



### CHAPTER ccxxviii.

An Act for enabling the Metropolitan Board of Works to alter the situation of the new Battersea Bridge authorised by the Metropolitan Bridges Act 1881 and for other purposes. A.D. 1884.  
[7th August 1884.]

**W**HEREAS by the Metropolitan Bridges Act 1881 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1881.") the Metropolitan Board of Works were empowered (amongst other things) to construct a new bridge over the River Thames at Battersea with approaches thereto but the said Board have not yet constructed the said bridge or approaches and it is expedient that the said bridge should be constructed in the altered position shown on the plans deposited for the purposes of this Act and that provisions should be made such as are in this Act contained empowering the Metropolitan Board of Works to construct the said bridge in such altered position as aforesaid and in connection therewith the new road and road widening hereinafter described and prohibiting the Metropolitan Board of Works from making the approach road to new Battersea Bridge in the county of Surrey and parish of St. Mary Battersea authorised by the Act of 1881 and rendered unnecessary by the altered position of the said bridge;

And whereas the Metropolitan Board of Works have caused to be deposited with the respective clerks of the peace for the counties of Middlesex and Surrey plans and sections describing the lines situations and levels of the proposed works and the lands or other property in or through which the said works will be made or which may be taken for the purposes or under the powers of this Act and a book of reference containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of the same lands and property and describing the same lands and property and such plans sections and book of reference are in this Act referred to as the deposited plans sections and book of reference;

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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 (that is to say):—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges) Act 1884.

Interpretation of terms.

2. In this Act the following words and expressions have the several meanings hereby assigned to them unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction (that is to say):—

“The Board” means the Metropolitan Board of Works;

“The Lands Clauses Acts” means the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts 1845 1860 and 1869 (except section one hundred and thirty-three of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845) as the same are amended by the Lands Clauses (Umpire) Act 1883;

“The Act of 1881” means the Metropolitan Bridges Act 1881;

“The Act of 1883” means the Metropolitan Board of Works (Bridges, &c.) Act 1883;

“The works by this Act authorised” includes the new Battersea Bridge and the widening of Battersea Bridge Road and the new road in the parish of St. Mary Battersea by this Act respectively authorised and the viaducts embankments piers walls fences drains stairs buildings works and conveniences connected with the said new bridge and widening and with the said new road respectively by this Act authorised;

“Justice” means justice of the peace acting for the county borough liberty or place where the matter requiring the cognisance of any such justice shall arise and who shall not be interested in the matter. When any matter shall require to be done before justices the expression “two justices” shall be understood to mean two justices assembled and acting together in petty sessions or a Metropolitan police magistrate sitting alone;

“Lessee” includes any person holding a sub-lease;

“Person” includes corporation;

And the several words and expressions to which by the Acts wholly or partly incorporated herewith meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective meanings unless there be

in the subject or context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such construction; A.D. 1884.

Provided always that for the purposes of this Act the expression "the Promoters of the undertaking" in the Lands Clauses Acts shall be construed to mean the Board and that for the purposes of this Act the expression "superior courts" or "court of competent jurisdiction" or any other like expression in this Act or any Act wholly or partly incorporated herewith shall be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a simple contract debt and not a debt or demand created by statute.

3. The Lands Clauses Acts (except where expressly varied by this Act) are incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Incorporation of Lands Clauses Acts. Act to be carried into effect by the Board.

4. This Act shall be carried into effect by the Board.

5. The Board may from time to time appoint a committee or authorise a committee or committees appointed by the Board for other purposes to manage and transact all or any of the matters or purposes which the Board are by this Act empowered to do or perform and any such committee shall have so much or so many of the powers by this Act conferred on the Board as from time to time the Board may see fit to delegate to them.

Power to Board to appoint committee.

