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Cap. lii.

An Act to extend the Powers of the *Great Eastern* Railway Company with respect to the Use of Steam Vessels between *Harwich* and certain Foreign Ports. [31st *May* 1867.]

26 & 27 Vict. c. ccxxv.

WHEREAS by "The *Great Eastern* Railway (Steamboats) Act, 1863," the *Great Eastern* Railway Company (hereinafter called "the Company") were authorized to build or buy or hire, and to use, maintain, and work, or enter into Arrangements for using, maintaining, or working Steam Vessels for the Purposes of carrying on a convenient and efficient Communication by means thereof between the Town or Port of *Harwich* and the Towns or Ports of *Flushing*, *Rotterdam*, and *Antwerp*, and to take Tolls in respect of such Steam Vessels: And whereas the *Great Eastern* Railway affords the only Access by Railway to the Port of *Harwich*: And whereas it would be of Advantage to the Public if the Powers of the said Act were extended to *Harlingen* and *Geestemünde*: 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 of the Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *Great Eastern* Railway (Steamboats) Act, 1867."

Power to Company to use Steam Vessels.

2. The Company from Time to Time may use, maintain, and work Steam Vessels, which they may start from the Town or Port of *Harwich*, not only to the Ports of *Flushing*, *Rotterdam*, and *Antwerp*, as heretofore authorized, but also to the Ports of *Harlingen* and *Geestemünde*, or either of them; and the Powers conferred on the Company by the recited Act to take and recover Payment of Rates or Charges, and to make Byelaws and all other Powers thereby conferred in respect of Steam Vessels running between *Harwich* and *Flushing*, *Rotterdam*, and *Antwerp* shall, subject to the Provisions and Restrictions contained in the said Act, apply also to Steam Vessels running between *Harwich* and *Harlingen* and *Geestemünde*, or either of them.

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

3. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railways of the Company 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 of the Rates for small Parcels authorized by this Act or any Act relating to the Company.

Expenses of Act.

4. 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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