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## *Cap.* clxviii.

**An Act to enable the Company of Proprietors of the *Thames* and *Medway* Canal to raise a further Sum of Money; and to amend the Acts relating to the said Company; and to enable the said Company to widen, extend, and maintain a Railway from *Gravesend* to *Rochester*.**

[31st *July* 1845.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining a navigable Canal from the River* Thames, *near to the Town of* Gravesend *in the County of* Kent, *to the River* Medway *at a Place called* Nicholson's Ship Yard *in the Parish of* Frindsbury *in the said County, and also a certain collateral Cut from* White Wall *in the said Parish to the said River* Medway, whereby certain Persons therein named were incorporated by the Name of "The Company of Proprietors of the *Thames* and *Medway* Canal," and were authorized and empowered to make and maintain a navigable Canal and other Works in the Manner therein particularly mentioned: And whereas an Act was passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the* Thames *and* Medway 39 & 40 G. 3. c. 23. 44 G. 3. c. 46.

Medway *Canal to vary the Line of the said Canal, and to raise a further Sum of Money for completing the said Canal, and the Works thereunto belonging; and for altering and enlarging the Powers of an Act made in the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making the said Canal and a collateral Cut thereto*, whereby the said Company of Proprietors were empowered, in lieu and stead of making such Canal in the Line directed to be made by the said first-recited Act, to deviate from such Line at such Place or Places and in such Manner as in the said last-recited Act mentioned, and were also empowered to raise a further Sum of Money for completing the said Canal and the Works thereunto belonging: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of
50 G. 3. c. 76. His said late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the* Thames *and* Medway *Canal to vary the Line of the said Canal; and for altering and enlarging the Powers of Two Acts passed in the Fortieth and Forty-fourth Years of the Reign of His present Majesty, for making the said Canal and a collateral Cut thereto*, whereby the said Company of Proprietors were empowered, in lieu and stead of making such Canal in the Line directed to be made by the said last-recited Act, to deviate from such Line at such Place or Places and in the Manner in the said last-recited Act mentioned: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King *George*
58 G. 3. c. 18. the Third, intituled *An Act for enabling the Company of Proprietors of the* Thames *and* Medway *Canal to raise a further Sum of Money for completing the said Canal and the Works thereto belonging; and for altering, enlarging, and rendering more effectual the Powers for making the said Canal and Works:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the
5 G. 4. c. 119. Fourth, intituled *An Act for enabling the* Thames *and* Medway *Canal Company to raise a further Sum of Money to discharge their Debts, and to complete the said Canal and the Works thereunto belonging; and for altering, enlarging, and rendering more effectual the Powers for making the said Canal and Works:* And whereas the said Company have proceeded in making and completing a very considerable Portion of the said Canal, and in making a Railway and other Works upon, along, by the Side of, and near to the said Canal, and in the Progress thereof, and in Improvements connected therewith, have expended almost the whole of the several Sums by the said recited Acts authorized to be raised, and have incurred Debts and Liabilities to an Amount which they are at present unable to discharge: And whereas it is expedient that the said Company should be empowered to raise a further Sum of Money to pay off and discharge the said Debts and Liabilities, and also that certain of the Powers in the said Acts contained should be altered, enlarged, and amended, and the Tolls, Rates, and Duties authorized by the said Acts or some of them to be collected should be altered, and new and additional Tolls granted: And whereas it would be of public Advantage if the said Company were enabled to widen and maintain the said Railway, and to extend the same as herein-after mentioned; but the beneficial Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and 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,

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, That all the Powers, Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Acts or any of them, so far as the same are now unrepealed, and except such of them as are by this Act, or any Acts incorporated therewith, repealed, altered, or otherwise provided for, shall extend to this Act, and to the several Purposes and Things hereby authorized to be done, as effectually as if the same Powers, Provisions, Matters, and Things were repealed and re-enacted in this Act.

Powers of recited Acts extended to this Act, except, &c.

