



CHAPTER xlii.

An Act to empower the lord mayor aldermen and burgesses of the city of Bristol to construct additional dock works to extend the city and county of Bristol and for other purposes. A.D. 191 .
[8th August 1918.]

WHEREAS the city and county of Bristol (in this Act called "the existing city") is a municipal borough subject to the Acts relating to municipal corporations and under the government of the lord mayor aldermen and burgesses (in this Act called "the Corporation"):

And whereas the Corporation acting by the council are the urban sanitary authority for the district of the said borough:

And whereas the Corporation are the owners of the docks in the existing city known respectively as the City Docks the Avonmouth Docks and the Portishead Docks:

And whereas in order to increase the facilities for dealing with the growing trade of the port of Bristol it is expedient that the Corporation should be empowered to construct the dock extension and works authorised by this Act at the said Avonmouth Docks:

And whereas estimates have been prepared by the Corporation for the purchase of lands for and for the execution of the works by this Act authorised and such estimates amount to one million three hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds:

And whereas the works included in such estimates are permanent works within the meaning of section 234 of the Public Health Act 1875 and it is expedient that the cost thereof should be spread over a term of years:

A.D. 1918. — And whereas the existing city is a county of itself and has a separate court of quarter sessions commission of the peace police force sheriff and coroner and has an ancient court of record (commonly known as “the Tolzey Court”) and a court of pied poudré:

And whereas the existing city is a county borough under the Local Government Act 1888:

And whereas under the Education Act 1902 the Corporation are the education authority for the existing city:

60 & 61 Vict.
c. ccxxx. And whereas by the Bristol Corporation Act 1897 the boundaries of the then existing city were extended and the city as thereby extended was constituted a separate poor law union by the name of the Bristol Union:

And whereas by an order of the council of the city dated the twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight confirmed with modifications by an order of the Local Government Board dated the ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight the several parishes comprised in the then city of Bristol were amalgamated into one parish by the name of the parish of Bristol:

1 Edw. 7.
c. cclxiv.
2 Edw. 7.
c. cxlii.
4 Edw. 7.
c. ccxxiii. And whereas by the Bristol Docks and Railways Act 1901 the Bristol Corporation Act 1902 and the Bristol Corporation Act 1904 respectively the limits of the parish and city of Bristol were extended so as to include (inter alia) certain parts of the parish of Henbury which parish was formerly in the rural district of Barton Regis in the county of Gloucester but was (so far as not included within the existing city) by virtue of the said Act of 1904 transferred to and is now comprised in the rural district of Thornbury in the same county:

And whereas it is expedient that the existing city should be further extended so as to include that part of the said parish of Henbury which is described in the schedule to this Act and which comprises (together with lands already within the limits of the existing city) the site of certain extensive works of building and development which are now being carried out:

And whereas the Corporation are the owners of an estate partly within the existing city and partly in the parish of Easton-in-Gordano in the rural district of Long Ashton in the

county of Somerset and known as the Ham Green Estate upon part of which the Corporation have erected a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis: A.D. 1918.

And whereas it is expedient that the existing city should also be further extended so as to include that part of the said parish of Easton-in-Gordano which is described in the said schedule to this Act and which comprises so much of the said Ham Green Estate as is not now within the existing city:

And whereas the rural district council of the said rural district of Barton Regis were authorised by the Barton Regis Electric Lighting Order 1902 to supply electricity within that rural district (including the said parish of Henbury): 2 Edw. 7.
c. clxxxvii.

And whereas by the said Bristol Corporation Act 1904 the said Barton Regis Rural District Council were dissolved and the said Barton Regis Electric Lighting Order 1902 was repealed as regards the portions of the said rural district which were by the said Act added to the city and the powers conferred by the said Order were as regards the remainder of the said rural district transferred to the Corporation:

And whereas by virtue of the Bristol Electric Lighting Order 1883 as extended by various subsequent Acts the Corporation are authorised to supply electricity within an area which comprises the existing city and it is expedient that the said area should be extended so as to include the portion of the parish of Easton-in-Gordano which is by this Act added to the existing city and that as regards the portion of the parish of Henbury which is by this Act added to the existing city the provisions of the said Order of 1883 should apply instead of the provisions of the said Barton Regis Electric Lighting Order 1902: 46 & 47 Vict.
c. ccxxi.

