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A.D. 1884.

An Act to empower the Coventry and District Tramways Company to abandon the construction of one of their authorised tramways; to extend the time for constructing the remainder of their authorised works, and for other purposes. [7th August 1884.]

WHEREAS by the Coventry and District Tramways Act 1880 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1880") the Coventry and District Tramways Company (herein-after referred to as "the Company") were incorporated and empowered to construct certain street tramways in the parishes of Saint Michael Holy Trinity and Saint John the Baptist (in the city of Coventry) Foleshill Exhall and Bedworth in the county of Warwick to be worked by steam or mechanical power and to raise capital for the purposes of that Act:

And whereas by the Coventry and District Tramways Act 1882 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1882") the Company were empowered to abandon the construction of one of the said tramways and to deviate in constructing a part of the said tramways and also to construct an additional tramway in the city of Coventry and the time named by the same Act for constructing the whole of the works was one year after the passing of that Act which received the Royal Assent on the twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two:

And whereas by the Coventry and District Tramways Act 1883 (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1883") the time for constructing the works was further extended to the twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four but the Company will be unable to complete and open the whole of the works by the said Acts authorised and not hereby authorised to be abandoned within the time so extended and it is expedient that further time be granted for that purpose:

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And whereas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to abandon the construction of one of their authorised tramways herein-after named in that behalf:

And whereas the purposes of this Act 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):—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Coventry and District Tramways Act 1884.

Period for completion of works extended.

2. The period limited for the completion of the tramways by the Act of 1880 and the Act of 1882 authorised to be constructed and not authorised to be abandoned is hereby further extended to the twelfth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five and on the expiration of that period the powers by the said Acts conferred upon the Company for constructing the said tramways or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease to be exercised except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed and opened for public traffic.

Company to abandon portion of their authorised undertaking.

3. The Company may and shall abandon the construction of Tramway Number 2 authorised to be constructed by the Act of 1880 and on and after the passing of this Act the powers conferred upon the Company for constructing the same and otherwise in relation thereto shall cease and the Company shall be absolutely freed from all obligations with respect to or consequent on the constructing and maintaining of the said tramway.

Release of portion of deposit fund.

4. On the production of a certificate signed by a secretary or an assistant secretary of the Board of Trade (which certificate the said Board are hereby authorised to give) specifying the portion of the deposit fund mentioned in section thirty-two of the Act of 1880 which bears to the whole of the said deposit fund the same proportion as the length of the tramway by this Act required to be abandoned bears to the entire length of the tramways by that Act authorised to be constructed the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice may and shall on application by the persons referred to in that section as the depositors by summons in chambers in a summary way order such portion of the deposit fund so specified in such certificate together with any dividends or interest due and payable thereon to be transferred or paid to the depositors or to the person or persons whom they may appoint in that behalf and

upon such order being made the said portion of the said deposit fund and dividends or interest shall be transferred or paid accordingly.

Company to carry mails.

5. The Company if required by the Postmaster-General shall perform with respect to any of their tramways all such reasonable services in regard to the conveyance of mails (including parcels as defined in the Post Office (Parcels) Act 1882) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time require by notice under the hand of one of the secretaries or assistant secretaries of the Post Office or the Inspector General of Mails for the time being the remuneration for such services being determined by agreement or failing agreement by a referee to be appointed by the Board of Trade at the request of either party Provided that except by agreement no mails shall be tendered for conveyance to the Company unless such mails are in charge of an officer of the Post Office And provided that except by agreement the aggregate weight of mails in charge of any one officer shall not exceed the maximum weight of luggage for the time being allowed to an ordinary passenger and shall not be carried on the seat or so as to inconvenience passengers but nothing in this section shall deprive the Postmaster-General of the right of requiring the Company to convey mails either as parcels or goods if and to the same extent as the Company are at any time conveying parcels or goods on their own account.

In this section the expression "mails" has the same meaning as in the Regulation of Railways Act 1873.

Tramways not exempt from provision of general Tramway Acts.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Company or their tramways from the provisions of any general Act relating to tramways 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 tolls or charges authorised to be taken by the Company.

Costs 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 Company.

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