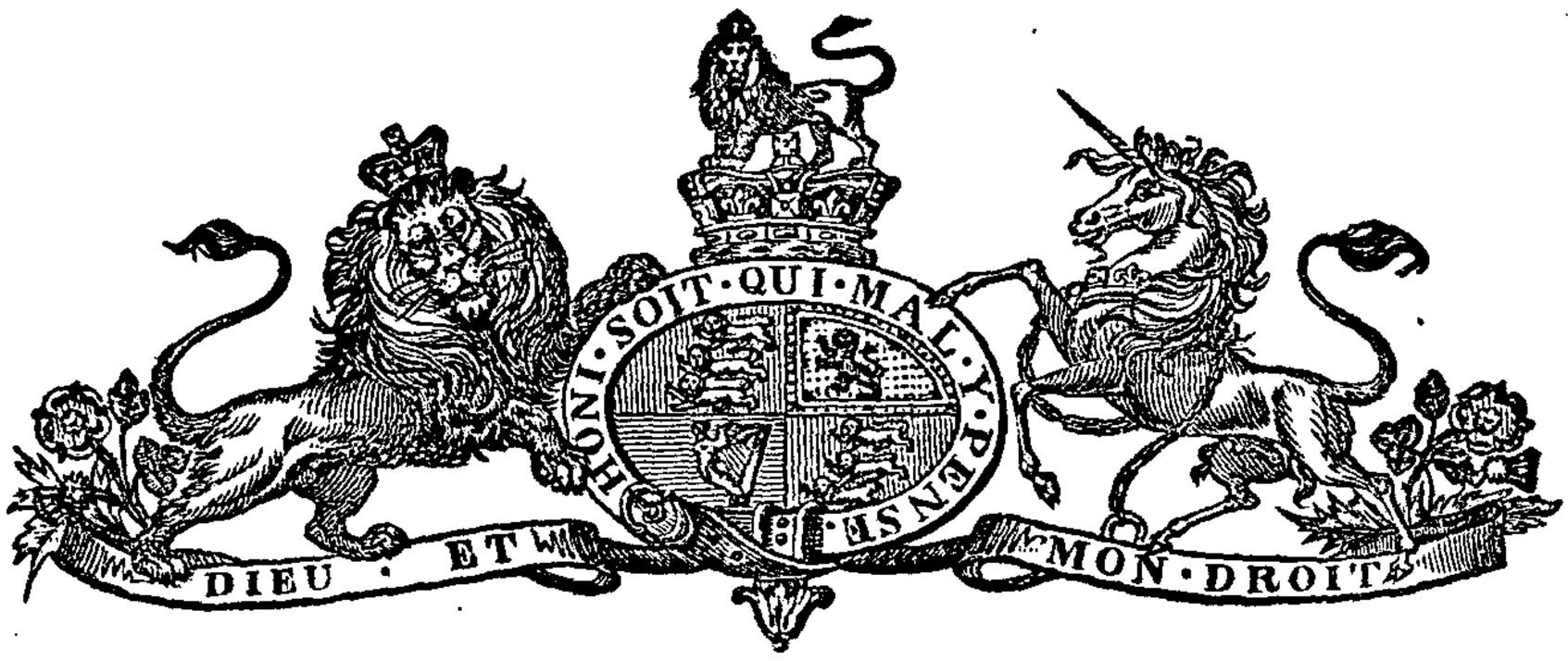


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the *Great Western* Railway and the *North and South Western Junction* Railway: And whereas it is expedient that the Time and Powers granted for the Purchase of Lands required for the Purposes of the Railway to *Henley* in "The *Great Western* Railway (Amendment and Extensions Act), 1847," mentioned and described, and thereby authorized, should be revived, and that the Time limited for the Construction thereof should be extended: And whereas by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," a Company was incorporated for making (subject to the Provisions of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and to the other Provisions, Restrictions, and Conditions in such Act contained,) the Railway and Works therein mentioned according to the Plans and Sections thereof deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* as therein mentioned, and was authorized to purchase and take within the Time limited in the said Act the Lands mentioned in the Book of Reference to such Plans deposited therewith, save and except such of the Lands described on the said Plans as were not numbered thereon, or being numbered thereon were not described in the said Book of Reference; and Powers were granted by the said Act for enabling the *Great Western* Railway Company to take a Lease of the Railway by such Act authorized: And whereas the said Railway has not yet been made, and the *Great Western* Railway Company are desirous to complete the same, subject to the Deviation in the Line thereof herein-after mentioned, and it is expedient that the Authority to construct the said Railway should be transferred to the same Company, and that the Time and Powers granted for the Purchase of Lands required for the Purposes of the said Railway should be revived, and that the Time limited for the Construction thereof should be extended: And whereas it is also expedient that the *Great Western* Railway Company should be empowered to acquire, and to use for the Purpose of providing additional Accommodation connected with their Railway, certain Lands in the Parishes of *Chippenham* and *Langley*, and also to stop up and discontinue the public Road which now crosses the *Great Western* Railway at their Station at *Chippenham*, or some Part thereof: And whereas it is also expedient that the *Great Western* Railway Company should be empowered to acquire certain Lands lying near to the *Reading* Station of the *Great Western* Railway Company for the Purpose of providing additional Accommodation for their Railway: And whereas it is also expedient that the *Great Western* Railway Company should be empowered to raise a further Sum of Money, and also to pay off their Mortgage and Bond Debt, or Part thereof, by the Creation of Mortgage Stock with a fixed Rate of Dividend, or by the Creation of Mortgage irredeemable Annuities, or by both or either of such Means, and to alter some of the Tolls, Rates, and Charges leviable by the Company; but the

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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; (that is to say,)

Short Title.

