



Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847

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Interpretations in this Act

And with respect to the construction of this Act, whether incorporated in whole or in part with any other Act, and of any Act incorporated therewith, be it enacted as follows:

2 “the special Act:” “prescribed:” “the commissioners.”

The expression “the special Act” used in this Act shall be construed to mean any Act which shall be hereafter passed for the improvement or regulation of any town or district, or of any class of towns or districts, defined or comprised therein, and with which this Act shall be incorporated; and the word “prescribed” used in this Act in reference to any matter herein stated shall be construed to refer to such matter as the same shall be prescribed or provided for in the special Act, and the sentence in which such word shall occur shall be construed as if instead of the word “prescribed” the expression “prescribed for that purpose in the special Act” had been used; and the expression “the commissioners” shall mean the commissioners, trustees, or other persons or body corporate intrusted by the special Act with powers for executing the purposes thereof.

3 Interpretations in this and the special Act. Number: Gender: “Person:” “Lands:” “Street:” “Month:” “Justice:” “Two Justices:” “Owner:” “Cattle:”

The following words and expressions in both this and the special Act, and any Act incorporated therewith, shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; (that is to say,)

Words importing the singular number shall include the plural number, and words importing the plural number shall include the singular number:

Words importing the masculine gender shall include females:

The word “person” shall include a corporation, whether aggregate or sole:

The word “lands” shall include messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, of any tenure:

The word “street” shall extend to and include any road, square, court, alley, and thoroughfare, within the limits of the special Act:

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The word “month” shall mean a calendar month:

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[^{F3} The word “justice” [^{F4} shall mean a lay magistrate]; and where any matter is authorized or required to be done by two justices, the expression “two justices” shall be understood to mean two or more justices met and acting together.]

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The word “owner,” used with reference to any lands or buildings in respect of which any work is required to be done, or any rate to be paid, under this or the special Act shall mean the person for the time being entitled to receive, or who, if such lands or buildings were let to a tenant at rackrent, would be entitled to receive, the rackrent from the occupier thereof:

The word “cattle” shall include horses, asses, mules, sheep, goats, and swine.

Textual Amendments

- F1** In s. 3 definitions of "superior courts" and "county" repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIV** Group1
- F2** Definition of “oath” repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1981 (c. 19), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. VIII**
- F3** Words in s. 3 repealed (E.W.S.) (1.4.2005) by Courts Act 2003 (c. 39), s. 110(1), Sch. 8 para. 29(1), **Sch. 10**; S.I. 2005/910, art. 3(y)
- F4** Words in s. 3 substituted (N.I.) (31.10.2016) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 9), s. 106(2), **Sch. 1 para. 15(1)(a)** (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k) (with art. 3)
- F5** Definition of “quarter sessions” repealed by Courts Act 1971 (c. 23), **Sch. 11 Pt. IV**

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