CHAPTER c.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the Improvement of certain Unhealthy Areas in the City of London. [12th July 1877.]

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WHEREAS the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has made the Provisional Order set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed under the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875:

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:

Provisional Order in Schedule confirmed.

1. The Order set out in the Schedule hereunto annexed is hereby confirmed.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the City of London (Golden Lane and Petticoat Square, &c.) Improvement Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1877.

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SCHEDULE.

The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

CITY OF LONDON (GOLDEN LANE, PETTICOAT SQUARE, STONEY LANE, AND MEETING-HOUSE YARD) IMPROVEMENT.

PROVISIONAL ORDER.

WHEREAS the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London presented to me, the Right Honourable Richard Assheton Cross, 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 Commissioners, under the above-mentioned Act, for the improvement of certain areas subject to the jurisdiction of the said Commissioners as the Local Authority under the said Act:

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

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. D. Cubitt Nichols in or in the vicinity of the areas to which the scheme relates for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the official representations made to the said Commissioners as to the areas, and the sufficiency of the scheme provided for their improvement, and any local objections to be made to such scheme:

And whereas before commencing such inquiry the said D. Cubitt Nichols 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 persons desirous of being heard upon the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of section seventeen of the above-mentioned Act:

And whereas the number of persons of the working class that will be displaced by the scheme if carried out in accordance with this Order is estimated to be 1734, as set forth in the following Table:—

	Number of Holdings.	Number of Rooms in each Holding.	Total Number of Rooms.	Average Number of Occupants in each Holding.	Total Number of Occupants.
In the Golden Lane area	168	1	168	2·2	369
	83	2	166	3·84	319
	21	3 or more.	87	5·1	108
In the Petticoat Square, Stoney Lane, and Meeting-house Yard area	35	1	35	1·69	59
	85	2	170	4·	348
	103	3 or more.	384	5·18	531
	495 Holdings.		1,010 Rooms.		1,734 Occupants.

Now I, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the said Act, hereby confirm the said scheme, and authorise the same to be carried into execution, subject to the following conditions and modifications:

Improvement Areas.

1. The following lands and premises:
   (*a.*) The whole of the area which is defined in Schedule A. of the said scheme under the head of Blewitt's Buildings:
   (*b.*) Such part of the area defined by the said Schedule A. of the said scheme under the head of Petticoat Square, Stoney Lane, and Meeting-house Lane as is coloured blue on the plan marked 6 C. annexed to a copy of this Order, and signed by me and deposited at the Home Office:

shall be excluded from the scheme.

2. The following lands and premises, viz.—

(*a.*) 41 and 42 Barbican, and the warehouse in rear of the same;
30 and 31 Barbican;
7, 13, 15, 17, 23, 27, 29, and 31 Golden Lane;
The stables and yards in Brackley Street; and
7, 8, 9, and 10 Charles Street.

} As numbered on the plan marked 4 A. annexed to a copy of this Order and signed by me and deposited at the Home Office.

(*b.*) 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 George Court;
2, 2a, and 3 Stoney Lane;
1, 8, 9, 9½, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 Ebenezer Square;
1, 2, 3, and 4 New Street;
38, 39, and 51 Middlesex Street; and
1a Harrow Alley.

} As numbered on the said plan 6 C. so signed and deposited as aforesaid.

shall not be deemed part of the unhealthy areas in respect of which official representations were made, but shall form part of the improvement areas to which the scheme, as amended by this Order, shall relate, and shall be deemed to have been included in the scheme as neighbouring lands.

Approaches.

In lieu of the approaches prescribed by the said scheme by reference to the Schedule B. thereto and the plans marked 3 and 5 and 7 deposited therewith, the following arrangements shall be carried out:

As shown on the said plan 4 A. relating to the Golden Lane area:

Golden Lane shall be widened to 50 feet.
Brackley Street shall be widened to 30 feet.
Princes Street shall be widened to 30 feet.
Charles Street shall be widened to 30 feet.

As shown on the said plan 6 C. relating to the Petticoat Square, Stoney Lane, and Meeting-house Yard area:

Harrow Alley shall be widened to 40 feet.
A new street 30 feet wide shall be formed in the line of Stoney Lane.

Mode of dealing with Areas.

