Works of Improvement common to several Messuages, and divide the Expense among the Owners or Occupiers.

to execute such Works or any of them in several Messuages, Tenements, or Premises situate in the same Road, Street, or Place, or in contiguous or neighbouring Streets, Roads, or Places, as combined Works, or Works of Improvement common to several Messuages, Tenements, or Premises, and for that Purpose to construct, perform, or execute any Sewers, Drains, Waterclosets, Apparatus, or other Works of Improvement, whether temporary or permanent, simultaneously or in combination or conjunction, and that such Works can be executed for such a Sum as the Commissioners shall deem reasonable and proper in that Behalf, it shall be lawful in all such Cases for the Commissioners to give Notice to the Owners or Occupiers of such Messuages, Tenements, and Premises of their Intention to execute such Works, and to charge them or some of them with the Expenses thereof; and the Commissioners shall appoint a Time and Place for receiving Objections in Writing, which any Party interested in such Messuages, Tenements, or Premises, or any of them, may desire to offer, and at the appointed Time and Place the Commissioners shall receive and consider such Objections, if any, and may execute, abandon, or alter such intended Works, and if they shall execute such Works shall ascertain the Expenses incurred thereby, and shall divide such Expenses among the Owners or Occupiers of such Premises respectively, in such Proportions as they may deem equitable and reasonable; and the Amount imposed upon any such Owner or Occupier shall be paid by an Improvement Rate upon such Premises, or as Charges for Default, as the Commissioners shall in that Behalf direct and decree.

This Act and 11 & 12 Vict. c. 112 to be construed as One.

III. This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with "The Metropolitan Sewers Act, 1848," and shall be construed and taken as if this Act and "The Metropolitan Sewers Act, 1848," were One Act.

CAP. XXXI.

An Act to confirm the Incorporation of the Borough of *Brighton*.

[15th *June* 1855.]

5 & 6 W. 4. c. 76.

'WHEREAS since the passing of an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to provide for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in* England *and* Wales, a Charter of Incorporation has been granted to the Borough of *Brighton* in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Act, and of the Acts afterwards passed for amending the said Act: And whereas Doubts have arisen respecting the Validity of the said Charter, and the Right of the Mayor of the said Borough of *Brighton* to be the Returning Officer at the Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of *Brighton*; and it is expedient that such Doubts be removed;' Be it declared and 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:

Charter of Incorporation confirmed.

I. That the said Charter of Incorporation, and also the Grant of separate Courts of Sessions of the Peace, issued and granted to the said Borough, and all Acts and Proceedings done or had in pursuance thereof before the passing of this Act, shall be deemed good and lawful from the Time of the Grants, Acts, and Proceedings respectively.

The Mayor to be the Returning Officer.

II. The Mayor of *Brighton* shall be the Returning Officer for the Borough of *Brighton* at all Elections of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of *Brighton*: Provided, that in case the Mayor shall, at the Time when he shall be required to perform the Duties of such Returning Officer, be dead, absent, or otherwise incapable of acting, or in case there shall be no Mayor, the Town Council of *Brighton* shall forthwith elect One of the Aldermen to be the Returning Officer for the Borough in the Place of the Mayor being so dead, absent, or otherwise incapable of acting.