borrowing, shall be applied for the Purposes of this Act only.

First Meeting of the Company.
Number of Directors.

23. The First Ordinary Meeting of the Company shall be held within Six Months after the passing of this Act.

24. The Number of Directors shall be Seven, but the Company may from Time to Time reduce or increase the Number, provided that the Number be not less than Five or more than Ten.

Qualification of Directors.

25. The Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of not less than Twenty-five Shares.

Quorum of Directors.

26. The Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Three.

First Directors.

27. The First Directors of the Company shall be *George Frederick Fox, William Stafford, and Stephen Reggio*, and such other Persons, not exceeding Four in Number, as they shall appoint.

Company to agree with Corporations and other Public Bodies for the Execution of Works under this Act.

28. The Company may from Time to Time contract with any Sewage Authority, Commissioners of Sewers, Local Board, Corporation, Trustees, or other Body having under any Act Authority to carry out, promote, or make Contracts for any such Improvements or Works as are intended to be promoted by this Act, for the Execution by the Company of any such Improvements or Works, and may execute the same accordingly, and any such Contracts may be made for such Time and Consideration as the contracting Parties may determine, and such Parties shall have Power at any Time or Times to rescind or vary any such Contract; and it shall be lawful for any such

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such Authority, Board, or Body as aforesaid to delegate or grant to the Company any of the Powers and Privileges or Property given to or vested in them respectively by any Act of Parliament, provided that such Delegation or Grant be made with the Consent of the Inclosure Commissioners, and for such Periods and subject to such Conditions and Restrictions as they may think fit; and subject as aforesaid the Company may use and execute all Powers and Privileges so delegated or granted as aforesaid in the same Manner and to the same Extent and Effect as the delegating or granting Parties respectively could do of themselves, acting with their full Powers and Privileges.

29. Any such Authority, Board, or other Body as aforesaid shall from Time to Time, out of any Rates, Income, or Funds coming to or raiseable by them or under their Control, and applicable for any of the Purposes intended to be promoted by this Act, pay to the Company such annual or other Sums of Money as such Authority, Board, or other Body shall by any such Agreement undertake to pay to the Company.

Terms of Agreement as to Repayment to the Company.

30. Any such Authority, Board, or other Body shall from Time to Time, if and when Occasion shall require, levy any Rates which they shall be empowered to levy for the Purpose of promoting or carrying out any of the Objects intended to be promoted by this Act, and which shall be required to enable them to pay to the Company such annual or other Sums as aforesaid, and to give full Effect to the Terms and Conditions and proper Incidents of any such Contracts.

Rates to be levied.

31. Any such Rates as aforesaid may be included in the Borough Rates, or General District Rates, or other Rates levied by any such Sewage Authority, Board, or other Body as aforesaid, or be separated therefrom, and may be paid by quarterly Payments or otherwise as such Authority, Board, or other Body shall from Time to Time arrange with the Company.

Such Rates may be included in Borough Rates.

32. The Company may make and execute any Agreements with the Owners or Occupiers of any Lands for a Supply by the Company of Sewage or Water for the Irrigation and Fertilization of those Lands, and may from Time to Time make any such Sale or other Disposition of Sewage, or of the component Parts or Products thereof, or of Water, as they think expedient.

Company may make Agreements for the Supply of Sewage Water for Irrigation :

33. The Company may from Time to Time, by Agreement, purchase or take on Lease any Lands or Water which may adjoin or be near any of the Conduits, Reservoirs, or Works by this Act authorized, and which they may require for the Purposes of their Undertaking.

May lease Lands :

34. The

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May use
Sewage to
irrigate
Lands be-
longing to
them :

34. The Company may from Time to Time, by Agreement, purchase, appropriate, and use Sewage for the Irrigation and Fertilization of any Lands belonging to or let to them.

May pur-
chase Lands
and improve
them :

35. The Company may, by Agreement, purchase or take on Lease any Lands for the Purpose of fertilizing the same by Drainage, or by irrigating them either with Sewage or Water, and may otherwise improve the same Lands and carry on thereon all such Farming Operations as they may think fit, and may erect thereon all such Farm Houses and Farm Buildings as they may think fit.

May let
Lands
acquired :

36. The Company may from Time to Time let any Lands acquired by them under this Act for such Terms and at such yearly or other Rents, and subject to such Provisions and Restrictions, as they may think fit.

May sell
Lands
acquired
by them :

37. The Company may from Time to Time sell any Lands or other Property whatsoever acquired by them under this Act in such Manner, to such Persons, and on such Terms and Conditions as they may think fit, but so always that the Purchase Money to be received for the same be applied in the Discharge of the Mortgage Debt of the Company.

May make
all necessary
Works for
the Supply
of Sewage :

38. The Company may from Time to Time make all necessary and proper Openings in their Conduits, and execute and lay down, maintain, renew, improve, enlarge, and cleanse all necessary and proper Works and Apparatus, for the Purpose of supplying Sewage or Water to the Occupiers of any Lands not belonging to or let to the Company, or for the Purpose of appropriating and using Sewage or Water for the Irrigation or Fertilization of any Lands belonging or let to the Company.