And whereas by the Bristol Corporation (Various Powers) Act 1914 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1914") the Corporation were empowered to borrow for the construction of the wharves warehouses and works referred to in the first column of the next following table the sums set opposite thereto respectively in the second column of that table but owing to the increase since the outbreak of the present war in the cost of materials and labour and (in the case of certain of the said works) to the necessity for constructing the same upon a larger scale than was contemplated at the passing of the Act of 1914 the cost of constructing the said wharves warehouses and works 4 & 5 Geo. 5.
c. xcvi.

A.D. 1918. is now estimated at the sums set opposite thereto respectively in the third column of the said table:—

Works.	Amount authorised to be borrowed.	Revised Estimate of Cost.
	£	£
Deep water timber wharves - -	45,000	75,000
Storage and other warehouses granary accommodation cold stores and other buildings and erections.	225,500	365,700
Equipment of storage and other ware- houses granary accommodation cold stores and other buildings and erections including machinery.	65,000	86,000
	335,500	526,700

And whereas the construction of all the said works is necessary for the accommodation of the traffic at the various docks of the Corporation and in the case of certain of the said works the construction thereof is urgently required:

And whereas it is expedient that the Corporation should be empowered (in addition to the amount authorised by the Act of 1914 to be borrowed for the purposes of the said wharves warehouses and works) to borrow money to the extent of the amount by which the cost as now estimated exceeds the amount so already authorised to be borrowed:

And whereas it is expedient that the Corporation should be empowered to borrow money for the purposes of the works by this Act authorised and other the purposes of this Act and further money for the general purposes of their dock undertaking:

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be made:

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

And whereas plans and sections showing the lines situation and levels of the intended works and the lands in or through which they will be made and a book of reference to those plans containing the names of the owners or reputed owners lessees or reputed lessees and of the occupiers of such lands have been deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Gloucester and are in this Act referred to as the deposited plans sections and book of reference:

And whereas in relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act the requirements of the Borough Funds Acts 1872 and 1903 have been observed and the approval of the Local Government Board has been obtained: A.D. 1918.

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King'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 (that is to say):—

PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the Bristol Corporation Act 1918 and this Act (except Part III. thereof) and the Bristol Dock Acts 1848 to 1911 and the Bristol Corporation (Various Powers) Act 1914 (except section 21 and Parts IV. and V. of the last-mentioned Act) may be cited together as the Bristol Dock Acts 1848 to 1918. Short titles.

2. This Act is divided into Parts as follows (that is to say):— Act divided into Parts.

Part I.—Preliminary.

Part II.—Works and Lands.

Part III.—Extension of City Boundaries.

Part IV.—Miscellaneous.

Part V.—Finance.

3. The following Acts and Parts of Acts (that is to say):— Incorporation of general Acts.
The Lands Clauses Acts except section 127 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845;
The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and Part I. (Construction of a Railway) and Part III. (Working Agreements) of the Railways Clauses Act 1863;
The Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847; and
The provisions of the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 relating to mortgages (except section 84);

so far as the same are applicable for the purposes of and are not varied by or inconsistent with this Act are incorporated with and form part of this Act Provided that sections 16 to 19 of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 shall not be in force unless the Board of Trade so require:

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Provided also that the following expressions used in the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 shall have the following respective meanings (that is to say):—

The expressions “packet boat” and “post office packet” mean respectively a vessel employed by or under the Post Office or the Admiralty for the conveyance under contract of postal packets as defined by the Post Office Act 1908 and the expression “post office bag of letters” means a mail bag as defined by the same Act:

Provided further that nothing in the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 or in this Act shall extend to exempt from rates or duties any such vessel as aforesaid if she also conveys passengers live stock or goods for hire.

Execution
of bonds and
signature of
notices.

