



CHAPTER cviii.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made under the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement (Scotland) Acts, 1875 and 1880, relating to the improvement of the Burgh of Aberdeen. A.D. 1884.
[14th July 1884.]

WHEREAS the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, made the provisional order set forth in the Schedule to this Act under the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement (Scotland) Acts, 1875 and 1880 : 38 & 39 Vict.
c. 49.
43 Vict. c. 2.

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order should be confirmed by 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 Order set forth in the Schedule to this Act is hereby confirmed. Order in
schedule
confirmed.
2. This Act may be cited as the Aberdeen Improvement Confirmation Act, 1884. Short title.

A.D. 1884.

SCHEDULE.

Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement (Scotland) Acts,
1875 and 1880.

BURGH OF ABERDEEN IMPROVEMENT.

PROVISIONAL ORDER.

WHEREAS the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh and City of Aberdeen, being the local authority under the said Acts presented to me, the Right Honourable Sir William Vernon Harcourt, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, a petition praying that an order might be made confirming a Scheme prepared by the said local authority under the above-mentioned Acts for the improvement of a certain area within the said Burgh.

And whereas a copy of the said Scheme and of the estimates by which it was accompanied is annexed to this Order.

And whereas the map referred to in the said scheme has been deposited at the Home Office.

And whereas on consideration of the said petition and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements and of the service of the proper notices, I thought fit to proceed with the case, and directed a local inquiry to be made by Mr. Robert Wilson in or in the vicinity of the area to which the Scheme relates, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the official representations made to the said local authority as to the area, and the sufficiency of the Scheme provided for its improvement, and any local objections to be made to such Scheme.

And whereas, before commencing such inquiry, the said Robert Wilson made public, by advertisement, his intention to make such inquiry, and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all the persons desirous of being heard on the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of section sixteen of the first-mentioned Act.

And whereas the said Robert Wilson has reported to me in favour of the said Scheme.

And whereas the population occupying the area comprised in the said Scheme is estimated at seven hundred and eighty-eight persons, and it is proved to my satisfaction that there is sufficient and suitable accommodation for such population in the neighbourhood of the said area.

Now therefore, I, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the said Acts, hereby confirm the said Scheme, and authorise the same to be carried into execution.

Whitehall,

14 May 1884.

(Signed)

W. V. HARCOURT.

SCHEME.

A.D. 1884.

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Aberdeen (Artizans Dwellings) Improvement Scheme.

2. In this Scheme, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them :—

The “Burgh” means the Royal Burgh and City of Aberdeen.

The “Town Council” means the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of the Royal Burgh and City of Aberdeen.

The “Town Clerk” and the “Burgh Surveyor” mean respectively the Town Clerk and the Burgh Surveyor of the Royal Burgh and City of Aberdeen.

The “Map” means the Map which accompanies this Scheme.

The “Area” means the Area coloured pink and blue on the map.

3. The unhealthy area included in this Scheme is the area delineated and coloured pink on the Map.

The neighbouring lands which, in the opinion of the Town Council, it is necessary to include in this Scheme for the purpose of making it efficient for sanitary purposes, and for widening the existing approaches to the unhealthy area, or for opening out the same for the purposes of ventilation or health, are also delineated on the map, and are distinguished by a blue colour.

A duplicate of the Map is deposited at the Office of the Town Clerk, and copies of the Map or any part thereof, certified by the Burgh Surveyor, shall be received in all Courts of Justice, or elsewhere, as evidence of the contents thereof respectively.

4. The Town Council may, for the purposes of this Scheme, and from time to time enter upon, purchase, take compulsorily, and deal with all or any of the lands, houses, and buildings within the area, and take down and clear away the materials of such houses and buildings.

5. The Town Council may lay out, form, pave, sewer, and complete a new street from Regent Quay to Virginia Street, in such line and of such width and gradient as they may see fit, and with such other streets, approaches, communications, alterations of levels, stopping up, widening, or diverting of existing streets, lanes, and otherwise, as may be determined by the Town Council to be necessary or proper for the purposes of this Scheme.

6. The Town Council may, for the erection of suitable dwellings for persons of the working class displaced by this Scheme, from time to time appropriate any parts of the area, and also any lands for the time being belonging to them or which they have power to acquire.

7. All dwelling-houses to be erected in accordance with this Scheme shall be well and substantially built, and shall be so situated and constructed as to secure efficient ventilation and shall be furnished with a proper water supply, and

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8. The Town Council shall, as soon as practicable after the passing of the Act authorising this Scheme, proceed to carry the same into execution; but they may, from time to time, purchase and deal with parts of the lands within the area without being required to purchase and deal with the whole of the lands within the area.

9. The Town Council may, for all or any of the purposes of this Scheme, sell and dispose of the lands and property herein-before authorised to be dealt with by them; but they may, if they see fit, instead of laying out the street and disposing of the land in manner before provided, sell and dispose of the whole of the lands and property within the area for the erection of shops, or manufacturing, commercial, or business premises.

10. The costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparation of this Scheme, and the obtaining of the relative Provisional Order and confirmation by Parliament, and the expenses of the execution of this Scheme, so far as not defrayed out of moneys received by the Town Council pursuant to the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement (Scotland) Acts, 1875 and 1880, shall be paid by the Town Council out of the local rate defined in the first-mentioned Act, or out of moneys borrowed in pursuance of the said Acts.

Dated at Aberdeen, and the City Seal hereunto affixed, this 25th day of
October, 1883.

(L.S.)

W. GORDON,
Town Clerk.

BURGH OF ABERDEEN.

A.D. 1884.

Estimate of cost of the Scheme made by the Town Council of the Burgh of Aberdeen, as the Local Authority for the Burgh under the Artizans and Eabourers Dwellings Improvement (Scotland) Acts, 1875 and 1880.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--------|----|----|
| Cost of acquiring the lands and buildings for the purposes of the Scheme—clearing the site—constructing the new street, and incidental works | 24,010 | 0 | 0 |
| Estimated value of surplus lands available for re-sale | 10,048 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cost of Scheme | 13,962 | 0 | 0 |

WILLIAM BOULTON,
Burgh Surveyor.

Aberdeen, 19th October, 1883.

