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An Act for amending the Westminster (Parliament Street &c.) Improvements Act 1887 and to extend the periods limited by that Act for the compulsory purchase of Lands for and for the completion of the Works thereby authorised. A.D. 1890.
[14th August 1890.]

WHEREAS by the Westminster (Parliament Street &c.) Improvements Act 1887 (in this Act called "the Act of 1887") certain persons therein named were authorised to enter upon take and use certain lands in the parish of St. Margaret Westminster in the city of Westminster and to widen Parliament Street Charles Street and Delahay Street Westminster and to make new streets between Charles Street and Great George Street and between Great George Street and Broad Sanctuary Westminster :

And whereas by section 4 of the Act of 1887 after reciting that it was intended that the undertaking under that Act should be carried out by means of a company to be registered for the purpose under the Companies Acts 1862 to 1886 it was enacted that the powers of that Act for the execution of the works thereby authorised and for the compulsory purchase of lands and houses should not be exercised until such a company should have been duly registered and should have acquired the right to exercise the powers of that Act as the assigns of the Undertakers particularly named in that Act and that thereafter the provisions of the said Act should have effect as if such company were named therein as the Undertakers Provided nevertheless that any company registered for the purposes of the said Act should not exercise any of the powers conferred upon the Undertakers by that Act unless within two years after the passing of that Act which received the Royal Assent on the 23rd day of August 1887 shares for five hundred thousand pounds of capital were issued and accepted and the company should have proved to the Board of Trade and the said Board should have

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houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December next before the passing of this Act or of the Act of 1887 as the case may be were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers unless and until—

(A.) They shall have obtained the approval of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to a scheme for providing new dwellings for such number of persons as were residing in such houses on the respective fifteenth day of December aforesaid or for such number of persons as the said Secretary of State shall after inquiry deem necessary having regard to the number of persons on or after that date residing in such houses and working within one mile therefrom and to the amount of vacant suitable accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood of such houses or to the place of employment of such persons and to all the circumstances of the case ; and

(B.) They shall have given security to the satisfaction of the said Secretary of State for the carrying out of the scheme :

And as if subsection (4) thereof had been in the following words :—

Any provisions of any scheme under this section or any conditions subject to which the said Secretary of State may have approved of any scheme or of any modifications of any scheme or subject to which he may have dispensed with the above-mentioned requirement shall be enforceable by a writ of Mandamus to be obtained by the said Secretary of State out of the High Court :

And as if subsection (9) thereof had been in the following words :—

The said Secretary of State may direct any inquiries to be held which he may deem necessary in relation to any scheme under this section and may appoint or employ inspectors for the purposes of any such inquiry and the inspectors so appointed or employed shall for the purposes of any such inquiry have all such powers as the inspectors of the Local Government Board have for the purposes of inquiries directed by the Local Government Board under the Public Health Act 1875.

Saving
provisions
of Act of
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8. Notwithstanding anything in this Act all the provisions of the Act of 1887 except so far as they are expressly varied by this Act and all contracts and agreements which before the passing of this Act have been entered into by or on behalf of the promoters of

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the Bill for the Act of 1887 or by or on behalf of the Undertakers A.D. 1890.
named in that Act with the owner or owners lessee or lessees or
occupier or occupiers of any lands buildings and premises shown
upon the plans deposited for and referred to in that Act or any
other person or persons authorities bodies or companies with refer-
ence to the execution of that Act shall remain in full force and
effect as against and shall be binding upon the Undertakers and
the powers of the Undertakers under the Act of 1887 and this Act
shall be exercised subject to all such provisions contracts and
agreements.

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