4. Any bond required by section 85 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall be under the common seal of the Corporation and shall be sufficient without the addition of the sureties in that section mentioned and any notice requiring authentication by the Corporation may be signed by the town clerk and need not be under the common seal of the Corporation.

Interpreta-
tion.

5.—(1) In this Act unless the subject or context otherwise requires the terms to which meanings are assigned by the enactments incorporated herewith have herein the same respective meanings:—

“The existing city” means the city and county of Bristol as existing immediately before the commencement of Part III. of this Act;

“The city” means the city and county of Bristol as extended by this Act;

“The added area” means the parts of parishes by this Act added to the existing city;

“The Corporation” means the lord mayor aldermen and burgesses of the existing city whether acting under the provisions of the Municipal Corporations Acts or in the execution of the Acts relating to the port and harbour of Bristol;

“The council” means the council of the existing city;

“The lord mayor” means the lord mayor of the existing city;

“The recorder” “the sheriff” “the town clerk” “the clerk of the peace” “the overseers of the poor” and “the

- coroner" mean respectively the recorder the sheriff the town clerk the clerk of the peace the overseers of the poor and the coroner of the existing city;
- "The local courts" means the Tolzey Court and the court of pied poudré of the existing city;
- "The borough fund" "the borough rate" "the district fund" and "the general district rate" mean respectively the borough fund the borough rate the district fund and the general district rate of the city;
- "The said counties" means the counties of Gloucester and Somerset;
- "The county councils" means the county councils of the said counties respectively;
- "The standing joint committees" means the standing joint committees of the said counties respectively;
- "The Thornbury Council" and "the Long Ashton Council" mean respectively the rural district councils of Thornbury and Long Ashton;
- "The said parishes" means the parishes of Henbury and Easton-in-Gordano as respectively constituted immediately before the commencement of Part III. of this Act;
- "The Henbury Council" and "the Easton-in-Gordano Council" mean respectively the parish councils of the said parishes;
- "The four councils" means the Thornbury Council the Long Ashton Council the Henbury Council and the Easton-in-Gordano Council;
- "The Bristol Union" "the Thornbury Union" and "the Long Ashton Union" mean respectively the poor law unions of Bristol Thornbury and Long Ashton;
- "The Thornbury Guardians" and "the Long Ashton Guardians" mean respectively the boards of guardians of the Thornbury Union and the Long Ashton Union;
- "The Bristol Guardians" means the board of guardians of the parish of Bristol;
- "The Municipal Corporations Acts" means the Municipal Corporations Act 1882 and any Acts amending the same;

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“The city plan” means the plan of the city signed in triplicate by Sir William Middlebrook the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred of which copies are to be deposited as mentioned in the section of this Act of which the marginal note is “Deposit of city plan”;

“The dock undertaking” means and includes the undertaking carried on by the Corporation upon or in connexion with the docks for the time being of the Corporation and the real and personal property railways piers works and appliances acquired appropriated or provided by them for the purposes thereof;

“The dock revenue” includes all dues rents and moneys (other than borrowed moneys or any other moneys in the nature of capital) payable to the Corporation in any way on account of the dock undertaking;

“The Act of 1901” and “the Act of 1914” respectively mean the Bristol Docks and Railways Act 1901 and the Bristol Corporation (Various Powers) Act 1914;

“Statutory securities” means any security in which trustees are for the time being under any Act of Parliament passed or to be passed authorised to invest trust money and any mortgage bond debenture debenture stock stock or other security authorised by or under any Act of Parliament passed or to be passed of any county council or municipal corporation or other local authority as defined by section 34 of the Local Loans Act 1875 but does not include annuities rentcharges or securities transferable by delivery or any securities of the Corporation.

(2) For the purposes of this Act in enactments incorporated with this Act “the company” or “the undertakers” means the Corporation.

In the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 the expressions “the railway” “the centre of the railway” and “the boundaries of the railway” respectively mean the respective works by this Act authorised and the centre line and the boundaries of those respective works.

In the Commissioners Clauses Act 1847 “the commissioners” means the Corporation and “the clerk to the commissioners” means the town clerk.