II. And whereas the Money expended by the said Company in making the said Railway and Works has been Eighty-five thousand Pounds; be it therefore enacted, That for the Purposes of paying off and discharging their said Debts and Liabilities incurred in respect thereof it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise a further Sum of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Eighty-five thousand Pounds, and for that Purpose to create and issue such and so many distinct and integral Shares or Half Shares in the Capital Stock of the said Company, and with such Priorities, Privileges, and Advantages, and to be appropriated and disposed of to such Persons and in such Manner, as shall have been or shall be determined by any Order or Resolution made or passed at any annual Assembly or at any special Assembly of the said Company.

Power to raise 85,000*l.* by creating new Shares.

III. And be it enacted, That if any Privilege by way of Preference or Priority of Payment shall be conceded to the Proprietors of the said new Shares or Half Shares issued under this Act, and if any Holders of Promissory Notes or of Loan Notes of the said Company shall have given or shall give their Consent in Writing to such Concession, the same shall be valid and binding against them, and against their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively.

Holders of Loan Notes and Promissory Notes bound by Consent.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Admission of every Person to any such Share or Half Share by any such Order or Resolution of the said Company of Proprietors, or by any Order or Resolution of the Committee of the said Company for the Time being, shall be good and effectual Titles to such Person or Persons, who shall thereby become and be united to and incorporated with the said Company of Proprietors.

Title to new Shares.

V. And be it enacted, That all such new Shares or Half Shares shall be deemed Personal Estate, and shall be transmissible and transferable as such in like Manner as the original Shares in the said Undertaking: Provided always, that for the Purpose of voting at any General or other Assembly of the said Company of Proprietors Two of any Half Shares created under the Authority of this Act shall be considered as One entire Share.

New Shares Personal Estate.

Two Half Shares to confer One Vote.

VI. And be it enacted, That the several Acts of Parliament following, (that is to say,) "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

Incorporation of 8 & 9 Vict. cc. 18. and 20. with this Act.

VII. And

Name of Company altered.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Company shall from and after the passing of this Act be named and styled "The *Gravesend and Rochester* Railway and Canal Company," and under that Name and Style shall remain and be a Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession, and with Power to purchase and hold Land for the Purposes of this Act and of the said recited Acts, within the Restrictions herein and in the said Two last-mentioned Acts contained.

Short Title.

VIII. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments, it shall be sufficient to use the Expression, "The *Gravesend and Rochester* Railway and Canal Act, 1845."

Power to raise 85,000*l.* for executing new Works.

IX. And whereas the estimated Expence of widening and extending the said Railway as herein-after provided is Eighty-five thousand Pounds; be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise, by Contributions among themselves, or by the Admission of other Parties as Subscribers to the Undertaking, or in part by each of those Means, any further Sum of Money, in addition to the Sum herein-before authorized to be raised, not exceeding Eighty-five thousand Pounds, and for that Purpose to create and issue such and so many Shares in the Capital Stock of the said Company, of such an Amount in Value, and with such Privileges and Advantages, and to be appropriated and disposed of to such Persons, upon such Terms, and in such Manner as shall have been or shall be determined by any Order or Resolution made or passed at any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company.

Rights and Interests of Proprietors in respect of new Shares.

X. And be it enacted, That all Corporations and Persons who have subscribed or shall subscribe for One or more of the said last-mentioned new Shares by this Act authorized to be created, or such Sum or Sums as shall be demanded in lieu thereof, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby declared to be Owners and Proprietors of Stock in the said Company to the same Extent and as beneficially to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as Proprietors of the like Number of the Shares by the said recited Acts of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Years of the Reign of King *George* the Third, the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, and the Fifth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth authorized to be created, and shall, in respect of the said new Shares by this Act authorized to be created, be entitled to all such Rights and Privileges, and be under and subject to all the Powers, Provisions, Indemnities, Remedies, Penalties, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Acts or any of them, so far as the same are now unrepealed, and are not by this Act altered, repealed, or otherwise provided for.