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board may make new Battersea Bridge authorised by the Act of 1881 in the altered position shown on the deposited plans instead of in the position shown on the plans deposited for the purposes of the Act of 1881 and may in the lines according to the levels and within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans make and (except as otherwise by this Act expressly provided) maintain the said bridge and the new road and road widening hereinafter mentioned that is to say:—

Power to make alteration as to new Battersea Bridge authorised by Act of 1881.

A new road wholly in the parish of St. Mary Battersea commencing in the Battersea Bridge Road at its junction with Little Europa Place continued along the present line of the said place to a point in line with and thence to and along Cottage Place and terminating at the northernmost end of Cottage Place where it joins "The Folly" and

The widening of Battersea Bridge Road in the same parish on the western side thereof from the termination of new Battersea Bridge to Bridge Road West.

And in connection therewith all such viaducts embankments piers wharves walls fences drains stairs buildings and all such works and conveniences as they may deem proper. And all the provisions of

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Removal of  
existing  
Battersea  
Bridge.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in section twenty-eight of the Act of 1881 and at any time before or during the construction of new Battersea Bridge by the Act of 1881 and this Act authorised the Board may take down and remove the existing bridge over the River Thames known as Battersea Bridge and the works connected therewith and the Board may if they think fit wholly or partially stop the traffic over the existing bridge over the River Thames known as Battersea Bridge and over the approaches thereto for such time and to such extent as they may think necessary and may for such purposes put up or cause to be put up sufficient palisades bars posts and other erections and may make from time to time such orders for stopping or regulating the traffic as to them shall seem proper and the said section shall be construed accordingly. Provided that before taking down or removing the said existing bridge or stopping traffic for the purpose of constructing new Battersea Bridge the Board shall provide and shall maintain a sufficient continuous means of passage across the River Thames for foot passengers upon or over or in connection with the existing bridge or the works authorised by this Act until the new bridge shall be opened to the public.

Provisions  
relating to  
property of  
William  
Farnell  
Watson and  
of London  
Steamboat  
Company  
Limited.

8. The following provisions shall be in force and have effect with respect to the property numbered four on the deposited plans in the parish of St. Mary Battersea and consisting of lands and hereditaments now in the occupation of the London Steamboat Company Limited to which William Farnell Watson is or claims to be entitled subject to a lease to the said company :—

- (1) The Board may enter upon take and use so much of the lands forming part of the said property as are coloured dark red on a certain plan marked No. II which is signed by Sir Henry Hussey Vivian Bart. the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was during its progress through Parliament referred (a copy of

which plan has been deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons) the Board not being obliged or compellable to purchase the whole of the said property or any greater portion thereof than is coloured dark red on the said plan.

(2) The Board may stop up close and discontinue for public traffic the existing entrance and means of access to the said property from Battersea Bridge Road and shall in such case in lieu thereof at their own cost in all respects provide a new entrance and means of access to the said property from Bridge Road by the construction and dedication to the public of the new road shown on the said plan and therein coloured pink connecting Cottage Place with Battersea Bridge Road. Provided always that the Board shall not stop up close or discontinue for public traffic the said existing entrance and means of access until they shall have completed fit for use by the public the said new road and shall have provided such new entrance and means of access to the said property in manner hereinbefore provided.

(3) The purchase-money or compensation to be paid by the Board to the said William Farnell Watson and the said company or other the owner or owners for the time being of the said property for his or their estate or interest in the said property shall be such as may be settled by agreement by and between the Board and the said William Farnell Watson and the said company or such other owner or owners as aforesaid or failing such agreement as may be settled in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement.

Provided that any purchase-money or compensation payable by the Board in respect of the said property to the said William Farnell Watson and the said company or such other owner or owners as aforesaid shall include the value of the respective interests of the said William Farnell Watson and the said company or such other owner or owners as aforesaid in such of the lands forming part of the said property as are coloured dark red in the said plan and any purchase-money or compensation so payable to the said company shall include all expenses which may be incurred by the said company in any re-arrangement of their buildings which may be rendered necessary by reason of the taking by the Board of such lands coloured dark red as aforesaid and in making an entrance into the premises of the said company from Cottage Place of equal width with Cottage Place. Provided further that no

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compensation shall be payable by the Board to the said William Farnell Watson or to the said company or to any such other owner or owners as aforesaid in respect of any damage to trade or except as by this section expressly provided in respect of any damage temporary or permanent which may be sustained by him or them by reason of the execution by the Board of any of the powers by this Act conferred upon them.