6. This Act shall come into operation for the following purposes on the following dates respectively (that is to say):—

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Commence-
ment of Act.

(a) As regards Part III. (Extension of City Boundaries) on the first day of October one thousand nine hundred and eighteen (which date is in the said Part III. referred to as "the commencement of this Part of this Act"):

(b) As regards all other Parts of this Act on its passing.

PART II.

WORKS AND LANDS.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Corporation may make and maintain in the lines shown on the deposited plans and according to the levels shown on the deposited sections the following works in the parish and city and county of Bristol (that is to say):—

Power to
construct
works.

Work No. 1 An extension of the Royal Edward Dock at the Avonmouth Docks of the Corporation such extension consisting of a rectangular dock about 21 acres in extent on the northern side of the said Royal Edward Dock:

Work No. 2 A deviation railway (3 furlongs 3·33 chains or thereabouts in length) being a diversion of the existing dock railway of the Corporation authorised by the Act of 1901 and described in that Act as Railway No. 2 such deviation railway commencing and terminating by junctions with the said existing dock railway at points respectively about fifty-five chains and about twenty-three and a half chains northward of the said Royal Edward Dock.

8. The Corporation may make erect place and maintain all such entrances cuts channels locks dams basins graving docks slips trenches gates sluices culverts arches sewers drains embankments towing-paths walls jetties landing-places dolphins caissons cofferdams piles staging pontoons moorings buoys staithes groynes quays wharves warehouses sheds buildings machinery cranes lifts drops tips railways tramways rails junctions sidings turntables signals roads approaches works engines machinery and appliances as may be necessary or convenient for or incidental to the works by this Act authorised or any of them or the construction maintenance repair renewal and use thereof.

Power to
make subsi-
diary works.

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Limits of
deviation.

9. In constructing the works by this Act authorised the Corporation may deviate laterally from the lines thereof as shown on the deposited plans to any extent not exceeding the limits of deviation shown on those plans and they may deviate vertically from the levels of the said works as shown on the said sections to any extent not exceeding ten feet.

Power to
alter pipes.

10. In executing the works authorised by this Act the Corporation may raise sink or otherwise alter the position of any sewer drain water pipe or gas pipe and also any pipe tube wire or apparatus laid down or used for conducting electricity for any purpose and may remove any other obstruction causing as little detriment and inconvenience as circumstances admit and making reasonable compensation for damage caused by the execution of the powers of this enactment:

Provided that the Corporation shall not raise sink or otherwise alter or interfere with any telegraphic line (as defined by the Telegraph Act 1878) belonging to or used by His Majesty's Postmaster-General except in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the said Act.

Power to
take and
appropriate
lands for
works.

11. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Corporation may for the purposes of the works by this Act authorised enter upon take and use such of the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference as they may require and may appropriate and use for the said purposes any lands forming part of the dock undertaking.

Works to
form part of
dock under-
taking.

12. The dock extension and deviation railway by this Act authorised and the subsidiary works connected therewith respectively and all lands acquired or appropriated by the Corporation for the purposes thereof shall form part of the dock undertaking and subject to the provisions of this Act the Corporation shall have and may exercise and enjoy in over upon and in relation thereto the same rights powers and privileges (including the power to demand and take tolls rates and charges) and shall be subject to the same duties obligations and liabilities in relation to the said dock extension and deviation railway as if the same had been authorised by and constructed under the powers of the Act of 1901.

Limitation of
time for pur-
chase of
lands.

13. The powers of the Corporation for the compulsory purchase or taking of lands for the purposes of this Part of this Act shall cease after the expiration of three years after the termination of the present war.

14. Upon the completion of the deviation railway by this Act authorised the Corporation may and shall abandon so much of the said existing Dock Railway No. 2 authorised by the Act of 1901 as lies between the respective points of commencement and termination of the said deviation railway and may take up and remove and use or dispose of the said portion of railway and all or any works apparatus and conveniences in connexion therewith.

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Abandon-
ment of por-
tion of exist-
ing railway.