I. That in citing this Act for any Purpose whatever it shall be sufficient to use the Expression, "The *Great Western* Railway Branches Act, 1853."

"Company."

II. That in this Act, wherever the Words "the Company" or "the said Company" are used, the same shall be held to mean the *Great Western* Railway Company, unless there be something in the Context repugnant to such Construction.

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 18. & 20. incorporated with this Act.

III. That "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with this Act.

Power to make Railways, &c. according to deposited Plans.

IV. And whereas Plans of the proposed Railways, to connect the *Great Western* Railway with the *North and South Western* Railway, and of the proposed Railway near the Company's Station at *Reading*, and of the additional Lands at *Acton*, *Chippenham*, and *Reading*, proposed to be taken for the Purposes before mentioned, and Sections showing the Levels of the said intended Railways respectively, together with Books of Reference to such Plans, containing the Names of the Owners and Lessees, or reputed Owners and Lessees, and Occupiers of the Lands and Houses proposed to be taken under the Authority of this Act, have been deposited with the Clerks of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, for the County of *Berks*, and for the County of *Wilts* respectively: Be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions in this Act and the Acts incorporated herewith contained, the Company may make and maintain the Railways herein-after mentioned (with all requisite and necessary Works and Conveniences connected therewith) in the Lines and according to the Levels shown upon the said Plans and Sections relating to such Railways, and upon the Lands delineated on the said Plans and described in the said Books of Reference thereto, and may enter upon, take, and use all or any of the said Lands; that is to say,

A Railway commencing from and out of the Line of the *North and South Western Junction* Railway as at present authorized to be made, in or near a certain Field numbered on the Plans referred to in "The *North and South Western Junction* Railway Act, 1851," 173, in the Parish of *Acton* in the County of *Middlesex*, and terminating by a Junction with the *Great Western* Railway in

in the same Parish, at or near the Mile Post on the *Great Western* Railway denoting Four Miles from *London*:

A Railway commencing from and out of the Line of the *North and South Western Junction* Railway as at present authorized to be made, in or near a certain Field numbered on the Plans referred to in "The *North and South Western Junction* Railway Act, 1851," 160, in the Parish of *Acton*, and terminating by a Junction with the *Great Western* Railway at or near the Mile Post thereon denoting Three Miles from *London*:

And the Company may also, subject as aforesaid, enter upon, take, and use, for the Purpose of providing additional Accommodation in connexion with their Railway, all or any of the Lands in the Parishes of *Acton* and *St. Lawrence Reading*, described upon the Plans and in the Books of Reference so deposited as aforesaid, and such of the Lands as are described upon the said Plans and in the said Books of Reference as being in the Parish of *Chippenham*, and thereon and therein designated by the Numbers 1 to 17 both inclusive, and also such of the Lands as are described upon the said Plans and in the said Books of Reference as being in the Parish of *Langley*, and thereon and therein designated by the Numbers 8, 10, and 12, and the new Lines of Railway and Works by this Act authorized, shall be and become Part of the Undertaking of the *Great Western* Railway Company: Provided always, that the *Great Western* Railway Company shall not be authorized to take any Land belonging to the *South-eastern* Railway Company for the Purpose of enlarging their Station at *Reading* on the South Side thereof which shall be situate to the Eastward of the present Approach Road to the *Great Western* Railway at *Reading*, except such as the Board of Trade may deem necessary for the Purpose of any Works for facilitating the Interchange of Traffic between the respective Stations of the said Two Companies.

Certain Property not to be taken without Consent.

V. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the said Company to take or use any Portion of the Land known as *Wormwood Scrubs*, lying beyond Fifteen Feet from the present Boundary Fence of the Line of the *Great Western* Railway, without the previous Consent in Writing of the Quartermaster General for the Time being of Her Majesty's Forces.

Not to take certain Closes described on Plans without Consent.

VI. Provided always, That, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall not be lawful for the Company to take or use any Portion of the Closes numbered on the said Plan 16 in the Parish of *Chippenham*, and 12 in the Parish of *Langley*, lying at a greater Distance than 60 Feet from the Company's Property adjoining such Closes respectively, nor any Portion of the Plantation numbered on the said Plan 8 in the Parish of *Langley*, lying at a greater

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Distance than 15 Feet from the Southern Fence of the Occupation Road numbered on the said Plan 10 in the Parish of *Langley*, nor any Portion of the Lands numbered on the said Plan 12 and 17 in the Parish of *Chippenham*, lying at a greater Distance than Fifteen Feet from the Southern Fence of the Occupation Road numbered on the said Plan 13 in the Parish of *Chippenham*, or from the Company's Property adjoining the said Close numbered 17, without the previous Consent in Writing of *Graham Francis Moore Michell Esmeede* Esquire or other the Owner or Owners for the Time being of such Properties.

As to Communication with the North and South Western Junction Railway.