(4) The Board shall not enter upon or take under the powers of this Act the said lands coloured dark red on the said plan or any of them unless and until the full amount of all purchase money compensation and expenses payable by the Board under the provisions of this section shall have been duly paid by the Board to the parties respectively entitled thereto in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(5) All differences that may arise between the Board and the said William Farnell Watson and the said company or the said owner or owners as to the said new entrance shall be settled in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to the settlement of questions of disputed compensation.

Amendment  
of Act of  
1881 as to  
property of  
Mr. Hazell.

9. Section thirty-six of the Act of 1881 with respect to the properties in the said section referred to shall be read and construed so that wherever in the said section mention or reference is made of or to the approach road to new Battersea Bridge in the parish of St. Mary Battersea by the said Act authorised such mention or reference shall be deemed to be made of or to Battersea Bridge Road as widened under the authority of this Act and the said section shall be read and construed accordingly.

Power to  
deviate.

10. In making the new road and road widening by this Act authorised the Board may deviate to any extent not exceeding five feet from the levels thereof respectively defined on the deposited sections and may subject to the provisions of this Act deviate from the lines thereof within the limits of deviation defined on the deposited plans. But nothing in this section shall enable the Board in making new Battersea Bridge to deviate either from the line or level thereof otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1881.

Board may  
stop up  
carriage-  
ways, &c.,  
during exe-  
cution of  
works.

11. The Board during the making of any of the works by this Act authorised may in or upon the lands shown upon the deposited plans stop up or cause to be stopped up all or any part of the carriageways or footways of streets which they may think necessary

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for the purposes of this Act to be stopped up and for that purpose may put or cause to be put up sufficient palisades, bars, posts and other erections and may make from time to time such orders for regulating the passage of carts, carriages and horses as to them shall seem proper. A.D. 1884.

**12.** The Board within the limits of deviation defined on the deposited plans may for the purposes of and in connection with the works by this Act authorised raise sink or otherwise alter or cause to be altered the position of any of the steps areas cellars cellar flaps gratings fencings windows and watercourses pipes or spouts belonging to any house or building and also (but subject to the provisions of the Act of, 1881 with respect to the depth of covering over any water or gas mains or other pipes) the leaden or other pipes which for the purpose of conveying water or gas to any house or other place shall be laid into or from any main or pipe laid down by any of the companies or societies who furnish the inhabitants with water or gas and may remove all other obstructions so as the same be done with as little delay and inconvenience to the said companies societies and inhabitants as the circumstances of the case will admit and the Board shall make reasonable compensation to any company society or person who suffers damage by any such alteration. Power to alter steps areas pipes &c.

**13.** The Board may appropriate and dedicate to the use of the public the whole of any road or way whether a thoroughfare or not within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and forthwith thereafter the same shall be a public highway and shall be maintained repaired and lighted as other public highways by the road authority of the district in which the same is situate. Provided always that the Board shall not be liable to make compensation to any person in respect of the appropriation or dedication of such road or way or in respect of the site or soil of such road or way or of any part thereof. Power to appropriate roads to use of the public.

**14.** Notwithstanding anything in any Act to the contrary it shall not be lawful for any company or person to enter upon break up or interfere with the bridge by this Act authorised or the road and footways over the same for the purpose of laying down any main or pipe or executing any work therein thereon or thereunder except with the consent of the Board in writing and in accordance with such terms and conditions not being the exaction of any rent as the Board may determine. Provided that nothing in this section contained shall alter or affect any of the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1878 or of the Electric Lighting Act 1882. No main or pipe to be laid on works authorised except with consent of Board.