Power to borrow Money.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company to borrow on Mortgage or Bond any Sums not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Fifty-six thousand six hundred and sixty-six Pounds, but no Part of such Sum shall be borrowed until the whole of the said Capital

Capital or Sum of One hundred and seventy thousand Pounds by this Act authorized to be raised shall have been subscribed for, and One Half thereof shall have been actually paid up.

Number and Qualification of Directors.

XII. And be it enacted, That the Number of the Members of the Committee for the Management of the Concerns of the said Company shall, at the First General Meeting to be holden after the passing of this Act, be reduced to Nine, who shall then be elected in the Manner prescribed by the said recited Acts, and who shall thenceforth be styled and called Directors, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of Twenty-five Shares in the Undertaking.

Power to vary the Number of Directors.

XIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company to increase or reduce the Number of Directors, provided that the increased Number do not exceed Twelve, and that the reduced Number be not less than Six.

Quorum.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Three.

Committees of Directors.

XV. And be it enacted, That the Number of Directors of which Committees appointed by the Directors shall consist shall not be less than Three nor more than Five, and the Quorum of such Committees shall be Three.

Power to extend and maintain Railway according to deposited Plans.

XVI. And whereas Plans and Sections of the Railway, and the proposed Extensions and Widenings, showing the Line and Levels thereof, and also Books of Reference containing the Names of the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers, or reputed Owners and Lessees and Occupiers of the Lands through which the same passes and is intended to pass, have been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace of the County of *Kent;* be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions and Restrictions in this and the said Two last-mentioned Acts contained, it shall be lawful for the said Company to make, widen, extend, and maintain the Railway and Works by this Act authorized to be made in the Line and upon the Lands delineated on the said Plans and described in the said Books of Reference, and to enter upon, take, and use such of the said Lands as shall be necessary for such Purposes.

Line of Railway.

XVII. And be it enacted, That the making, widening, and enlarging of the said Railway shall commence at or near the Station House in the Parish of *Milton next Gravesend* in the said County of *Kent*, and shall pass and be continued into or through the following Places, or some of them; (that is to say,) *Milton next Gravesend*, *Denton*, *Chalk*, *Shorne*, *Higham*, *Frindsbury*, and *Strood* otherwise *Stroud*, in the County of *Kent;* and that One of the Extensions of the said Railway shall commence at the present Terminus of the said Railway in the Parish of *Frindsbury* in the said County, and shall pass and be continued through a Part of the said Parish of *Frindsbury* in the said County, and shall terminate at or near a Public House, No. 47, in the Parish of *Frindsbury*, and described in the Book of Reference deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Kent;* and that the other of the said Extensions shall commence at the Terminus of the said Railway in

the said Parish of *Milton next Gravesend*, and shall pass and be continued through a Part of the said last-mentioned Parish, and shall terminate at the Western Boundary of the Property now belonging to the Company of Proprietors of the *Thames* and *Medway* Canal in the same Parish.

Not to purchase certain Lands without Consent.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to purchase or take a certain Cottage, Garden, and Plantation, No. 29 in the said Book of Reference, in the Parish of *Frindsbury*, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners and Occupiers thereof first had and obtained.

Company not to take certain Lands at Strood without Consent.

XIX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That, notwithstanding any thing in this Act, or the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, contained, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase, take, or enter upon any Lands situate or lying to the South or South-west of the Public House numbered 47 in the said Book of Reference, or of an imaginary Line to be drawn along the South or South-west Wall of the said Public House numbered 47, and projected Eastward and Westward parallel to the *High Street* of *Strood*, without the previous Consent of the Wardens and Commonalty of the new Bridge of *Rochester* testified by Writing under their Common Seal.

Footpaths, &c. in the Parish of Frindsbury not to be crossed on a Level.