May con-
struct and
lay down
Pipes and
Drains
across any
public Road
or Street :

39. The Company may from Time to Time, and at any Time after the passing of this Act, at their own Cost, construct, lay down, maintain, renew, improve, enlarge, and cleanse any Pipe, Culvert, or Drain under, in, or over, along, or across any Highway or Turnpike or other public Road, or any Street or Place laid out or intended for a Street, and situated near any of the Works of the Company (making Compensation for any Damage done thereby, the Amount thereof to be settled, where the Claim does not exceed Fifty Pounds, by Two Justices in manner provided by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and where the Claim exceeds Fifty Pounds then by Arbitration in manner provided by the same Act), or under, in, or over, along, or across any Lands belonging or let to the Company.

May open
up any
Turnpike

40. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, the Company may, at the like Costs, open or break up any Highway or Turnpike or other public

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public Road, or any Street or Place as aforesaid, which may adjoin or be near to or affect any Work of the Company, but before doing so they shall give to the Persons having the Control or Management of such Way, Road, Street, or Place, or their Clerk or Surveyor, Notice in Writing of the Intention of the Company to open or break up the same Three Days at least before the Commencement of such Operation.

or other
Road on
Notice.

41. Every such Way, Road, Street, or Place as aforesaid shall be opened or broken up under the Superintendence of the Persons having the Control or Management thereof, or their Officer, and according to a Plan agreed on between those Persons or their Officer and the Company or their Servants, or (in case of Difference) determined by an Engineer appointed by the Board of Trade on the Application of either Party.

To be done
under the
Superinten-
dence of
the Party
having the
Control
thereof.

42. When the Surface or Soil of such Highway or Turnpike or other public Road, Street, or Place is opened or broken up by the Company, they shall with all convenient Speed complete the Work on account of which it is so broken up, and fill in the Ground and make good the Surface or Soil opened or broken up, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned thereby, and shall in the meantime cause the Place where the Surface or Soil is opened or broken up to be fenced and guarded and lighted at Night.

To be com-
pleted with
all conve-
nient Speed.

43. If the Company fail to complete any such Work with all reasonable Speed, then the Persons having the Control or Management of the Highway or Turnpike or other public Road or Street or Place affected may complete the Work, and the Expense thereof may be recovered from the Company, with Costs, by proceeding in any Court of competent Jurisdiction, and the Money so recovered shall be applied by those Persons for the Purposes of the same Highway, Road, Street, or Place.

If not, the
Party having
the Control
to complete
the Work,
at the Ex-
pense of the
Company.

44. If the Company fail to comply in any respect with the Requirements of this Act in relation to any such Highway or Turnpike or other public Road or Street or Place as aforesaid, they shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, and shall also be liable to a further Penalty not exceeding Twenty Shillings for each Day during which such Offence continues after the First Penalty is incurred.

Penalty in
case Work
not com-
pleted by the
Company.

45. If any Person throws or wilfully places any Ballast, Rubbish, or other Materials in or on any Part of the Works authorized by this Act, or wilfully obstructs or prevents any Person in the lawful Execution of this Act, or does any Matter or Thing to obstruct the free Passage of or to injure or damage any Conduit, Culvert, Pipe, Drain, or any Roadway or other Work by this Act

Penalty for
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Company's
Works.

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authorized, he shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, without Prejudice to the Company's Remedies against him for any actual Damage sustained by the Company.

Works to be constructed so as not to be a Nuisance.

46. The Company shall cause the Conduits, Reservoirs, and Works by this Act authorized to be so constructed as not to be or to create any Nuisance or to be injurious to Health.

Company to be liable in Damages in the event of any Nuisance being created.

47. Nothing in this Act shall exonerate the Company from any Indictment, Action, or other Proceeding for Nuisance or Damages in the event of any Nuisance being caused by them, or of any Damage occurring from the Operation or Want of Repair of any of their Works, or from anything done by them under this Act.

Saving Rights of the Thames Purification Company and the Metropolitan Water Companies.

48. Nothing in this or in any of the Acts incorporated herewith shall take away, lessen, or prejudicially affect any of the Estates, Rights, Interests, Powers, and Privileges of the *Thames* Purification Company, or of the *West Middlesex* Water Company, or of the *Southwark* and *Vauxhall* Water Company, or of the *Grand Junction* Waterworks Company, or of the *New River* Water Company, nor shall the Powers of this Act be put in force or take effect in or in connexion with any Town or Place on or contiguous to or within Three Miles of the River *Thames*, or of any of the Tributaries thereof, or within any District supplied or authorized to be supplied with Water by any of the Water Companies herein-before mentioned.

Saving Rights of Canal Owners.