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Period for  
completion  
of works.

**15.** If the works by this Act authorised be not completed within four years from the passing of this Act then on the expiration of that period the powers of the Board under this Act for the execution thereof or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease to be exercised except so far as the same shall have been then completed.

Errors and  
omissions in  
plans &c. to  
be corrected  
by justices  
who shall  
certify the  
same.

**16.** If any omission misstatement or erroneous description shall have been made of any lands or of the owners lessees or occupiers of any lands on the deposited plans or in the deposited book of reference the Board may after ten days notice to the owners lessees and occupiers of the lands affected by such proposed correction apply to two justices for the correction thereof and if it shall appear to such justices that such omission misstatement or erroneous description arose from mistake they shall certify the same accordingly and they shall in such certificate state the particulars of any such omission and in what respect any such matter shall have been misstated or erroneously described and such certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county in which the lands affected thereby shall be situate, and such certificate shall be kept by such clerk of the peace along with the other documents to which it relates and thereupon such plans or book of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate and the Board may take the lands in accordance with such certificate.

Power to  
the Board to  
enter upon  
property for  
survey and  
valuation.

**17.** The Board and their surveyors officers and workmen and any person duly authorised in writing under the hand of the clerk of the Board may from time to time at all reasonable times in the day upon giving in writing for the first time twenty-four hours and afterwards from time to time twelve hours previous notice enter into and upon the lands and buildings by this Act authorised to be taken and used or any of them for the purpose of surveying and valuing the said lands and buildings without being deemed trespassers and without being subject or liable to any fine penalty or punishment on account of entering or continuing upon any part of the said lands.

Power to  
take lands  
and ease-  
ments.

**18.** Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board may enter upon take and use all or any of the lands shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference and any easement right or privilege whether existing at the time of the passing of this Act or required for the purpose thereof in or over the River Thames and the banks bed soil and foreshore of the said river which they may require for the purposes of the works by this Act authorised or any of them and the Board may if they think fit acquire and use any such easement right or privilege in through over or affecting



any such banks bed soil or foreshore without acquiring or being required to take such banks bed soil or foreshore Provided always that for the purposes of the works by this Act authorised or any of them the Board may enter upon and use temporarily any road within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans and also any lands roads footways or towing paths within the limits of deviation shown upon the deposited plans having given three weeks previous notice in writing to the owners and occupiers of the same of their intention to enter upon the same for such purposes and without being required to purchase or acquire the said premises or any of them and making compensation to the persons and in the manner prescribed by sections forty-three and forty-four of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 in all cases where the company shall not be required to purchase lands and where they shall take temporary possession of lands by virtue of the powers in the special Act granted.

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19. Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 to sell and convey or release lands may if they think fit subject to the provisions of that Act and of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act 1860 and of this Act grant to the Board any easement right or privilege (not being an easement of water) required for the purposes of this Act in over or affecting any such lands and for the purposes of this Act the provisions of the said Acts with respect to lands and rentcharges so far as the same are applicable in this behalf shall extend and apply to such easements rights and privileges as aforesaid and to any grant of the same respectively.

Powers to certain persons to grant easements &c. by agreement.

20. And whereas for the purposes of and in connection with the works by this Act authorised portions only of certain of the properties shown on the deposited plans and hereinafter mentioned may be sufficient and such portions may be severed from the remainder of the said properties without material detriment thereto: Therefore notwithstanding section ninety-two of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 the owners of and persons interested in the properties numbered on the deposited plans 41 42 43 45 46 48 49 60 61 62 and 63 in the parish of St. Mary Battersea whereof parts only are required for the purposes of this Act may (if such parts can in the judgment of the arbitrator arbitrators umpire or jury assessing or determining the compensation under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 be severed from such properties without material detriment thereto) be required to sell and convey to the Board the portions only of the premises so required without the

Owners may be required to sell parts only of certain lands and buildings if jury or arbitrators so decide.