XX. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein or in any of the said recited Acts contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to cross, alter, divert, stop up, take, use, or interrupt the Use of the Footpaths, Roads, or public Highways numbered respectively 14, 21, 25, 30, 31, and 48 in the said Plans and Sections of the Railway and in the said Book of Reference, in the Parish of *Frindsbury*, and numbered respectively 1[c] and 1[d] in the said Plans and Sections of the Railway and in the said Book of Reference in the Parish of *Strood*; and the Company shall and they are hereby required, within Three Calendar Months from the passing of this Act, where the said Railway is intended to cross a certain public Footpath numbered 4 on the said Plans in the said Parish of *Frindsbury*, to erect and for ever to maintain a good and substantial Bridge for the Purpose of carrying such public Footpath over the said Railway.

Canal applicable to Railway Purposes.

XXI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time, as they may think fit, to fill up and discontinue the Use of any Parts or Part of the said Canal, except the Basin thereof, in the Parishes of *Strood* otherwise *Stroud* and *Frindsbury*, or either of them, and also of so much of the said Canal in the Parish of *Higham* as extends to a Distance not exceeding Two hundred Yards on the West or *Gravesend* Side of the present Bridge there over the said Canal, but no further, and to adapt and apply the Site of the Parts so filled up for the Purposes of the said Railway, or of the Works connected therewith.

Lands for additional Stations, &c.

XXII. And be it enacted, That the Quantity of Land to be taken by the Company for extraordinary Purposes shall not exceed Twenty Acres.

XXIII. And

Period within which Lands are to be purchased.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the Powers of the Company for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for the Purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the Expiration of Three Years from the passing of this Act.

Tolls.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company to demand any Tolls for the Use of the Railway, not exceeding the following; (that is to say,)

Tonnage on Articles of Merchandize.

1. In respect of the Tonnage of all Articles conveyed upon the Railway or any Part thereof, as follows:

For all Dung, Compost, and all Sorts of Manure, Lime and Limestone, all undressed Materials for the Repair of public Roads or Highways, *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding One Penny; and if conveyed by Carriages belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding One Halfpenny:

For all Coals, Coke, Culm, Charcoal, and Cinders, all Stones for building, pitching, and paving, all Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Clay, Sand, Ironstone and Iron Ore, Pig Iron, Bar Iron, Rod Iron, Hoop Iron, and all other similar Descriptions of Wrought Iron and Iron Castings not manufactured into Utensils or other Articles of Merchandize, *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding One Penny Halfpenny; and if conveyed in Carriages belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding One Halfpenny:

For all Sugar, Grain, Corn, Flour, Hides, Dyewoods, Earthenware, Timber, Stones, and Deals, Metals (except Iron), Nails, Anvils, Vices, and Chains, *per* Ton *per* Mile Two-pence; and if conveyed in Carriages belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding Three Farthings:

For all Cotton and other Wools, Drugs, manufactured Goods, and all other Wares, Merchandize, Fish, Articles, Matters, or Things, *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding Three-pence; and if conveyed in Carriages belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding One Penny:

And for every Carriage, of whatever Description, having more than Two Wheels, not being a Carriage adapted and used for travelling on a Railway, and not weighing more than One Ton, carried or conveyed on a Truck or Platform, *per* Mile not exceeding Sixpence; and a like Sum of Two-pence *per* Mile for every additional Quarter of a Ton, or fractional Part of a Quarter of a Ton, which any such Carriage may weigh; and if conveyed on a Truck or Platform belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Mile not exceeding Two-pence:

Tolls for Passengers or Cattle.