49. Nothing in this Act shall authorize the Company—

1. To interfere with any River, Canal, Dock, Harbour, Lock, Reservoir, or Basin, or the Supply of Water to any River, Canal, Dock, Harbour, Lock, Reservoir, or Basin, so as to injuriously affect the Navigation on such River, Canal, Dock, Harbour, Lock, Reservoir, or Basin, or the Use or Maintenance thereof, or to interfere with any Towing-path so as to interrupt the Traffic thereof, in Cases where any Corporation, Company, Undertakers, Commissioners, Conservators, Trustees, or Individuals are by virtue of any Act of Parliament entitled to navigate on or use such River, Canal, Dock, Harbour, Lock, Reservoir, or Basin, or in respect of the Navigation on or Use of which River, Canal, Dock, Harbour, Lock, Reservoir, or Basin any Corporation, Company, Undertakers, Commissioners, Conservators, and Trustees, or Individuals are entitled by virtue of any Act of Parliament to the Receipt of any Tolls or other Dues :
2. To execute any Works in, through, or under any Wharves, Quays, Docks, Harbours, or Basins belonging to the Proprietor or Proprietors of any Inland Navigation constituted by Act

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Act of Parliament, or for the Use of which they are entitled by virtue of any Act of Parliament to demand any Tolls or Dues,

without the Consent of such Corporation, Company, Undertakers, Commissioners, Conservators, Trustees, or Individuals as are hereinbefore in that Behalf respectively mentioned, such Consent to be expressed in Writing in the Case of Individuals under their Hands, in the Case of a Corporation under their Common Seal, and in the Case of a Company, Undertakers, Commissioners, Conservators, or Trustees, under the Hand of their Clerk or other duly authorized Officers or Agent.

50. Nothing contained in this Act or in any of the Acts herein referred to shall authorize the Company to take, use, or in any Manner interfere with any Land or Hereditaments, or any Rights of whatsoever Description, belonging to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in right of Her Crown, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or One of them, on behalf of Her Majesty, first had and obtained for that Purpose, (which Consent such Commissioners are hereby respectively authorized to give,) neither shall anything in the said Act or Acts contained extend to take away, prejudice, diminish, or alter any of the Estates, Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities vested in or enjoyed or exerciseable by the Queen's Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors.

Saving
Rights of
the Crown.

51. The Company shall not, without the Consent of the *London and North-western* Railway Company under their Common Seal, enter upon or use, either temporarily or permanently, any Lands, Works, or Property now or hereafter wholly or partially belonging to that Company, or which they now have or hereafter may have Power to take, or any Estate, Right, Easement, Privilege, or Authority in, over, or upon any such Lands or Works, or alter, vary, or interfere with any Railway or Canal already or now being or which may hereafter be constructed wholly or partially belonging to that Company, or any of the Stations, Bridges, or Works thereof respectively; and in case such Consent to any such Entry, User, Alteration, or Interference shall be obtained, then all the Works to be constructed in any way affecting any such Railway, Canal, Stations, Bridges, Works, Lands, or Property shall be done under the Superintendence and to the reasonable Satisfaction of the principal Engineer for the Time being of that Company, and according to Plans and Specifications to be approved by him, but in all things at the Expense of the Company, and so as to cause no Injury to or Interference with any such Railway, Canal, Stations, Bridges, Works, Lands, or Property, or the Passage or Conduct of Traffic over or at any such Railway, Canal, or Stations; and if any such Injury or Interference shall arise to such Railway, Canal, Stations, Bridges, Works, Lands, or Property, the
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Lands, or
Works of
London
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Company shall make full Compensation to that Company in respect of such Injury or Interference.

Saving
Rights of
Conservators
of River
Thames.

52. Nothing contained in this Act, or in any of the Acts herein referred to, shall empower the Company to take, use, or in any Manner interfere with the Banks, Bed, Shore, or Waters of the River *Thames* or any Tributary thereof, or to derogate from the Estates, Rights, Interests, Liberties, Privileges, or Franchises of the Conservators of the River *Thames*, or to prohibit, defeat, alter, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction which at the Time of passing of this Act the said Conservators did or might lawfully claim or use or exercise.

No Property
to be ac-
quired save
by Agree-
ment, and
no Power
to levy
Rates.

53. Nothing in this Act contained shall be so construed as to give the Company Power to take or acquire any Property or Right, or to construct any Works, otherwise than by Agreement, or to give to any Public or Local Authority any Power which they shall not possess irrespectively of this Act to levy or make Rates or Charges.

Land; &c.
only to be
taken by
Agreement.

54. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held or construed to authorize the Company to take, otherwise than by Agreement, any Land of any Waterworks Company, or to alter or interfere with any Works or Property of any such Company without their previous Consent in Writing, or to authorize the Company to foul or otherwise injuriously interfere with or affect any Stream or Supply of Water which any Waterworks Company is authorized to use for the Purposes of their Undertaking.

Company
not exempt
from present
or future
General
Acts.

55. This Act or anything therein contained shall not exempt the Company or their Undertaking from the Provisions of any General Act relating to this Act or to the Purposes of this Act or any of them which may pass in the present or any future Session of Parliament.

Extent of
Act.

56. This Act shall not extend to *Ireland* or *Scotland*.

Expenses
of Act.

57. The Expenses of preparing and passing this Act and preparatory and incidental thereto shall be paid by the Company.

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