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Costs of arbitration &c. in certain cases.

21. The arbitrator arbitrators umpire or jury to whom any question of compensation under this Act is referred shall if so required by the Board award and declare whether a statement in writing of the amount of compensation claimed has been delivered to the Board by the claimant giving sufficient particulars and in sufficient time to enable the Board to make a proper offer and if he or they shall be of opinion that no such statement giving sufficient particulars shall have been delivered one half of the costs of the arbitration or as the case may be one half of the costs of the proceedings before the sheriff (including the costs of summoning empannelling and returning the jury and of taking the inquiry and in recording the verdict and judgment therein) shall be defrayed by the person with whom the Board shall have such controversy or dispute and the remaining half shall be defrayed by the Board anything in the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 to the contrary notwithstanding Provided that it shall be lawful for any judge of the High Court of Justice by order in chambers in a summary way to permit any claimant to alter and amend the statement in writing of the claim delivered by him to the Board in case of discovery of any error or mistake therein or for any other reasonable cause such error mistake or cause to be established to the satisfaction of the judge and such amendment to be subject to such terms enabling the Board to investigate the amended claim and to make an offer de novo and as to postponing the hearing of the claim and as to costs of the inquiry and otherwise as to such judge may seem just and proper under all the circumstances of the case.

Provided also that this section shall be applicable only in cases where the notice to treat under the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 either contained or was endorsed with a notice of the effect of this section.

Redemption of land tax on lands acquired by the Board.

22. The Board in case they shall become possessed by virtue of this Act of any land charged with land tax shall within six months from their obtaining possession of such land proceed to redeem such land tax in accordance with the powers in that behalf given by the Acts for the redemption of the land tax.

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**23.** The Board may sell or dispose of all building and other materials vested in them or which by this Act they are authorised to acquire and which for the purposes of the Act of 1881 the Act of 1883 or this Act they are authorised to take down or remove and all paving metalling and materials in under or upon any road street or other place which the Board is by this Act authorised to enter upon take or use in the execution of any of the works by this Act authorised and any materials obtained in the alteration of or interference with any drain or sewer shall vest in the Board and they may sell or otherwise dispose of the same and the moneys to be produced by any sale under the authority of this section after deducting the expenses of such sale shall be applied towards the expenses of the Board in executing the works by the said Acts and this Act authorised.

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Power to sell materials.

**24.** In case any lands which shall be acquired by the Board under the powers of this Act shall not be required for any of the purposes of this Act the Board may when and as they shall think fit so to do demise and lease such lands or such parts thereof as the Board shall think it expedient to let on building leases either altogether or in parcels to any person or persons who shall erect and build or covenant and agree to erect and build thereon or on any part thereof houses erections or buildings of such size or class of building and upon such plan and elevation and of such height and with such storeys as the Board shall think proper for any term or number of years to determine at or before the expiration of ninety-nine years from and after the passing of this Act so as there be reserved in every such demise or lease such yearly rent to be incident to the immediate reversion of the premises therein comprised as to the Board shall seem reasonable and so that in every such demise or lease there be contained a covenant for the payment of the rent thereby to be reserved and such other covenants on the part of the tenant or lessee to be therein named as the Board shall reasonably be advised or require and also a clause in the nature of the condition of re-entry on non-payment of the rent thereby to be reserved or on non-performance of the covenants therein to be contained on the part of the tenant or lessee to be observed and performed and every such tenant or lessee shall give such good and sufficient security for the erecting finishing and completing of every such house erection and building which he shall covenant or agree to erect within the time in which he shall have contracted to finish the same as the Board shall order and direct and the Board may if they think fit accept and take any fine for the granting of any lease and may enter into any agreement for the granting of any lease of

Power to lease surplus land.