2. In respect of Passengers and Animals conveyed in Carriages upon the Railway, as follows:

For any Person conveyed in or upon any such Carriage, *per* Mile not exceeding One Penny Halfpenny; and if conveyed in or upon any Carriage belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Mile not exceeding One Halfpenny:

For every Mule, Ass, or other Beast of Draught or Burden, and for every Ox, Cow, Bull, or Neat Cattle, conveyed in or upon any such Carriages, *per* Mile not exceeding Three-pence; and if conveyed

veyed in or upon any Carriage belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Mile not exceeding One Penny:

For every Calf or Pig, Sheep, Lamb, or other small Animal, conveyed in or upon any such Carriage, *per* Mile not exceeding One Penny; and if conveyed in or upon any Carriage belonging to the Company, an additional Sum *per* Mile not exceeding One Farthing.

Tolls for propelling Power.

XXV. And be it enacted, That the Toll which the Company may demand for the Use of Engines for propelling Carriages on the Railway shall not exceed One Penny *per* Mile for each Passenger or Animal, or for each Ton of Goods or other Articles, in addition to the several other Tolls or Sums by this Act authorized to be taken.

Maximum Rates of Charge for Passengers.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the maximum Rate of Charge to be made by the Company for the Conveyance of Passengers upon the said Railway, including the Tolls for the Use of Railway and of Carriages, and for locomotive Power, and every other Expence incidental to such Conveyance, shall not exceed the following Sums:

For every Passenger conveyed in a First Class Carriage, the Sum of Three-pence *per* Mile:

For every Passenger conveyed in a Second Class Carriage, the Sum of Two-pence *per* Mile:

For every Passenger conveyed in a Third Class Carriage, the Sum of One Penny a Mile.

Maximum Tolls for Goods.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That the maximum Rates of Charge to be made by the Company in respect of all Articles conveyed upon the Railway or any Part thereof, including the Tolls for the Use of the Railway, and of Waggons or Trucks and locomotive Power, or any of them, and every Expence incidental to such Conveyance (except the loading and unloading of Goods, where such Service is performed by the Company), shall not exceed the following Sums; (that is to say,)

For all Dung, Compost, and all Sorts of Manure, Lime and Limestone, all undressed Materials for the Repair of public Roads or Highways, *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding Two-pence Halfpenny:

For all Coals, Coke, Culm, Charcoal, and Cinders, all Stones for building, pitching, and paving, all Bricks, Tiles, Slates, Clay, Sand, Ironstone and Iron Ore, Pig Iron, Bar Iron, Rod Iron, Hoop Iron, and all other similar Descriptions of Wrought Iron and Iron Castings not manufactured into Utensils or other Articles of Merchandize, *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding Three-pence:

For all Sugar, Grain, Corn, Flour, Hides, Dyewoods, Earthenware, Timber, Stones, and Deal, Metals (except Iron), Nails, Anvils, Vices, and Chains, *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding Three-pence Three Farthings:

For all Cotton and other Wools, Drugs, manufactured Goods, and all other Wares, Merchandize, Fish, Articles, Matters, or Things, *per* Ton *per* Mile not exceeding Five-pence:

And for every Carriage, of whatever Description, having more than Two Wheels, and not being a Carriage adapted and used for travelling on a Railway, and not weighing more than One Ton, carried

carried or conveyed on a Truck or Platform, *per* Mile not exceeding Seven-pence; and a Sum of Two-pence *per* Mile for every additional Quarter of a Ton, or fractional Part of a Quarter of a Ton, which any such Carriage may weigh:

For every Mule, Ass, or other Beast of Draught or Burden, and for every Ox, Cow, Bull, or Neat Cattle, conveyed in or upon any such Carriages, *per* Mile not exceeding Five-pence:

For every Calf or Pig, Sheep, Lamb, or other small Animal, conveyed in or upon any such Carriage, *per* Mile not exceeding Twopence Farthing.