15. All private rights of way over any roads or footpaths upon any lands which shall be appropriated by the Corporation for the purposes of this Act shall be extinguished as from the date of such appropriation. Provided that the Corporation shall make full compensation to all parties interested in respect of any such rights and such compensation shall be settled in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts with reference to the taking of lands otherwise than by agreement.

Extinguish-
ment of
private
rights of
way.

16. Notwithstanding the provisions of the sections of this Act the marginal notes whereof are respectively "Power to construct works" "Power to alter pipes" and "Power to take and appropriate lands for works" nothing in this Act contained extends—

Saving for
War Depart-
ment and
Ministry of
Munitions.

- (a) To authorise the Corporation to enter upon take use or interfere with any of the following things belonging to or occupied or used by the Minister of Munitions that is to say Any salt water pipe or main or any high-tension armoured electrical cables or any sewer drain water pipe or gas pipe or any tube pipe wire or apparatus laid down or used for conducting electricity for any purpose;
- (b) To authorise the Corporation to enter upon take use or interfere with any buildings land soil or water or any right in respect thereof for the time being vested in or in the occupation of or exercised or exerciseable by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department or the Minister of Munitions or any other person body or company acting for or on behalf of the said Secretary of State or Minister of Munitions;
- (c) To take away lessen prejudice or alter any of the rights privileges or powers vested in or exercised or exerciseable by the said Secretary of State or Minister

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of Munitions for the defence of the realm whether under any statute or regulation or otherwise;

- (d) To take away lessen prejudice or alter any right or power which the said Secretary of State or Minister of Munitions would otherwise have had to take or retain possession of or to acquire any buildings lands soil or water or any easement or right over or in relation thereto;

without the consent of the said Secretary of State or Minister of Munitions (as the case may be) signified under his hand which consent the said Secretary of State or Minister of Munitions is authorised to give subject to such special or other conditions as he shall see fit to impose on the Corporation:

Provided that as from the expiration of six months from the termination of the present war the provisions of this section shall cease to have effect with respect to any of the property or premises therein referred to in relation to which such consent as aforesaid shall not have been given before the expiration of such six months.

PART III.

EXTENSION OF CITY BOUNDARIES.

Extension of
boundaries of
existing
city.

17. The boundaries of the existing city are hereby extended so as to comprise and the city shall accordingly comprise in addition to the existing city the following areas (namely):—

- (1) That part of the parish of Henbury in the rural district of Thornbury in the county of Gloucester which is defined in the schedule to this Act:
- (2) That part of the parish of Easton-in-Gordano in the rural district of Long Ashton in the county of Somerset which is defined in the said schedule:

And the said parts of parishes so added to the existing city shall for all purposes be detached from the said counties respectively and from the jurisdiction and powers of the county councils and of the justices of the peace sheriff coroners and officers of the said counties respectively and shall for all purposes form part of the city and county and parish of Bristol.

The city as extended is delineated on the city plan and described in the schedule to this Act and if there be any discrepancy between the city plan and the said description the latter shall prevail Notice of this provision shall be set forth on the city plan. A.D. 1918.

18.—(1) The city plan shall within two weeks after the passing of this Act be deposited as to one copy in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords as to another copy in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons and as to the third copy with the town clerk at his office. Deposit of city plan.

(2) A copy certified by the town clerk of those parts of the city plan which comprise the added area and so much of the existing city as is necessary for identification of the added area shall be sent as soon as may be after the said deposit of the city plan to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to the Local Government Board to the Inland Revenue Department to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to the Postmaster-General to the Board of Trade and to the Registrar-General.

19. Copies of the city plan deposited with the town clerk or any extract therefrom certified by him to be true shall be received by all courts of justice and elsewhere as *prima facie* evidence of the contents of such plan and such plan shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of persons liable to rates imposed by the Corporation and all persons so liable shall be entitled to a copy of or extract from such plan certified by the town clerk on payment of a reasonable fee for every such copy or extract. Copies of deposited city plan to be evidence.

20. From and after the commencement of this Part of this Act— Detaching added area from jurisdiction of certain authorities.