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such lands or such parts thereof and may in any such lease or agreement for a lease give to the lessee or intended lessee an option or right to purchase the fee simple in reversion in the premises leased or agreed to be leased together with all houses erections or buildings thereon at the time of the exercise of such option at such time and on such terms and conditions as they may think fit and on granting leases in pursuance of such agreements may alter the amount of the rents agreed to be reserved in such leases and may apportion the same and grant separate leases of any part of the hereditaments by any such agreement agreed to be leased as the Board think fit and may also alter or rescind any agreement as aforesaid and may accept any surrender of any lease in all respects as the Board shall think fit and any part of the said lands may be appropriated for and left as yards or courts to be attached to any houses agreed to be leased as the Board shall think fit.

As to sale  
of ground  
rents.

**25.** Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board may sell and dispose of or cause to be sold and disposed of the ground rents to be reserved by the leases or demises or agreed to be reserved by any agreements for leases of any lands made under the authority of this Act and also the fee-simple in reversion in such lands and in the houses erections or buildings thereon either altogether or in parcels by public auction or by private contract for such price or prices or sum or sums of money as the Board shall think reasonable and subject to such stipulations and provisions for the enjoyment thereof and as to the nature of the buildings which are to be at all times erected and built thereon and also subject to such stipulations as to the title to be produced to the hereditaments to be sold as the Board shall think fit and as regards any stipulations or provisions which may be contained in any conveyance under this enactment the same may at all times thereafter be enforced by the Board by re-entry on such lands on breach of any such stipulation or provision or otherwise in such manner in all respects as the Board shall think fit.

Board may  
sell land in  
the first  
instance  
without  
having  
previously  
granted a  
lease thereof.

**26.** Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board may if they think it expedient so to do sell and dispose of in the manner hereinbefore directed all or any lands which they may have acquired under the powers of this Act and which shall not be required for any of the purposes of this Act without having previously granted or agreed to grant any lease thereof for such price or prices or sum or sums of money as the Board shall think reasonable and subject to such stipulations and provisions for the enjoyment thereof and as to the nature of the buildings which are to be at all times erected and built thereon and also subject to such

stipulations as to the title to be produced to the hereditaments to be sold as the Board shall think fit and as regards any stipulations or provisions which may be contained in any conveyances under this enactment the same may at all times thereafter be enforced by the Board by re-entry on such lands on breach of any such stipulation or provision or otherwise in such manner in all respects as the Board shall think fit.

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**27.** The Board may from time to time let either from year to year or for a less period or for a term at rack-rent or exchange or otherwise dispose of any building or lands or any part thereof acquired by them under the powers of this Act and not required for any of the purposes of this Act and may execute and do any deed act or thing proper for effectuating any such lease exchange or other disposition.

Board may let or exchange lands.

**28.** Subject to the provisions of this Act the Board shall within such period as they may think fit (which period shall be the prescribed period for the purposes of section one hundred and twenty-seven of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845) after the completion of any of the works by this Act authorised for the purposes of which any lands have been acquired sell and dispose of to any person or persons and grant and convey such parts of such lands as they may have acquired under the powers of this Act and which shall not be required for any of the purposes of this Act.

Board to dispose of lands not wanted.

**29.** The receipt of the Board or of any person duly authorised by the Board for any purchase-moneys rents or profits or money payable to the Board by virtue of the Act of 1881 the Act of 1883 or this Act shall be a sufficient and effectual discharge for the money in such receipt expressed or acknowledged to be received and the person to whom the same shall be given shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for the misapplication or non-application of the money in such receipt expressed or acknowledged to be received and such money shall be applied by the Board towards the expenses of the Board in executing the works by the said Acts and this Act authorised.

Receipts of Board to be effectual discharges.

**30.** The powers of the Board for the compulsory purchase or taking of lands for the purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

**31.** The Board shall not less than eight weeks before they take possession of fifteen houses or more in any parish occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the working classes

Notice to be given of taking houses of

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as tenants or lodgers make known their intention to take possession of the same by placards handbills or other general notice placed in public view upon or within a reasonable distance from such houses and the Board shall not take possession of any such houses until they have obtained the certificate of a justice that it has been proved to his satisfaction that they have so made known their intention.

