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Cap. xxvi.

An Act to extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands for the Construction of the *Chester and West Cheshire Junction* Railway.

[29th *May* 1868.]

WHEREAS by the *Cheshire* Lines Transfer Act, 1865, the *Stockport and Woodley Junction* Railway, the *Stockport, Timperley, and Altrincham Junction* Railway, the *Cheshire Midland* Railway, and the *West Cheshire* Railway, and all the Transactions of the Four Companies empowered to construct the said Railways, and all their Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities, were absolutely transferred to and vested in the *Great Northern* and the *Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire* Railway Companies (hereafter in this Act called the *Great Northern* and *Sheffield* Companies) jointly and equally, and the Directors of the said Two Companies respectively were empowered to appoint Four Persons, such Eight Persons to form a Committee, to be called the *Cheshire* Lines Committee: And whereas by the same Act it was enacted that from and after the Day of certain Payments therein directed to be made by the *Midland* Railway Company (hereafter in this Act called the *Midland* Company) all the Enactments of that Act (except those relative to the raising of additional Capital by the *Great Northern* and *Sheffield* Companies) should be read as though the Name of the *Midland* 28 & 29 Vict. c. cccxxvii.

Company had been inserted in them, together with the Names of the *Great Northern* and *Sheffield* Companies, and that the *Cheshire* Lines Committee should thenceforth consist of Nine Persons, of whom Three should be nominated by each Company: And whereas the *Chester and West Cheshire Junction* Railway Company (hereafter in this Act called the *Chester* Company) were incorporated by

28 & 29 Vict. c. ccxcii. the *Chester and West Cheshire Junction* Railway Act, 1865, (hereafter in this Act referred to as the Act of 1865,) and were empowered to make and maintain the several Lines of Railway and Works in

29 & 30 Vict. c. cccli. that Act described: And whereas by the *Cheshire* Lines Act, 1866, the *Chester and West Cheshire Junction* Railway, and all the Transactions of the *Chester* Company, and the Power to construct their Railways and Works, and all their Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities, were absolutely transferred to and vested in the *Great Northern*, *Sheffield*, and *Midland* Companies (hereafter in this Act called the Three Companies), and by the said Act (Section Thirty-seven) it was provided that all the Powers, Authorities, and Rights so vested in the Three Companies should be exercised on behalf of the Three Companies by the *Cheshire* Lines Committee, and in the Name of the Committee, save with respect to Powers of purchasing or taking Lands, which Powers were to be exercised in the Names of the Three

30 & 31 Vict. c. ccvii. Companies: And whereas by the *Cheshire* Lines Act, 1867, the Persons for the Time being constituting the *Cheshire* Lines Committee (hereafter in the Act called the Committee) were incorporated by the Name of the *Cheshire* Lines Committee, with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and with Power to purchase, take, hold, and dispose of Lands and Property: And whereas it is expedient that the Time limited by the Act of 1865 for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the Construction of the Railway thereby authorized should be extended: And whereas the Objects and Purposes 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:

Short Title. **1.** This Act may be cited for any Purpose as the *Cheshire* Lines Act, 1868.

Part II. of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 92. incorporated. **2.** Part II. (relating to Extension of Time) of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863, is (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and forms Part of this Act.

Interpretation of Terms. **3.** In this Act the several Words and Expressions to which Meanings are assigned by the Act partially incorporated herewith shall

shall have the same respective Meanings, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

Powers for compulsory Purchase of Lands extended.

4. The Powers granted to the *Chester* Company by the Act of 1865 for the compulsory Purchase of Lands are hereby extended, and may be exercised by the Committee for and during a Period of Two Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of that Period those Powers shall cease.

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

5. The Three Companies respectively shall not, out of any Money which they respectively are authorized to raise, 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 authorizing them to construct any other Railway, or to execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Railways not exempt from Provisions of present and future General Acts.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railways of the Three Companies respectively from the Provisions of any General Act relating to Railways, or to 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 the Rates for small Parcels, authorized by any Act or Acts of the Three Companies respectively.

Expenses of Act.

7. 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 Three Companies in equal Shares.

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