(a) The part of the parish of Henbury comprised in the added area shall be detached from the district jurisdiction and powers of the Henbury Council and of any committees of that council and shall cease to form part of that parish:

(b) The part of the parish of Easton-in-Gordano comprised in the added area shall be detached from the district jurisdiction and powers of the Easton-in-Gordano Council and of any committees of that council and shall cease to form part of that parish:

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(c) The parish councils of the said parishes shall respectively continue and shall be deemed to have been elected for and shall be the parish councils for the said parishes as diminished by this Act.

County
councillors
and electoral
divisions.

21. Subject to the provisions of section 54 of the Local Government Act 1888—

(1) The Thornbury electoral division of the county of Gloucester and the North Somerset electoral division of the county of Somerset as respectively diminished by the inclusion in the city of the added area shall continue to be electoral divisions of the said counties and the persons who immediately prior to the commencement of this Part of this Act are the county councillors representing the said divisions respectively shall be deemed from and after that date to represent the said divisions as so diminished:

(2) No county alderman or county councillor in office immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act shall be deemed to lose his qualification by reason of the inclusion of the added area in the city by this Act.

Continuing
rural district
councils.

22. The Thornbury Council and the Long Ashton Council shall respectively continue and shall be deemed to have been elected for and shall be the rural district councils for the rural districts of Thornbury and Long Ashton respectively as diminished by this Act and the persons who are at the commencement of this Part of this Act rural district councillors elected to represent the said parishes on the Thornbury Council and the Long Ashton Council respectively shall until the next election of rural district councillors after the commencement of this Part of this Act continue to represent as such councillors the said parishes as diminished by this Act.

Continuing
parish
councils.

23. The Henbury Council and the Easton-in-Gordano Council shall respectively continue and shall be deemed to have been elected for and shall be the parish councils for the said parishes respectively as diminished by this Act and the persons who are at the commencement of this Part of this Act parish councillors for the said parishes respectively shall until the next election of parish councillors after the commencement of this Part of this Act continue to be parish councillors for the said parishes respectively as diminished by this Act.

24. Except as by this Act otherwise expressly provided all the jurisdiction powers rights privileges authorities immunities and duties of the Corporation as a municipal body and of the council and any committee thereof acting in the execution of such enactments as are at the commencement of this Part of this Act in force within the existing city and of the Corporation as the urban sanitary authority for the district or any committee thereof and of the Corporation as the burial board and of the Corporation as the education authority shall extend to and throughout the city and all charters and enactments and all byelaws orders and regulations lists of tolls tables of fees and payments and scales of charges at the commencement of this Part of this Act in force within and applicable to the existing city or to the burgesses or inhabitants thereof shall subject to the provisions of this Act extend and apply to the city and the inhabitants and burgesses thereof until or except in so far as any of such byelaws orders regulations tolls fees payments or charges may be repealed or altered.

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Authority
of Corpora-
tion &c.
extended.

25. The provisions of any order made by the Local Government Board or by the Secretary of State and declaring to be in force in the existing city any parts or sections of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 shall have and shall be deemed always to have had effect as if any reference in those provisions to the existing city extended and applied to the city and as if the said parts and sections were accordingly declared to be in force in the city.

Powers
under Public
Health Acts
Amendment
Act 1907.

26. The jurisdiction powers authorities rights privileges and duties of the lord mayor the quarter sessions the sheriff the recorder the town clerk the clerk of the peace the coroner the overseers of the poor the local courts and the justices of the peace appointed for the existing city and parish of Bristol and of all constables officers and servants of the existing city and parish of Bristol shall extend to and throughout the city.

Jurisdiction
&c. of lord
mayor
recorder
justices &c.

27. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Local Government Act 1888 and of the Local Government Act 1894 no lands or other property in the city shall be liable to contribute to any county or other rates or contribution made after the commencement of this Part of this Act by or in accordance with the precept of any board authority or person other than the Bristol Guardians the overseers of the poor

Exemption
from liability
to county
and other
rates.