VII. That before the Communications with the *North and South Western Junction* Railway, and the Stations and Works in connexion therewith, are made on any Lands now belonging to the said *North and South Western Junction* Railway Company, the Position of such Works and the Plan by which they are proposed to be effected shall be approved by the Engineer for the Time being of the last-mentioned Company, and the Means adopted of forming such Communications and the Execution thereof shall be to his reasonable Satisfaction; and in case of Difference between the Two Companies as to the Position or the Mode of effecting such Works, the same shall be determined by the Board of Trade, or by an Arbitrator to be appointed by the Board of Trade, and the Costs of such Reference (if any) shall be borne and paid by the said Parties or either of them, in such Proportions as the Board of Trade shall determine.

Works in connexion with North and South Western Junction Railway to be executed to Satisfaction of their Engineer.

VIII. That all Works and Communications in connexion with the *North and South Western Junction* Railway, and upon any Lands now the Property of the *North and South Western Junction* Railway Company, shall be executed to the Satisfaction of the Engineer for the Time being of the last-mentioned Company; and the Expense of all such Works and Communications, and of any Lodge, Watchmen, and Signals which the Board of Trade may require to be erected and maintained in connexion with the said Lines of Railway at *Acton* by this Act authorized, (and which they are hereby empowered, on the Application of either of the said Railway Companies, to require, if they shall see fit so to do,) shall be borne and sustained by either or both of the said Two Companies, and in such Proportions as, in case they differ about the same, shall be ordered and determined by the Board of Trade.

Company not to take Land of the said Company, except for effecting Junctions.

IX. That, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall not be lawful for the *Great Western* Railway Company, or for any other Company, or for any Person under or in execution of this Act, or for any other Purpose, either permanently or temporarily, to enter upon, take, or use any of the Land or Property of the said *North and South*

South Western Junction Railway Company, or which they have Power to take under any of their existing Acts of Parliament or under any Act or Acts they may obtain in the present Session of Parliament, or to construct any Railways or Branch Railways across the same, either on the Level or otherwise, or in any Manner to alter, vary, or interfere with the said *North and South Western Junction* Railway, or any of the Works appertaining thereto, save only for the Purpose of effecting the Junctions and Works hereby authorized in manner aforesaid.

Saving Rights of the said Railway Company.

X. That, except as is by this Act expressly provided, this Act or anything therein contained, shall not take away, lessen, alter, or prejudice any of the Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities of the said *North and South Western Junction* Railway Company under their existing Acts of Parliament, or under any Act or Acts they may obtain during the present Session of Parliament.

Power to Great Western Company to make Part of Great Western and Uxbridge Railway.

XI. That in lieu and instead of the Company by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," incorporated, but subject to the Provisions in this Act and the Acts incorporated herewith contained, the *Great Western* Railway Company may also make, complete, and maintain in the Line and according to the Levels shown upon the Plans and Sections thereof mentioned and referred to in "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," as having been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and upon the Lands delineated upon the said Plans and described in the Books of Reference thereto, so much of the Railway by the said Act authorized as lies between the Junction thereof with the Line of the *Great Western* Railway at or near *West Drayton* in the said County, and a certain Field numbered on the said Plans 46 in the Parish of *Hillingdon*, and may enter upon, take, and use all or any of the said Lands, save and except such of the Lands described upon the said Plans as are not numbered thereon, or being numbered thereon are not described in the said Books of Reference.

Lands, &c., to vest in Great Western Railway Company.

XII. That all Lands which prior to the passing of this Act shall have been purchased for the Purposes of the Railway to *Uxbridge* in this Act mentioned, and of the Works connected therewith, and all Works (if any) executed under the Provisions of "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," in respect of the said Railway, and the Benefit of all Contracts entered into before the passing of this Act for or with reference to the Purchase of any Lands or the Execution of any Works upon or with reference to the said Railway, shall immediately on the passing of this Act vest in the *Great Western* Railway Company; and all such Contracts as well as all Deeds of Conveyance of the said Lands to the Company

incorporated by the said Act shall on Demand be delivered up by them to the *Great Western* Railway Company.

Power to make a deviated Line of Railway.

XIII. And whereas Plans and Sections showing the Line and Levels of a proposed Deviation in the Line of Railway authorized by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," together with a Book of Reference to such Plans, containing the Names of the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers, or reputed Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of the Lands and Houses proposed to be taken for the Purposes thereof, have been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex:* Be it enacted, That the Company may make and maintain the Railway herein-after mentioned (with all necessary Works and Conveniences connected therewith) in the Line and according to the Levels shown upon the said Plans and Sections, and upon the Lands delineated upon such Plans and described in the said Books of Reference, and may enter upon, take, and use all or any of the said Lands; (that is to say,)

Uxbridge Deviation.

A Deviation Line of Railway to commence from and out of the Line of Railway to *Uxbridge*, authorized by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," in a certain Field numbered on the Plans of the said Railway referred to in the said Act 46, in the Parish of *Hillingdon*, and to terminate near the Town of *Uxbridge*, in or near a Piece of Ground known as "The *Vineyard*" in the said Parish of *Hillingdon* in the County of *Middlesex*;

And the Railway to *Uxbridge*, which the *Great Western* Railway Company may make under the Authority of this Act, shall be and become Part of their Undertaking.

For Protection of Messrs. Dagnall, Hilliard and Walford.