As to ac-  
commodation  
for persons  
of the work-  
ing classes  
displaced.

**32.** The following provisions with respect to providing accommodation in suitable dwellings for persons of the working classes who will be displaced by the execution of any of the works by this Act authorised shall be in force and have effect:—

- (1) Before throwing open new Battersea Bridge to the public the Board shall provide or cause to be provided on the lands acquired by the Board for the purposes of such works or on lands in the vicinity thereof or on such lands as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State shall approve accommodation in suitable dwellings for such number not being less than one-half of the number of persons of the working classes displaced from the lands so acquired as the said Secretary of State may prescribe having regard to the special circumstances of each case and after consideration of the report of any person ordered by him to hold a local inquiry in any case in which he may deem such inquiry necessary.
- (2) The Board may for the purpose of procuring such accommodation appropriate any lands for the time being belonging to them or which they have power to acquire and which are not required for any other purpose and may purchase by agreement such further lands as may be necessary for such purpose.
- (3) The buildings upon the lands acquired by the Board for the purposes of the works by this Act authorised shall be taken down and removed at such times only as the said Secretary of State may from time to time prescribe.
- (4) A certificate signed by the said Secretary of State as to the compliance by the Board with the provisions of this Act with respect to the accommodation to be provided in dwellings for persons belonging to the working classes shall be conclusive evidence of such compliance.

Power to  
Board to  
make agree-  
ments with  
owners of  
property, &c.

**33.** The Board may subject to the provisions of this Act from time to time enter into and carry into effect agreements with any person being the owner of or interested in any lands houses or property abutting on any portion of any of the works authorised by this Act with respect to the sale by the Board to such person of any lands or property (including any street or thoroughfare or any part

of a street or thoroughfare acquired by the Board under the powers of this Act and not required for any of the purposes of this Act) for such consideration as may be agreed upon between the Board and such person and the Board may accept as satisfaction of the whole or any part of such consideration by such person the grant of any lands or other property required by the Board for the purposes of this Act.

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**34.** The Board may defray the expenses from time to time incurred by them after the passing of this Act in the execution of the Act of 1881 the Act of 1883 (except section fifty-six thereof and including the expenses of lighting the bridges required by the said Acts to be maintained by the Board) and of this Act and not by either of the said Acts or this Act or any other Act otherwise expressly provided for in like manner in every respect save as hereinafter expressly provided as if such expenses were expenses incurred by the Board in carrying into execution the purposes of the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and the Acts amending the same and all sums which from time to time the Board may require to defray such expenses including the charges for moneys raised since the passing of the Act of 1881 the Act of 1883 and this Act and for the purposes of the said Acts respectively and which the Board shall by precept require any vestry or district board to pay to the Board in pursuance of the said Acts and of this Act shall in such precept be termed "bridge expenses" and shall be paid by such vestry and district board respectively and shall be raised in like manner as if the same were required by such vestry or district board for defraying such of the expenses of such vestry or district board as are chargeable upon their general rate.

Power of Board to defray expenses under Act of 1881 Act of 1883 or this Act and raising of same by general rate.

**35.** Nothing contained in this Act shall authorise the taking use or interference with any land or hereditaments or any rights of whatsoever description belonging to or vested in the Queen's most Excellent Majesty for public purposes or which are vested in or are under the control or management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings without the consent in writing of the same Commissioners first had and obtained which consent such Commissioners are hereby authorised to give.

Saving rights of the Crown and Commissioners of Her Majesty's Works and Public Buildings.

**36.** Nothing contained in this Act shall authorise the Board to take use or in any manner interfere with any land soil tenements or hereditaments or any rights of whatsoever nature belonging to or enjoyed or exercisable by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in right of Her Crown and under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods Forests and Land Revenues or

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Expenses of  
Act.

**37.** The costs charges and other expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Board.