A.D.1918. of the parish of Bristol and the Corporation but orders or precepts respecting such rates and matters connected therewith made before the commencement of this Part of this Act shall be as valid in law and all arrears of any such rates existing at the commencement of this Part of this Act may be enforced collected and recovered as if this Act had not been passed.

Transfer of
property of
four councils
&c.

28. Subject to the provisions of this Act and from and after the commencement of this Part of this Act—

- (1) All property (real and personal) rights privileges powers authorities duties liabilities and easements (including choses in action) whatsoever which (so far as relates to the added area) immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act belonged to or were vested in or enjoyed by the four councils respectively or any person on their behalf respectively in any capacity (except such powers authorities and duties as are only exerciseable in rural districts) shall be and the same are hereby as from that date vested in the Corporation to the same extent and for the same estate and interest as the same respectively were at the time of the commencement of this Part of this Act vested in the four councils respectively or any person on their behalf respectively and may be held recovered used and enjoyed and shall be undertaken executed and performed accordingly :
- (2) All property (real and personal) rights privileges powers authorities duties liabilities and easements (including choses in action) whatsoever which immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act belonged to or were vested in or enjoyed by the four councils respectively or any person on their behalf in any capacity (so far as relates to the portions of the said parishes not comprised in the added area) shall be and remain as from that date vested in those councils respectively or such person as aforesaid to the same extent and for the same estate and interest as the same respectively were immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act and may be held recovered used and enjoyed and shall be undertaken executed and performed accordingly.

29. Subject to the provisions of this Act—

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(1) All conveyances leases deeds appointments contracts agreements mortgages bonds covenants guarantees securities orders notices resolutions and proceedings made or entered into (so far as relates to the added area) before the commencement of this Part of this Act to with in favour of or by for or on behalf of the four councils respectively or any person on their behalf respectively in any capacity and then in force shall be and remain as good valid and effectual in favour of against and with reference to the Corporation and may be proceeded on and enforced in like manner to all intents and purposes as if the Corporation instead of the four councils respectively had been party or privy thereto:

Conveyances
&c. to re-
main in
force.

(2) All conveyances leases deeds appointments contracts agreements mortgages bonds covenants guarantees securities orders notices resolutions and proceedings made or entered into before the commencement of this Part of this Act to with in favour of or by for or on behalf of the four councils respectively in relation to the portions of the said parishes not comprised in the added area and then in force shall be and remain as good valid and effectual in favour of against and with reference to those councils respectively and may be proceeded on and enforced to all intents and purposes as if this Act had not been passed.

30.—(1) Any action suit prosecution or other proceedings whatsoever commenced either by or against the four councils respectively (so far as relates to the added area) in any capacity before the commencement of this Part of this Act shall not abate or be discontinued or prejudicially affected by this Act but on the contrary may be maintained prosecuted or continued by in favour of or against the Corporation in like manner to all intents and purposes as if the Corporation instead of those councils respectively were parties to such action suit prosecution or proceedings.

Actions &c.
not to abate.

(2) Any action suit prosecution or other proceedings whatsoever commenced either by or against the four councils

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Rates &c.
due to and
by four
councils.

31.—(1) All rates fees dues rents and moneys which immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act are due and payable or accruing due and payable to the four councils respectively (so far as relates to the added area) in any capacity shall from and after the commencement of this Part of this Act be due and payable to and may be collected or recovered by the Corporation in like manner as they could have been collected or recovered by those councils respectively and all debts (other than mortgage debts) and moneys which immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act are due or owing by or recoverable from the four councils respectively (so far as relates to the added area) or for the payment whereof those councils respectively (so far as relates to the added area) are or but for this Act would be liable shall be paid with all interest (if any) due or to accrue due thereon by or be recoverable from the Corporation and shall be accounted for on any adjustment of accounts between the Corporation on the one hand and the said councils respectively on the other hand under the provisions of this Act.