XIV. And whereas Contracts in Writing have been entered into by or on behalf of the *Great Western* Railway Company with *Thomas Dagnall*, *William Edward Hilliard*, *Thomas Witts Walford*, and *Robert Crook Walford* for the Purchase of certain Lands belonging to such Parties respectively which will be required for the Purposes of the proposed Railway to *Uxbridge*, and the Contracts so entered into with the said *Thomas Dagnall* and *William Edward Hilliard* respectively also specify the Line or Course in which the said Railway shall be made through the Lands so contracted to be purchased from them respectively as aforesaid: Therefore nothing in this Act contained shall empower the *Great Western* Railway Company to purchase or take (otherwise than by Agreement) any Lands belonging to such Parties respectively other than those which are comprised in such Contracts respectively, nor shall anything in this Act contained authorize the *Great Western* Railway Company to construct the said Railway through the Lands of the said *Thomas Dagnall* and *William Edward Hilliard* respectively, or either of them, in any other Line or

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Course than such as is specified in such Contracts so entered into with them respectively as aforesaid, without the previous Consent in Writing of the said *Thomas Dagnall* and *William Edward Hilliard* respectively, or their respective Heirs and Assigns; and that the Company shall construct all the Accommodation and other Works specified or referred to in the said Contracts respectively or any of them, and shall be bound by all the Terms, Conditions, and Provisions, and shall be entitled to all the Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities therein respectively contained and provided for, in like Manner and as effectually in all respects as if the said Contracts respectively had been entered into by the said Company (they being first duly authorized so to do), and had been executed by the said Company under their Common Seal.

Lands already purchased for Uxbridge Line, to vest in Great Western Railway Company, and existing Contracts to remain in force.

XV. That all Lands which prior to the passing of this Act shall have been purchased or agreed to be purchased for the Purposes of the Railway to *Uxbridge* in this Act mentioned, and of the Works connected therewith, and all Works, if any, executed under the Provisions of "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," in respect of the said Railway, and the Benefit of all Conveyances of and Contracts made and entered into before the passing of this Act, for or with reference to the Purchase of any Lands, or the Execution of any Works upon or with reference to the said Railway, shall immediately on the passing of this Act vest in the *Great Western* Railway Company, and all such Conveyances and Contracts shall be as valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if they had been respectively made and entered into to by and with the *Great Western* Railway Company, under the Authority and for the Purposes of this Act; and the Terms and Conditions, Covenants and Provisions of all such Contracts and Conveyances respectively shall bind and be performed and observed by the *Great Western* Railway Company accordingly, and all such Contracts, as well as all Deeds of Conveyance of the said Lands to the Company incorporated by the said Act, shall on Demand be delivered up by them to the *Great Western* Railway Company.

Power to stop up public Road at Chippenham Station.

XVI. That it shall be lawful for the Company to stop up and discontinue the public Highway which now crosses the *Great Western* Railway at the *Chippenham* Station, numbered 1 on the Plans deposited as aforesaid, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the more convenient Use and Occupation of the said *Chippenham* Station; but the said Company shall for ever after the said Road is so stopped up, maintain and keep in good and effectual Repair for the Use of the Public so much of the said Road as lies between the said Station East of the Railway and *Chippenham* Mill, and also so much of the said Road as lies between the said Station West of the Railway

Railway and the Junction of such Road with the Turnpike Road leading from *Chippenham* to *Langley*.

Lands for extraordinary Purposes.

XVII. That it shall be lawful for the Company to purchase any Quantity of Land for extraordinary Purposes, not exceeding Thirty Acres, in addition to the Lands which they are by their existing Acts authorized to take for such Purposes.

Limiting Period for compulsory Purchase of Lands.

XVIII. That the Powers of the Company for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and Houses for all or any of the Purposes of this Act may be exercised during, but shall not be exercised after, the Expiration of Three Years from the passing of this Act.

Period for Completion of Works.

XIX. That the Railways by this Act authorized shall be completed within Five Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of such Period the Powers granted to the Company for executing the same, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much of the Railways as shall then be completed.

Gauge.

XX. That the Railways by this Act authorized to be made shall be constructed on the Gauge of Seven Feet.

Protecting the Grand Junction Canal.

XXI. And whereas the said Railway to *Uxbridge* is intended to be carried over the *Grand Junction* Canal, and it is expedient to provide against Injury or Obstruction being occasioned by means of the said Railway to the said Canal or to the free Navigation thereof: Be it therefore enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall diminish, alter, prejudice, affect, or take away any of the Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Company of Proprietors of the said *Grand Junction* Canal, or authorize or empower the said *Great Western* Railway Company, except as herein-after provided for the Construction of the Bridge and Works connected therewith, to alter the Line or Level of the said Canal or Towing-path thereto, or any Part thereof, or to obstruct the Navigation of the said Canal or any Part thereof, or to divert any of the Waters therein or which supply the said Canal, or to take any Portion of the Lands numbered on the said Plans 67, 67a, and 68, in the Parish of *Hillingdon*, or to injure any of the Works of the said Canal; and it shall not be lawful for the said *Great Western* Railway Company to make any Deviation from the Course or Direction of the said Railway delineated on the Map or Plan of the said Railway deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, by which Deviation any of the Wharves, Locks, Lockhouses, Side Ponds, Towing-paths, Bridges, Banks, or Feeders, or any other Works belonging to the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company, or any Part thereof respectively,

tively, shall be taken, used, or damaged, without the Consent of the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company in Writing under their Common Seal first had and obtained.

Directing Mode of erecting Bridges over Grand Junction Canal.

