CAP. XXX.

An Act to amend The Harbours and Passing Tolls, &c. Act, 1861.

[18th *May* 1866.]

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:

Power for Board of Trade to authorize Suspension of Sinking Fund, &c. under certain Harbour Acts.

24 & 25 Vict. c. 47.

1. Where under The Harbours and Passing Tolls, &c. Act, 1861, any Loan has been or is about to be made by the Public Works Loan Commissioners to a Harbour Authority having borrowing Powers under a Special Act by which the Extinguishment of any Debt of the Harbour Authority by means of annual Payments of a prescribed Amount or within a prescribed Time is required, and the Board of Trade, on the Application of the Harbour Authority, are satisfied that by virtue of the Provision made or about to be made for Repayment within a certain Time of any such Loan or Loans from the Public Works Loan Commissioners there will be extinguished an Amount of Debt of the Harbour Authority not less than that which would in the same Time be extinguished under the Provisions of the Special Act, and the Board of Trade thereupon certify in Writing to the effect that it is expedient that the Operation of the Provisions of the Special Act relative to the Extinguishment of Debt, or such of them as are referred to in the Certificate, should as from a Time therein specified, and subject to any Conditions therein expressed, be suspended during the Period or Periods for Repayment of such Loan or Loans to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, then and in every such Case the Operation of those Provisions shall be and the same is by virtue of this Act and of the Certificate suspended accordingly.

Restriction on reborrowing.

2. Any Money borrowed from the Public Works Loan Commissioners to which any Certificate of the Board of Trade under this Act relates, when paid off, shall not be reborrowed.

Short Title.

3. This Act may be cited as The Harbour Loans Act, 1866.

CAP. XXXI.

An Act to provide for Superannuation Allowances to Officers of Vestries and other Boards within the Area of the Metropolis Local Management Act.

[18th *May* 1866.]

'WHEREAS it is expedient that Provision should be made to enable Superannuation 'Allowances to be granted to Officers of Vestries of any Parish and District Boards 'of any District and of other Parochial Bodies within the Metropolis who become disabled 'by Infirmity or Age to discharge the Duties of their Offices:'

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:

Vestries, District Boards, and Metropolitan Board of Works may grant Superannuation Allowances to Officers in certain Cases.

1. The Vestry of any Parish and District Board of any District or any other Parochial Body within the Metropolis, and also the Metropolitan Board of Works, may, at their Discretion, grant to any Officer in their respective Services, including the Chairman of the Metropolitan Board of Works, who shall become incapable of discharging the Duties of his Office with Efficiency by reason of permanent Infirmity of Mind or Body, or of old Age, upon his resigning or otherwise ceasing to hold his Office, an annual Allowance not exceeding in any Case Two Thirds of his then Salary, regard being had to the Scale of Allowances herein-after contained, and shall charge such Allowance to the Fund or Funds to which such Salary would have been charged if he had continued in his Office:

Provided

Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall affect the Powers contained in the Two hundred and thirteenth Section of "The Metropolis Management Act, 1855."

Allowances not to be assignable for Debts, &c.

2. This Allowance shall be payable to or in trust for such Officer only, and shall not be assignable for nor chargeable with his Debts or other Liabilities without the Consent in Writing of the Vestry, District Board, Metropolitan Board of Works, or other Parochial Body.

Limitation of Gran tof Allowances.

3. No Officer shall be entitled to such Allowance on the Ground of old Age who shall not have completed the full Age of Sixty Years.

Scale of Allowances.

4. Subject to the Provisions herein contained, the Allowance to be granted after the Commencement of this Act to Persons who shall have served in an established Capacity as Officers as aforesaid, whether their Remuneration be computed by weekly Wages, Poundage, or Percentage on Collection of Rates, or annual Salary, shall be as follows; (that is to say,)

To any Person who shall have served Ten Years and upwards, and under Eleven Years, an annual Allowance of Ten Sixtieths of the Salary and Emoluments of his Office;

And in like Manner an Addition of One Sixtieth in respect of each additional Year of such Service until the Completion of a Period of Service of Forty Years, when the annual Allowance of Forty Sixtieths may be granted; and no addition shall be made in respect of any Service beyond Forty Years; but in computing the Time of an Officer's Service any Period during which such Officer shall have been in the Service of a Vestry, Board of Trustees, or other Parochial Board of the same Parish superseded by "The Metropolis Management Act, 1855," or of any Parish comprised in the District Board granting such Allowance, shall be included.

Power to increase Allowance.

5. When for the due and efficient Discharge of the Duties of any Office professional or other peculiar Qualifications not ordinarily to be acquired in the Vestry or Board's Service are required, and any Person having such Qualifications shall have been or may be appointed thereto beyond the Age of Thirty Years, any Vestry or Board may, by Order, direct that when any Person now holding or who may hereafter be appointed to such Office shall retire from their Service, a Number of Years, not exceeding Ten, to be specified in the said Order, shall, in computing the Amount of Superannuation Allowance which may be granted to him under this Act, be added to the Number of Years during which he may have actually served.

Power to grant Gratuities in case of Retirement before entitled to Superannuation Allowance.

6. Any Vestry or Board or other Parochial Body may grant to any Person who is compelled to quit their Service by reason of severe bodily Injury occasioned, without his own Default, in the Discharge of his public Duty, or from Infirmity of Mind or Body, before the Completion of the Period which would entitle him to a Superannuation Allowance, a Gratuity not exceeding Three Months Pay for every Two Years of Service.

Notice of Grant to be given.

7. No Grant shall be made without One Month's previous Notice, to be specially given in Writing to every Member of the Vestry or District Board, of the Proposal to make such Grant, and the Time when it shall be brought forward.

Interpretation of Terms.

8. In the Construction of this Act the Term "Metropolis" shall have the same Interpretation as in the Metropolis Management Act, 1855, and Metropolis Management Amendment Act, 1862; the Words "other Parochial Body" shall mean all Trustees, Overseers, and others who make the several Rates for the Purposes of the Vestry or the District Board of any District.