CHAPTER xvi.

An Act to extend the Time for the Purchase of Lands for and for the Construction of the Forth Bridge Railway. A.D. 1879.

[23d May 1879.]

WHEREAS by the Forth Bridge Railway Act, 1873, (in this Act called "the Act of 1873,") the Forth Bridge Railway Company (who in this Act are referred to as "the Company") were incorporated for the construction of the Forth Bridge Railway: 36 & 37 Vict. c. ccxxxvii.

And whereas by the Forth Bridge Railway Act, 1876, (in this Act called "the Act of 1876,") the powers of the Act of 1873, with respect to the compulsory purchase and taking of lands, were extended until the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and the time granted by the Act of 1873 for constructing and completing the railways thereby authorised was extended until the fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and certain other powers were conferred on the Company: 39 & 40 Vict. c. lxxxiii.

And whereas by the Forth Bridge Railway Act, 1878, certain arrangements and agreements were authorised and confirmed between the Company and the North British, the Midland, the North-eastern, and the Great Northern Railway Companies with respect to the capital of the Company and the use of the Company's undertaking, and the traffic thereon: 41 & 42 Vict. c. lxiv.

And whereas it is expedient that the periods now limited for the compulsory purchase of lands and for the completion of the railways authorised by the Act of 1873 be further extended; but that object 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

A.D. 1879.

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 Forth Bridge Railway Act, 1879.

Incorporation of part of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 92.

2. Part II., relating to extension of time, of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863, is incorporated with and forms part of this Act.

Interpretation.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Act partially incorporated herewith have the same respective meanings unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; the expression "the Company" means the Forth Bridge Railway Company incorporated by the Act of 1873; the expressions "the railways" or "the undertaking" mean respectively the railways and undertaking by the Act of 1873 authorised.

Extending time for the purchase of lands.

4. The powers of the Act of 1873 with respect to the compulsory purchase or taking of lands are hereby extended and shall continue in force until the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

Extending time for completion of works.

5. The time granted by the Act of 1873 for constructing and completing the railways and works thereby authorised shall be extended until the fifth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

Provision as to general Railway Acts.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the railway 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 this Act.

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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