XXII. That in carrying the said Railway to *Uxbridge* over the said *Grand Junction* Canal the said *Great Western* Railway Company shall, and they are hereby required, at their own Expense, and to the Satisfaction of the Engineer for the Time being of the said Canal Company, to make, and at all Times for ever thereafter to maintain and keep in perfect Repair, at every such Crossing thereof, a good and substantial Bridge over the said Canal and the Towing-path thereof, with proper Approaches to such Bridge; and the Soffit of such Bridge shall be at least Ten Feet above the Top-water Level of the said Canal at the Centre of the Waterway, and no Part of the Arch over the Towing-path shall be less than Eight Feet above the said Top-water Level of the said Canal; and such Bridge shall be of such Width and Curve as shall leave a clear, uniform, and uninterrupted Opening of not less than Twenty-one Feet for the Water-way in the middle or deep Part of the said Canal, in such Place as shall be directed by the Engineer for the Time being of the said Canal Company, and Nine Feet for the Towing-path under such Bridge; and the said *Great Western* Railway Company shall, and they are hereby required, during the Progress of constructing such Bridge over the said *Grand Junction* Canal, and of the necessary Repair or Renewal thereof, from Time to Time and at all Times to leave an open and uninterrupted navigable Waterway in the said Canal of not less than Sixteen Feet in Width during the Time of constructing and putting in the Foundation Walls of the Abutments of such Bridge or Renewal or Repair thereof, and of the new Towing-path along the same up to One Foot above the Top-water Level of the said Canal, and which Time for constructing the said Waterway shall not exceed Thirty Days; nor shall less than Twenty-one Feet for the said Water-way, and Nine Feet for the said Towing-path, be left during the Remainder of the Period of constructing, repairing, or renewing every such Bridge; and that the present Towing-path shall remain undisturbed until the new Towing-path Wall shall be erected, and the Ground made good and properly gravelled, and open for the free Passage of Horses under such Bridge.

Providing against Obstruction of Grand Junction Canal.

XXIII. That if, by reason of any Accident, or in the Execution of any of the Works by this Act authorized to be made with reference to the said Railway to *Uxbridge*, or by reason of the bad State of Repair of any such Works or of the said Bridges over the said *Grand Junction* Canal, or of any of the Slopes, Banks, or Walls of the said Railway near the said Canal, it shall happen that the Main Line of the said Canal, or the Towing-path thereof, shall be so obstructed that

that Boats or other Vessels navigating or using the said Canal shall be impeded in their Passage, or shall not be able to pass along the same, or in case the navigable Waterway and Towing-path hereinbefore required to be preserved during the Progress of the Work shall at any Time be contracted to a less Width than is herein prescribed, then and in such Case the said *Great Western* Railway Company shall pay to the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company, as or by way of ascertained Damages, the Sum of Fifteen Pounds for every Hour during which any such Impediment shall continue: Provided always, that if such Obstruction shall continue beyond Seventy-two consecutive Hours, or shall have been occasioned by any wilful Act on the Part of the Servants or Persons employed by the said *Great Western* Railway Company, the said *Great Western* Railway Company shall pay to the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company the Sum of Thirty Pounds for every Hour during which the Obstruction shall continue, as or by way of ascertained Damages; and in default of Payment of the said Sum or Sums, as the Case may be, on Demand made on the Secretary or any of the Directors of the said *Great Western* Railway Company, the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company may sue for and recover the same, together with full Costs of Suit, against the said *Great Western* Railway Company by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and in case the Bridges to be erected for the said Railway over the said *Grand Junction* Canal, or the Towing-path Walls under the said Bridges, or the several Approaches, Side Slopes, or Banks of the said Railway next to the said Canal, or any of them, or any Part thereof, shall not be kept in good Repair, it shall be lawful for the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company to do the needful Repair, and to recover the Amount of the Expenses from the said *Great Western* Railway Company by Action of Debt or on the Case, with full Costs of Suit, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend to prevent the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company from recovering against the said *Great Western* Railway Company any special Damage that may be sustained by them on account of the Acts or Defaults of the said *Great Western* Railway Company, in respect of which the said Penalties are imposed, beyond the Amount of such Penalty or Penalties, and they are hereby authorized to sue for and recover such special Damages accordingly; but in every Case where the Penalty or Penalties herein-before imposed shall have been paid by the said Railway Company, and any Action for special Damage shall be brought as above mentioned, then the said Penalty or Penalties so paid shall be deemed and considered as Payment on account of such special Damage, and Credit shall be given by the Court before whom such Action shall be tried for any Sum or Sums of Money so paid by the said *Great Western* Railway Company, and the same shall be deducted from the Amount of Damages to be recovered

recovered by the *Grand Junction* Canal Company; and in case the Amount of Damages recovered shall not exceed the Sum or Sums so paid, then and in such Case Judgment shall be given for the said *Great Western* Railway Company, and no Action shall be maintained by the said *Grand Junction* Canal Company against the said *Great Western* Railway Company for the Recovery of any Penalty or Penalties after any Judgment shall have been obtained by them for any special Damage in respect of the Act or Acts for which such Penalty or Penalties would have been recoverable.

Tolls on new Lines.

XXIV. That it shall be lawful for the Company to demand and receive, in respect of the Use of the Railways which they are by this Act authorized to construct, any Tolls, Rates, and Charges, not exceeding the maximum Tolls, Rates, and Charges which they are or may for the Time being be authorized to demand and receive upon or in respect of the other Portions of their Undertaking: Provided nevertheless, that, in ascertaining the Amount to be demanded and received in respect of the Use of the Railways by this Act authorized, such Railways shall be deemed and taken to be integral Portions of the Undertaking of the *Great Western* Railway Company.