In lieu of such mode of dealing with the improvement areas as is prescribed by the said scheme, the following arrangements shall be carried out:

The dwellings for persons of the working class to be erected on the lands constituting the Golden Lane area shall be built in blocks distinguished A, B, C, D, and E on the said plan marked 4 A., so signed and deposited as aforesaid, in the situations where the said blocks are to be placed:

The dwellings for persons of the working class to be erected on the lands constituting the Petticoat Square, Stoney Lane, and Meeting-house Yard area shall be built in blocks distinguished G, H, J, K, L, and M on the said plan marked 6 C., so signed and deposited as aforesaid, in the situations where the said blocks are to be placed:

Each block in each area shall consist of 5 storeys, with the exception of block M, which shall consist of 6 storeys. Each storey shall be not less than 8 feet high in the clear. The said blocks shall be so constructed as to provide in the aggregate accommodation for not less than 1,783 persons of the working class, as set forth in the subjoined Table:—

Number of Holdings.	Number of Rooms in each Holding.	Total Number of Rooms.	Average Number of Occupants in each Holding.	Total Number of Occupants.
50	1	50	2	100
293	2	586	3·75	1,098
130	3	390	4·5	585
473 Holdings.		1,026 Rooms.		1,783 Occupants.

Each block shall, on every storey, according to the number and size of the buildings therein, be furnished with waterclosets, sinks with water supply, and dust shoots.

The buildings on the lands constituting the improvement area, when the same shall have been acquired, shall be taken down and removed in sections of buildings, and new buildings on the said lands shall be erected, according to regulations to be from time to time made in that behalf by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Short Title.

The said scheme, as amended by this Order, shall be referred to for all purposes as The City of London (Golden Lane, Petticoat Square, &c.) Improvement Scheme, 1877.

Richd. Assheton Cross.

Home Office, Whitehall,
17th May 1877.

The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875.

CITY OF LONDON (BLEWITT'S BUILDINGS, GOLDEN LANE, PETTICOAT SQUARE, STONEY LANE, AND MEETING-HOUSE YARD) IMPROVEMENT.

Scheme for the Improvement of the Blewitt's Buildings, Golden Lane, Petticoat Square, Stoney Lane, and Meeting-house Yard Areas, in the City of London, in pursuance of the above Act.

Preliminary.

Whereas an official representation, under the provisions of the third section of "The Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, 1875," was made

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to us, the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, on the 19th day of October, 1875, by W. Sedgwick Saunders, M.D., F.S.A., Medical Officer of Health for the City of London, with respect to certain areas, situated in the City of London, and under our jurisdiction as the local authority within the meaning of the said Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Improvement Act, to the effect that the houses, courts, and alleys within the said areas are unfit for human habitation, and that diseases indicating a general low condition of health amongst the population have been from time to time prevalent therein, and that such prevalence may reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, and bad arrangement or the bad condition of the streets and houses or groups of houses within such areas, or to the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences, and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects in the said areas, cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and reconstruction of the streets and houses within such area:

And whereas, on the 28th day of March, 1876, we, the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, did take such representation into our consideration, and being satisfied of the truth thereof and of the sufficiency of our resources, did pass a resolution to the effect that the several areas described in the official representation as Blewitt's Buildings Block, Golden Lane Block, Petticoat Square Block, Stoney Lane Block, and Meeting-house Yard Block, are unhealthy areas, and that an improvement scheme or schemes ought to be made in respect thereof:

Now, therefore, we, the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, in furtherance of such resolution, and in pursuance of the provisions of the Artizans and Labourers Dwellings Act, 1875, and the powers by the said Act conferred upon us, do make the following scheme:—

Improvement Areas.

The areas to which this scheme applies are some of the areas and parts of others of the areas to which the official representation applies, and are delineated and coloured red in the plans marked 1, 2, 4, and 6, deposited with this scheme. The scheme also includes some neighbouring lands which the Commissioners consider to be necessary for the purpose of making the scheme efficient for sanitary purposes. All the said areas, parts of areas, and lands are herein-after called "The Improvement areas," and are described in Schedule A. hereto. The parts of areas excluded consist of lands which, since the date of the official representation, have been taken and cleared by the Metropolitan Railway Company, and also certain houses in Barbican.

Approaches.

It is intended that some of the existing approaches to the unhealthy areas shall be widened and opened out for the purposes of ventilation and health, as described in Schedule B. hereto and in the plans marked 3, 5, and 7, deposited herewith.

Mode of Acquisition of Lands.

It is proposed to acquire compulsorily the whole of the improvement areas.

Mode of dealing with Areas.

All the buildings now on the improvement areas shall be pulled down and new buildings erected thereon, and the streets re-arranged, as described in Schedule B. and the plans marked 3, 5, and 7, deposited herewith. Accommodation in suitable dwellings will be provided for not less than 2,113 persons, the number which will be displaced in the improvement areas. Such dwellings will all be within the limits of the improvement areas. The nature of the dwellings proposed, and the manner in which the number of persons referred to will be accommodated, are shown in Schedule B. hereto. Proper sanitary arrangements, of the nature described in Schedule B., shall be made in and for each of the new dwellings.