(2) All rates fees dues rents and moneys which immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act are due and payable or accruing due and payable to the four councils respectively in any capacity (so far as relates to the portions of the said parishes not comprised in the added area) shall from and after the commencement of this Part of this Act be and remain due and payable to and may be collected or recovered by those councils respectively as if this Act had not been passed and all debts (including mortgage debts) and moneys which immediately before the commencement of this Part of this Act are due or owing by or recoverable from the four councils respectively in any capacity (so far as relates to the portions of the said parishes not comprised in the added area) or for the payment whereof those councils respectively (so far as relates to the said portions of the said parishes) are

(iii) in the remainder of the said parish of Henbury; or

(iv) in that part of the parish of Easton-in-Gordano which is comprised in the added area; or

(v) in the remainder of the said parish of Easton-in-Gordano;

shall be deemed to have acquired or to be in the course of acquiring in the first second and fourth cases a settlement in the parish of Bristol as extended by this Act in the third case a settlement in the parish of Henbury as diminished by this Act and in the fifth case a settlement in the parish of Easton-in-Gordano as diminished by this Act and in each case as if the existing parish or the specified part of the existing parish (as the case may be) were and had always been the parish or a part of the parish in which by virtue of this section the person shall be deemed to have acquired or to be in the course of acquiring a settlement:

(2) Every person who at the commencement of this Part of this Act has acquired or is in the course of acquiring a status of irremovability from the Bristol Union the Thornbury Union or the Long Ashton Union by reason of residence—

(i) in the existing parish of Bristol; or

(ii) in that part of the parish of Henbury which is comprised in the added area; or

(iii) in the remainder of the said parish of Henbury; or

(iv) in that part of the parish of Easton-in-Gordano which is comprised in the added area; or

(v) in the remainder of the said parish of Easton-in-Gordano;

shall be deemed to have acquired or to be in the course of acquiring a status of irremovability in the first second and fourth cases from the Bristol Union by reason of residence in the parish of Bristol as extended by this Act in the third case from the Thornbury Union by reason of residence in the parish

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- (b) The scale of superannuation allowances and the ages at which and the circumstances under which the same shall be paid ;
- (c) The gratuities and other special allowances (if any) to be payable out of the said fund and the persons to whom and the circumstances under which the same are to be payable ;
- (d) The amounts to be contributed (whether by deduction from salaries or wages or otherwise) by the said officers servants and workmen ;
- (e) The mode of investment and application of the moneys from time to time standing to the credit of the said fund ;
- (f) The circumstances (if any) under which the whole or part of the contributions made by any person to the said fund shall be returned to that person ;
- (g) The provisions (if any) to be made for periodical or other actuarial investigation of the said fund ;
- (h) The amount of the contributions to be made from time to time to the said fund by the Corporation ;
- (i) The manner in which and the funds out of which any deficiencies in the said fund are to be made good ; and
- (j) Generally any other matter which may be necessary or convenient for or in connexion with the said scheme or the efficient working thereof.

(2) No such scheme shall have any force or effect unless or until the same shall have been submitted to and approved by the Local Government Board who may either disapprove or approve with or without modification any such scheme submitted to them by the Corporation.

(3) If and when any such scheme as aforesaid shall have been approved by the Local Government Board the Corporation may carry the same into effect as approved and may apply their funds and the rates leviable by them for the purpose of any contributions by the Corporation to the said fund and for any other purpose of or connected with such scheme.

(4) Except so far as the Corporation may by resolution otherwise allow all officers servants and workmen receiving any

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(2) The Corporation shall pay to the Local Government Board any expenses incurred by that Board in relation to any inquiries under this section including the expenses of any witnesses summoned by the inspector holding the inquiry and a sum to be fixed by that Board not exceeding three guineas a day for the services of such inspector.

Restriction
as to raising
money
during war.

73. Notwithstanding anything in this Act the Corporation shall not under the powers of this Act borrow any money during the continuance of the present war and twelve months thereafter unless the consent of the Treasury has been previously obtained.

Costs of Act.

74. All the costs charges and expenses incurred by the Corporation preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation out of moneys to be borrowed by the Corporation under this Act or at the option of the Corporation out of the borough fund or borough rate and moneys so paid as last aforesaid may be recouped by and charged to the moneys to be borrowed under this Act.