As to Interchange of Traffic between Railways at Acton Station.

XXV. That it shall be lawful for the Board of Trade from Time to Time to make such Rules, Regulations, and Arrangements as they may think fit with respect to the Interchange at the Station or Stations at *Acton*, to be constructed under the Authority of this Act, of Passengers and other Traffic passing to or from either of the said Railways, from or to the other of them, upon such Terms and Conditions as to the said Board may seem reasonable, which Rules, Regulations, Arrangements, Terms, and Conditions shall be binding upon both the said Companies.

Great Western Railway Company not to construct certain Portion of Line to Uxbridge.

XXVI. That nothing in this Act contained shall empower the *Great Western* Railway Company to construct so much of the Line of Railway to *Uxbridge* authorized by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," as lies between a certain Field numbered, on the Plans of the said Railway mentioned and referred to in the said Act, 46, in the Parish of *Hillingdon*, and the Termination of the said Railway as defined upon the said Plans in the Township of *Uxbridge*.

Compensation to be made where Contracts have been entered into or Notices given.

XXVII. Provided always, That in any Case where, before the passing of this Act, any Contract hath been entered into or Notice given for purchasing any Lands which by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," the Company thereby incorporated were empowered to purchase, for the Purpose of constructing the Portion of Railway between the said Field numbered 46, in the Parish of

of *Hillingdon*, and the Termination of the said Railway in the Township of *Uxbridge*, the *Great Western* Railway Company shall make to the Owners or Occupiers of and other Parties interested in such Lands, full Compensation for all Injury or Damage sustained by such Owners, Occupiers, and other Parties by reason of such Purchase not being completed pursuant to such Contract or Notice, and the Amount and Application of such Compensation shall be determined in the Manner provided by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," for determining the Amount and Application of the Compensation to be paid for Lands taken under the Provisions thereof: Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the Right of the Owner or Occupier of any Lands which by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," the Company thereby incorporated were so empowered to purchase as aforesaid, to receive Compensation for any Damage that may have been occasioned by the Entry upon such Lands for the Purpose of surveying and taking Levels, and of probing or boring to ascertain the Nature of the Soil, or of setting out the Line of the Railway pursuant to the Provisions for that Purpose in the said "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act" contained, and such Compensation (if any) may be recoverable from the *Great Western* Railway Company.

Extending Periods for compulsory Purchase of Lands required for the Henley and Uxbridge Lines.

XXVIII. That the Period limited by the "The *Great Western* Railway (Amendment and Extensions) Act, 1847," for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and Houses for the Purposes of the Railway to *Henley* thereby authorized, and the Period limited by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," for the compulsory Purchase of Lands and Houses for the Purposes of the Railways to *Uxbridge* thereby authorized, shall, as regards the whole of the Lands and Houses required for the said Railway to *Henley*, and also as regards the whole of the Lands and Houses required for those Portions of the Railway to *Uxbridge*, which the *Great Western* Railway Company are by this Act authorized to complete, be and the same Periods respectively are hereby revived, extended, and enlarged for the Period of Two Years from the passing of this Act.

Extending Periods for Completion of Works on the said Lines.

XXIX. That the Period limited by "The *Great Western* Railway (Amendment and Extensions) Act, 1847," for the Completion of the Railway to *Henley* thereby authorized, shall be and the same is hereby extended for a Period of Three Years from the passing of this Act; and the Period limited by "the *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," for the Completion of the Railways thereby authorized, shall, as regards those Portions of such last-mentioned Railways which the *Great Western* Railway Company are by this Act authorized to complete, be and the same is hereby extended for a Period of Three Years from the passing of this Act.

 XXX. That

Parties aggrieved by Extension of Time being granted may have Compensation for additional Damage.

XXX. That the Justices, Arbitrators, Umpires, or Juries respectively, as the Case may be, who under the Provisions of the "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall award or assess the Compensation to be made by the *Great Western* Railway Company to the Owners or Occupiers of or other Persons interested in any of the Lands, for the Purchase of which the Period is by this Act extended, and which shall be taken or used for the Purposes of the Railway to *Henley* by "The *Great Western* Railway (Amendment and Extension) Act, 1847," authorized, or for the Purposes of those Portions of the Railways to *Uxbridge* by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," authorized, which are not by this Act authorized to be abandoned, or which may be injuriously affected by the Construction of the Railway and Portions of Railway respectively abovementioned, shall in estimating the Amount of such Compensation have regard to and make Compensation for the additional Damage (if any) sustained by such Owners, Occupiers, or other Persons by reason of the Extension of Time hereby authorized as aforesaid.

Existing Contracts and Notices to take Lands not to be affected.

XXXI. That the Extension of Time by this Act authorized shall not prejudice or affect any Contract or Agreement entered into or any Notice given by the *Great Western* Railway Company, or the Company incorporated by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," before the passing of this Act, for purchasing, taking, or using any Lands for the Purposes of the Railway to *Henley*, authorized by "The *Great Western* Railway Amendment and Extensions Act, 1847," or those Portions of the Railway to *Uxbridge* authorized by "The *Great Western and Uxbridge* Railway Act, 1846," which are not by this Act authorized to be abandoned.

Dividends suspended if Railways not completed within limited Periods.

