CHAP. clxi.

An Act to give further time for the completion of the Works authorised by "The Alexandra (Newport) Dock Act, 1865," and for the compulsory purchase of Lands for the Railways by that Act authorised; and for other purposes. A.D. 1870.

[9th August 1870.]

WHEREAS by "The Alexandra (Newport) Dock Act, 1865" (in this Act called "the Act of 1865") the Alexandra (Newport) Dock Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated for making a dock, railways, and other works in the county of Monmouth, but the exercise of the powers of that Act for the execution of the works thereby authorised, shown on the deposited plans therein referred to, is by that Act (section 68) limited to seven years from the passing thereof: 28 & 29 Vict. c. cclxxvii.

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the Act of 1865 for the completion of the dock, railways, and other works thereby authorised be extended:

And whereas by the Act of 1865 (section 21) the period for the exercise of the Company's powers for the compulsory purchase of lands was limited to five years from the passing of that Act:

And whereas it is expedient that that period be extended so far as regards the lands required for the purposes of the several railways by the recited Act authorised:

And whereas it is expedient that in other respects the Act of 1865 be amended as by this Act appearing:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and 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; (that is to say,)

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Alexandra (Newport) Dock Act, 1870." Short title.

A.D. 1870.

26 & 27 Vict. c. 92. incorporated.

2. Part II. (relating to extension of time) of "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," is (except were expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and forms part of this Act.

Same meanings to words in incorporated Acts and this Act.

3. The several words and expressions to which by the Acts in part incorporated with this Act meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective meanings, unless excluded by the subject or context; the expression "the Company" means the Alexandra (Newport) Dock Company; the word "lands" extends to messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments of any tenure; and in the incorporated Part II. of "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," the word "railway" means the dock, railways, and other works authorised by the Act of 1865.

Extending period for completion of works.

4. The powers of the Company for the construction of the dock, railways, and other works authorised by the Act of 1865 may be exercised within four years, but shall not be exercised after the expiration of four years from the passing of this Act.

Time limited for exercise of powers.

5. If the dock, railways, and other works authorised by the Act of 1865 shall not be completed within the period limited by this Act for the construction thereof, then, on the expiration of that period, the power of the Company for making and completing the said dock, railways, and other works, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Extending period for compulsory purchase of certain lands.

6. The powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the several railways and works connected therewith, authorised by the Act of 1865, may be exercised within three years, but shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Reduction of number of directors.

7. It shall be lawful for the Company at any time after the passing of this Act to reduce the number of the directors to any number not less than ten, including in that number any director or directors to be appointed by any company other than the Company under the powers and provisions of the Act of 1865, but such reduction shall not in any way affect the right of any such other company to appoint a director or directors of the Company under those powers and provisions.

Deposits for future Bills not to be paid out of capital.

8. The Company shall not, out of any money by the Act of 1865 and by "The Alexandra (Newport) Dock Act, 1868," respectively authorised to be raised, pay or deposit any sum which by any standing order of either House of Parliament, now or hereafter in force, may be required to be deposited in respect of any application

to Parliament for the purpose of obtaining an Act authorising the Company to construct any other railway, or to execute any other work or undertaking.

Railways not exempt from provisions of present and future general Acts.

9. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the railways by the Act of 1865 authorised to be made, from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways, or the better and more impartial audit of the accounts of railway companies, now in force or which may hereafter pass during this or any future session of Parliament, or from any future revision or alteration, under the authority of Parliament, of the maximum rates of fares and charges or of the rates for small parcels authorised by the Act of 1865.

Expenses of Act.

10. All costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Company.

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