Regulations as to the Tolls.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That the following Provisions and Regulations shall be applicable to the fixing of such Tolls; (that is to say,)

For Articles or Persons conveyed on the Railway for a less Distance than Six Miles the Company may demand, in addition to the prescribed Tolls for Conveyance, a reasonable Charge for the Expence of stopping, loading, and unloading:

For a Fraction of a Mile beyond Six Miles, or beyond any greater Number of Miles, the Company may demand Tolls on Merchandize for such Fraction in proportion to the Number of Quarters of a Mile contained therein; and if there be a Fraction of a Quarter of a Mile, and in respect of Passengers, every Fraction of a Mile beyond an integral Number of Miles shall be deemed a Mile:

For a Fraction of a Ton the Company may demand Toll according to the Number of Quarters of a Ton in such Fraction, and if there be a Fraction of a Quarter of a Ton such Fraction shall be deemed a Quarter of a Ton:

With respect to all Articles, except Stone and Timber, the Weight shall be determined according to the usual Avoirdupois Weight:

With respect to Stone and Timber, Fourteen Cubic Feet of Stone, Forty Cubic Feet of Oak, Mahogany, Teak, Beach, or Ash, and Fifty Cubic Feet of any other Timber, shall be deemed One Ton Weight, and so in proportion for any smaller Quantity.

Tolls for small Parcels and great Weights.

XXIX. And with respect to small Packages and single Articles of great Weight, be it enacted, That, notwithstanding the Rate of Tolls prescribed by the special Act, the Company may lawfully demand the Tolls following; (that is to say,)

For the Carriage of small Parcels, that is to say, Parcels not exceeding Five hundred Pounds Weight each, the Company may demand any Sum which they think fit: Provided always, that Articles sent in large aggregate Quantities, although made up of separate Parcels, such as Bags of Sugar, Coffee, Meal, and the like, shall not be deemed small Parcels, but such Term shall apply only to single Parcels in separate Packages:

For the Carriage of any One Boiler, Cylinder, or single Piece of Machinery, or single Piece of Timber or Stone, or other single Article, the Weight of which, including the Carriage, shall exceed Four Tons but shall not exceed Eight Tons, the Company may demand such Sum as they think fit, not exceeding Sixpence *per* Ton *per* Mile:

For the Carriage of any single Piece of Timber, Stone, Machinery, or other single Article, the Weight of which, with the Carriage, shall exceed Eight Tons, the Company may demand such Sum as they think fit.

**Passengers Luggage.**

XXX. And be it enacted, That every Passenger travelling upon the Railway may take with him his ordinary Luggage, not exceeding One hundred and fifty Pounds in Weight for First Class Passengers, One hundred Pounds in Weight for Second Class Passengers, and Sixty Pounds in Weight for Third Class Passengers, without any Charge being made for the Carriage thereof.

**Railway to be subject to the Provisions of 1 & 2 Vict. c. 98., 3 & 4 Vict. c. 97., 5 & 6 Vict. c. 55., and 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85.**

XXXI. And whereas an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the Conveyance of the Mails by Railway;* and another Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating Railways;* and another Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Railways, and for the Conveyance of Troops;* and another Act was passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act to attach certain Conditions to the Construction of future Railways authorized or to be authorized by any Act of the present or succeeding Sessions of Parliament; and for other Purposes in relation to Railways;* be it enacted, That nothing in this said Act contained shall be held to exempt the said Railway or the said Company from the Provisions of the said several Acts respectively, but that such Provisions shall be in force in respect to the said Railway and Company so far as the same shall be applicable thereto.

**Provision for future general Railway Acts.**

XXXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the said Railway by this Act authorized to be made from the Provisions of any general Act relating to this Act, or of any general Act relating to Railways, which may hereafter pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament, or from any future Revision and Alteration, under the Authority of Parliament, of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges authorized by this Act.

**Costs of this Act how to be paid.**

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and all Costs, Charges, and Expences incidental thereto, shall be borne, paid, and defrayed by the said Company of Proprietors of the *Thames* and *Medway* Canal out of any Money received or to be received by virtue of the said recited Acts, or out of any Money already received or to be received by virtue thereof and of this Act.

**Public Act.**

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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