XXXII. That if the Railways to *Henley* and *Uxbridge*, or either of them, by this Act authorized, shall not be completed and opened for public Traffic within Three Years from the passing of this Act, or if the new Lines of Railway to connect the *Great Western* Railway with the *North and South Western Junction* Railway, or either of them, by this Act respectively authorized, shall not be completed and opened for public Traffic within Five Years from the passing of this Act, then and from thenceforth it shall not be lawful for the Company to declare or pay any Dividend on the ordinary or unguaranteed Capital of the Company until such Works respectively shall have been completed and opened for public Traffic.

Power to raise additional Capital by Creation of new Shares.

XXXIII. That, for the Purpose of making the new Railways and Works by this Act authorized, and acquiring the additional Lands for Station and other Accommodation at *Acton*, *Reading*, and *Chippenham*, it shall be lawful for the *Great Western* Railway Company from Time to Time to raise, by creating new Shares, in addition to

to the Sums of Money which they are authorized to raise under and by virtue of the existing Acts relating to their Undertaking, or any of them, or which they may be authorized to raise under or by virtue of any other Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament, any Sum of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Sixty-eight thousand Pounds.

Mode in which new Shares are to be allotted.

XXXIV. That the new Shares so to be created shall be of such nominal Value as the Company may determine, and shall be allotted to and amongst such Persons as the Company may determine, such Shares to be allotted at such Times and in such Manner as the Company may direct.

Calls.

XXXV. That Five Pounds *per* Share shall be the greatest Amount of any One Call which the *Great Western* Railway Company may make on the Shareholders in respect of the Money by this Act authorized to be raised, and Three Fifths of the Amount of a Share shall be the utmost aggregate Amount of Calls that may be made in any One Year upon any Share, and Two Months at the least shall be the Interval between successive Calls.

Power to borrow on Mortgage.

XXXVI. That after the whole of the Sum by this Act authorized to be raised by Shares shall have been subscribed for, and One Half of the Amount by this Act and the existing Acts relating to the *Great Western* Railway Company authorized to be raised by Shares shall have been paid up, it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company to borrow on Mortgage, and, if subsequently paid off, again to borrow, such Sums of Money as shall from Time to Time be authorized to be borrowed, by an Order of any General or Special General Meeting of the Company, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty-two thousand six hundred and sixty-six Pounds, in addition to the Sums which they now are or by any other Act of the present Session may be authorized to borrow; and for securing the Repayment of the Sum so borrowed with Interest, to mortgage the Undertaking belonging to them, and also, if they think fit, the whole or any of the future Calls on the Shareholders of the Company.

Rights Mortgagees.

XXXVII. That the respective Mortgagees shall be entitled to the same Rights and Privileges, and the said Mortgagees shall be subject to the same Restrictions and Conditions, as are provided in the Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and seven, with respect to the Mortgages thereby authorized to be granted: Provided always, that all Mortgages of the Undertaking heretofore granted under the Powers of the existing Acts relating to the *Great Western* Railway Company, or any of them,

them, shall, during the Continuance thereof, have Priority over any Mortgage thereof to be granted under the Powers of this Act.

Application of Monies.

XXXVIII. That all the Money to be raised by virtue of this Act, by the Creation of Shares or by Mortgage, shall be applied to the Purpose of making the new Railways and Works by this Act authorized, and acquiring the additional Lands for Station and other Accommodation at *Acton*, *Reading*, and *Chippenham*, and to no other Purpose whatsoever.

Power to Great Western Railway Company to apply their corporate Funds to the Purposes of this Act.

XXXIX. That it shall be lawful for the *Great Western* Railway Company to appropriate for or towards all or any of the Objects and Purposes of this Act, any Sums of Money which they are authorized to raise, or which shall have been raised by them under the Provisions of any Act or Acts in force with relation to the said Company, and which may not be required for the Purposes to which they are by any such Act or Acts made specially applicable.

Conversion of Mortgage or Bond Debt into Stock or Perpetual Annuities.

XL. That it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time, with the Consent of Three Fifths of the Votes of the Shareholders present, in Person or by Proxy, at any General Meeting of the Company convened with due Notice of that Object, to resolve that any Portion of the borrowed Capital of the Company or any Debenture or other Security for which or for the Interest whereof the Company are lawfully liable, then subsisting on the Security of outstanding Mortgages or Bonds, not exceeding an Amount to be defined in and by such Resolution, may be converted either into Mortgage Stock of the Company of like Amount with a fixed and perpetual irredeemable yearly Dividend or Interest attached, at any Rate not exceeding Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, or into Mortgage irredeemable Annuities at a Rate not exceeding Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; such Conversion to take place either by Agreement with the Holders of such Mortgages or Bonds respectively before the same respectively became due, or by paying off the same respectively when due, and creating and issuing such Stock or Annuities as aforesaid instead of reborrowing the Sums so paid off; and it shall thereupon be lawful for the Directors of the Company to carry into effect such Resolution or Resolutions by the Creation and Issue either of so much Stock having such fixed Rate of Interest or Dividend as aforesaid, or of such Annuities as aforesaid, as may from Time to Time be necessary for such Purpose, or partly by each of such Means, and the Stock or Annuities so respectively created and issued shall be a Charge upon the Tolls and Undertaking, and Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the Company, and the Interest or Dividend of the said Stock; and the Amount of the said Annuities and all Arrears thereof respectively shall respectively for ever have Priority of Payment over all other

Dividends

Dividends on any other Stock or Shares of the Company whatever; and the Stock and Annuities respectively, when so created and issued, shall be termed respectively *Great Western* Mortgage Stock or *Great Western* Mortgage Annuities (as the Case may be): Provided, that nothing herein contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the Rights of the Holders of then existing Mortgages or Bonds of the Company; provided also, that, after the Conversion of any such Mortgages or Bonds into Stock or Annuities, it shall not be lawful for the Company again to borrow the Sum so converted, or to issue Mortgages or Bonds or any other Securities in respect thereof, but the Powers of borrowing by the Company shall, to the Extent of the Sum so from Time to Time converted into Stock or Annuities, be extinguished.

