



CHAP. lxxiii.

An Act to continue and enlarge the powers of the Acts relating to the Albert Bridge Company ; and for other purposes. A.D. 1871.

[29th June 1871.]

WHEREAS by "The Albert Bridge Act, 1864," the Albert Bridge Company were authorised to make and maintain in the manner therein provided "a bridge across the River Thames, " with all convenient abutments, piers, walls, embankments, toll-houses, toll-gates, landing-stairs, and other works and conveniences connected therewith, to commence in the parish of St. Luke, Chelsea, in Cheyne Walk, at or near the junction therewith of Oakley Street, and to terminate in the parish of St. Mary, Battersea, in a road called the Prince Albert Road," and they were empowered by the said Act to take tolls for passing over the said bridge, and to raise moneys and do various other matters in relation thereto : 27 & 28 Vict.
c. CCXXXV.

And whereas the Company proceeded to carry into effect the objects and purposes of the said Act, and have expended large sums of money in connexion therewith :

And whereas by "The Albert Bridge Act, 1869," the time granted by the Albert Bridge Act, 1864, for the completion of the bridge and other works was extended, but the said works cannot be completed within such extended time, and it is expedient that the period limited by the said recited Acts for the completion thereof, and the powers thereby granted to the Company in connexion therewith, should be continued and enlarged :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be accomplished without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted ; and be it 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 :

[Ch. lxxiii.] *The Albert Bridge Act, 1871.* [34 & 35 VICT.]

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Short title.

Extending time for completion of bridge, &c.

Company to expend 10,000*l.* before 31st January 1872, or powers to cease.

Bridge to be made in accordance with plan signed by Robert Henry Hurst, Esq., M.P.

Saving rights of the Conservators of the River Thames.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Albert Bridge Act, 1871."

2. The time limited by the recited Acts for the completion of the bridge and other works thereby authorised, and the powers by the same Acts granted to the Company in respect thereof, and all obligations, contracts, and agreements, shall (except as to the power for the compulsory purchase of land) be and the same are hereby continued and shall remain in force for the period of eighteen months from the passing of this Act, and on the expiration of that period the same powers shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much of the said bridge and works as shall then be completed, and except as to any unperformed contracts and agreements: Provided always, that in case the Company do not on or before the 1st day of February 1872 prove to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade that they have expended between the 19th day of May 1871 and the 31st day of January 1872 the sum of 10,000*l.* on works and materials towards the construction of the bridge, including the staging and sinking the cylinders, then the powers by this Act granted to the Company for the completion of the works shall absolutely cease and determine, and the certificate of the Board of Trade that such proof has been given to their satisfaction shall be sufficient evidence of the fact so certified, and such certificate shall be published by the Company for three successive weeks, in the month of February 1872, in a newspaper published in the county of Middlesex.

3. The bridge shall be made according to a plan and elevation prepared by Rowland Mason Ordish, engineer, and signed by Robert Henry Hurst, Esq., chairman of group M. of the committee of the House of Commons, and approved by the Board of Trade, subject to such variations as may be rendered necessary by the works of the Metropolitan Board of Works on the Chelsea Embankment.

4. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to repeal, affect, prejudice, lessen, or derogate from the stipulations and provisions for the protection of the Conservators of the River Thames contained in or the rights and powers of the conservators under "The Albert Bridge Act, 1864," nor to prejudice or 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, jurisdiction which at the time of the passing of this Act the said conservators did or might lawfully claim, use, or exercise.

5. Nothing contained in this Act or in any of the Acts herein referred to shall alter any of the powers or provisions contained in "The Albert Bridge Act, 1864," relating to the Battersea Park Commissioners, without the consent in writing of the said Commissioners first had and obtained for that purpose, which consent such Commissioners are hereby authorised to give, upon and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by them, neither shall anything in the said Act or Acts contained divest, take away, prejudice, diminish, or alter any estate, right, title, privilege, power, or authority vested in or enjoyed by the said Battersea Park Commissioners, their successors or assigns.

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6. Nothing in this Act contained shall affect, prejudice, or lessen the powers of the Metropolitan Board of Works under "The Thames Embankment (Chelsea) Act, 1868," or any other of the Board's Acts, and when any of the works authorised by the said recited Acts or this Act shall in any way interfere with the said embankment, the said Board shall and they are hereby empowered to make and complete all such works of the Albert Bridge Act, and the costs, charges, and expenses of the making and completion of such works shall be borne by the Albert Bridge Company, and the certificate of the engineer of the said Board for the time being as to such costs, charges, and expenses shall be accepted by the said Company, and be final without any reference to any arbitrators or jury.

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7. All the costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Company.

Expenses of
Act.