Estimate.

A detailed estimate of the expense of acquiring and clearing the ground, and of the amount which the Commissioners will be recouped by a sale of the sites for the purposes of the Act, appears in Schedule C. hereto. The Commissioners propose, however, to retain the power of letting instead of selling the whole or any part of the ground.

Short Title.

This scheme may be referred to for all purposes as "The City of London (Blewitt's Buildings, &c.) Improvement Scheme, 1876."

SCHEDULE A.

(*Description of Improvement Areas.*)

Blewitt's Buildings.

The whole of the houses in Blewitt's Buildings, together with the public way which they surround, which houses are bounded on the north by the rear of premises in Bartlett's Passage, on the east by the rear of property in Bartlett's Buildings, on the south partly by property in Plough Court, Plough Place, and Fetter Lane, and on the west by Fetter Lane, also including the premises numbers 53, 54, 55, 56, 56a, and 57, Fetter Lane.

Golden Lane.

The whole of the houses and premises on the south side of Brackley Street between Charles Street and Golden Lane, the whole of the houses in Silver Street, Collier's Court, Crown Court, Denmark Court, Red Cross Court

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Garter Court, together with the public ways and open courts surrounded thereby, the whole of the houses on the east side of Princes Street, between the corner of Charles Street and Barbican, the whole of the houses on the east side of Charles Street between Brackley Street and Princes Street, the house number 1, Bridgwater Gardens, the whole of the houses on the west side of Golden Lane, between the corner of Brackley Street and Barbican, and also the houses numbers 30, 31, 41, and 42, Barbican, the properties named being bounded on the north by Brackley Street, on the east by Golden Lane, on the south partly by Barbican, and partly by the rear of premises in Barbican, and on the west by Princes Street, Charles Street, and the property surrounding number 1, Bridgwater Gardens.

PETTICOAT SQUARE, STONEY LANE, AND MEETING-HOUSE YARD.

The whole of the property in Petticoat Square, Nightingale Place, Woodgreen Court, Mount Court, George Court, Coake's Buildings, Angel Court, Ebenezer Square, Stoney Lane, Meeting-house Yard, together with the public ways and open courts and places surrounded thereby, the houses on the south-west side of Middlesex Street numbered 31 to 51 inclusive, the houses on the south-west side of New Street, numbers 1 to 14 inclusive, the vacant land situated on the north-east side of the Metropolitan Railway, the houses on the south-east side of Harrow Alley, between the corner of Middlesex Street and the Metropolitan Railway. The whole of which named property is bounded on the north-east by Middlesex Street, on the south-east partly by New Street and partly by the flanks of houses in Middlesex Street, on the south and south-west by the open portion of Meeting-house Yard and by the Metropolitan Railway, and on the north-west by Harrow Alley.

SCHEDULE B.

The dwellings to be erected upon the lands constituting the improvement areas shall be built upon the sites distinguished by the letters A, B, and C respectively shown upon the plans marked 3, 5, and 7, deposited herewith.

The superficial area of these sites will be as follows:—

Site A on plan	3	5,072 feet.
„ B „	5	45,335 „
„ C „	7	81,055 „
Amounting in the whole to a total superficial area of		131,462 feet.

The buildings upon the respective sites shall be so constructed as to afford accommodation for not less than 2,113 persons, being the number of the working class which will be displaced.

Each building shall be furnished with waterclosets, sinks with water supply, and dust shoots, according to the number and size of the buildings and the tenants in such buildings.

The buildings upon the lands constituting the improvement area, when the same shall have been acquired, shall be taken down and removed in sections of buildings, and new buildings upon the said lands shall be erected according to regulations to be from time to time made in that behalf by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

It is intended to widen the following streets and places, as shown upon the plans hereto annexed:—

Plan 3, Site A - -	Fetter Lane, Blewitt's Buildings.
„ 5 „ B - -	Brackley Street, Golden Lane, Princes Street, Charles Street.
„ 7 „ C - -	Middlesex Street, New Street, Meeting-house Yard, Harrow Alley.

SCHEDULE C.

Cost of Land - - -	£333,209
Less recoupment - - -	48,665
Nett cost - -	£284,544

Frederick Cox, Chairman.
Henry Gibson.
John Staples.
Jesse Turner.
Will. Jas. Scott.
Thomas White.
Wm. Clements.

Signed by the above-named Frederick Cox, Henry Gibson, John Staples, Jesse Turner, William James Scott, Thomas White, and William Clements, being seven of the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of London, at a Court holden at the Guildhall in the City of London, on Tuesday the 24th day of October 1876.

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