



CHAPTER lxxxviii.

An Act to confirm the Provisional Order for the inclosure of certain Lands known as the Common Fields, the Common Meadow Lands, the Cow Common, the Green, the Meres, Baulks, and other waste lands, situate in the parish of Steventon in the county of Berks, in pursuance of a Report of the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales. A.D. 1880.
[2nd August 1880.]

WHEREAS the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales did, in pursuance of the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1878, issue, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty, the Provisional Order of Inclosure set forth in the schedule hereto, and in a special report certified that it was expedient that the same should be confirmed by Parliament: 8 & 9 Vict.
c. 118., &c.

And whereas a Committee of the House of Commons, to which the same Provisional Order was referred, recommended that the same should be confirmed without modification:

And whereas the said inclosure cannot be proceeded with without the previous authority of 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 Provisional Order of Inclosure set forth in the schedule to this Act is hereby confirmed. Confirmation
of Provi-
sional Order.

2. This Act may be cited as the Inclosure (Steventon) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1880. Short title.

A.D. 1880.

SCHEDULE.

Provisional Order for the Inclosure of a Common.

WHEREAS persons interested in certain lands called or known as the Common Fields, the Common Meadow Lands, the Cow Common, the Green, and the Meres, Baulks, and other waste lands, situate in the parish of Steventon in the county of Berks, such lands being a common within the meaning of the Inclosure Acts, 1845 to 1878, have made application to the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales to issue a Provisional Order for the inclosure of such common, and to certify that it is expedient that such Provisional Order should be confirmed by Parliament:

And whereas it has been made to appear to the said Commissioners that the persons making the said application represent at least one third in value of such interests in the said common as are proposed to be affected by the Provisional Order:

And whereas the said Commissioners, having taken the said application into consideration, were satisfied that a *prima facie* case had been made out, and that, regard being had to the benefit of the neighbourhood, as well as to private interests, it was expedient to proceed further in the matter, and accordingly ordered a local inquiry to be held by an Assistant Inclosure Commissioner:

And whereas the said Assistant Commissioner, having caused public notice to be given as required by the said Acts, held, pursuant to the said notice, public meetings on the 9th day of December 1879, at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, and on the following day, at seven o'clock in the evening, at the National Schoolroom in the said parish, to hear all persons desirous of being heard on the subject-matter of the said application, and any information or evidence which might be offered in relation thereto, and inquired into the correctness of the statements in the said application, and otherwise into the expediency of making the Provisional Order applied for, and into the nature of the provisions to be inserted in such Provisional Order:

And whereas the said Assistant Commissioner inspected the said common as required by the said Acts:

And whereas the said Assistant Commissioner duly reported in writing to the said Commissioners the result of the local inquiry and of the public meetings held by him, together with the information obtained by him as to the several particulars in the said application, and all other information required by the said Acts, and annexed to his report a map of the said common, a copy of which map is hereto annexed:

And whereas the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, as lords of the manor of Steventon, are entitled to the soil of the Cow Common, the Green, and the Meres, Baulks, and other waste lands aforesaid:

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Now, therefore, in pursuance of the powers given to us by the said Acts, we, A.D. 1880.
the Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales, being satisfied that,
having regard to the benefit of the neighbourhood as well as to private interests,
the inclosure of the said common is desirable, have framed for the consideration
of the persons interested this our draft Provisional Order, specifying the terms and
conditions on which, provided the necessary consents are given thereto, we are
prepared to certify that it is expedient the Provisional Order should be con-
firmed by Parliament; that is to say,

That so much of the Green as lies to the north-east of the dotted line on the
plan hereto annexed, containing about 14 acres, be allotted for recreation
ground.

That the rest of the Green, containing about 13 acres, and also seven acres of
common field land at or near the spots marked A. and B. on the said plan, be
allotted for field gardens.

That the strips of waste by the side of the road known as the Cow Road be
allotted to the churchwardens and overseers of the parish, and be kept open for
the benefit of the neighbourhood.

That two acres of common field land of average quality be allotted for the
purposes of a burial ground.

That carriage roads, bridle roads, and footpaths be set out, to the satisfaction
of the Inclosure Commissioners, as may be most convenient for public use.

That there be allotted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England,
as lords of the said manor, one-fourteenth part in value of the lands to the soil
of which they are entitled as aforesaid, such allotment to be in lieu of their right
and interest in the soil of such lands, inclusively of their right and interest in all
mines, minerals, stone, and other substrata under the same, and of all other their
right and interest therein as lords of the said manor.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our official seal this
twenty-second day of January one thousand eight hundred and
eighty.

L.S.