As to Votes of Holders of Debenture Stock.

XLI. That the Holders of the said Mortgage Stock or Mortgage irredeemable Annuities shall not be entitled to vote in the Affairs of the Company.

Transfer of Annuities.

XLII. That the several Holders of any Annuities to be created under the Authority of this Act may transfer the Annuities for the Time being held by them or any Part thereof in the same Manner, and subject to the same Regulations and Provisions (*mutatis mutandis*), as or according to which the Capital Stock of the Company, or any Interest therein, may be transferred under the Provisions of the Act or Acts of the Company applicable thereto; and the Company shall cause an Entry to be made in some Book, to be kept for that Purpose, of every such Transfer, and for every such Entry they may demand any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence.

Register of Holders of Annuities to be kept.

XLIII. That the Company shall from Time to Time cause the Names of the several Parties who may be entitled to any such Annuities as aforesaid, with the Amount thereof to which they are so respectively entitled, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose, to be called "The Register of Holders of Mortgage Annuities," and such Book shall be accessible at all seasonable Times to every Mortgagee, Bondholder, Annuitant, or Share or Stock Holder of the Company.

Arrears may be enforced by Appointment of a Receiver.

XLIV. That if within Thirty Days after the Dividend or Interest on any Mortgage Stock, or (as the Case may be) any Annuity to be granted under the Authority of this Act, shall have become due, and after Demand thereof in Writing, the same be not paid, the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Stock holding individually or collectively an Amount in nominal Value of One hundred thousand Pounds or upwards, or (as the Case may be) the Holder or Holders of any such Annuity or Annuities, of the yearly Amount, individually or collectively, of Four thousand Pounds, may, without Prejudice to his and their Right to sue for the Dividend or Interest, or (as the Case may be)

be) the Annuity or Portion thereof so in arrear in any Court of competent Jurisdiction, require the Appointment of a Receiver, by an Application to be made as herein-after provided.

Appointment of a Receiver.

XLV. That every Application for a Receiver in the Cases aforesaid shall be made to Two Justices; and on any such Application, it shall be lawful for such Justices by Order in Writing, after hearing the Parties, to appoint some Person to receive the whole or a competent Part of the Tolls or Sums liable to the Payment of such Dividends or Interest or Annuity (as the Case may be) until all the Arrears of Dividend or Interest which may then be due on the said Stock, or (as the Case may be) the Arrears of such Annuity, together with all Costs, including the Charges of receiving the Tolls or Sums aforesaid, be fully paid; and upon such Appointment being made, all such Tolls and Sums of Money as aforesaid shall be paid to and received by the Person so to be appointed, and the Monies so to be received shall be so much Money received by or to the Use of the Proprietors of the said Stock, or to the Use of those of the Proprietors to whom such Dividends or Interest shall be then due, or (as the Case may be) to the Use of the Holders of the said Annuities, or to the Use of those of the Holders of Annuities whose Annuities shall be in arrear; and so soon as the full Amount of such Dividends or Interest or Annuities (as the Case may be) and Costs has been so received the Power of such Receiver shall cease: Provided always, that such Receiver shall distribute rateably and without Priority, among all the Proprietors of the said Stock to whom Interest or Dividends shall be in arrear, or (as the Case may be) among all such Holders of Annuities in arrear, the Tolls or Monies which shall so come to his Hands.

Repealing Provisions in Act 5 Will. 4. c. 107. as to closing of Transfers Books.

XLVI. And whereas by the Act of the Fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *William* the Fourth, Chapter One hundred and seven, it was enacted as follows: "That it shall be lawful for the "said Company, and they are hereby authorized, to close the Books "kept for entering Memorials of Transfers of Shares for a Period "not exceeding Ten Days before each of the Half-yearly General "Meetings of the said Company, and to fix a Day for that Purpose, "during which Time the said Company shall not be bound to take "Notice of any Transfer which shall not have been registered previously to the Day fixed for closing the Books; but all such "Transfers shall, as between the Party claiming under the same "and the said Company, but not otherwise, be considered as made "subsequently to such Half-yearly General Meeting; provided "always, that Seven Days Notice at least of the Day in which the "Transfer Books shall be closed shall be given in One or more public "Newspapers published in *London* and *Bristol*;" and it is expedient that the said Enactment should be repealed: Be it enacted, That the same shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

XLVII. That

Power to close Transfer Books at certain Periods.

XLVII. That it shall be lawful for the *Great Western* Railway Company, and they are hereby authorized, to close the Books kept for entering Memorials of Transfers of Shares for a Period not exceeding Fifteen Days before each Half-yearly Meeting of the Company, and for a Period not exceeding Five Days before any other Meeting of the Company, and to fix a Day for that Purpose, during which Time the Company shall not be bound to take Notice of any Transfer which shall not have been registered previously to the Day fixed for closing the Books, but all such Transfers shall, as between the Party claiming under the same and the Company, but not otherwise, be considered as made subsequently to such Meeting: Provided always, that Seven Days Notice at least of the Day on which the Transfer Books shall be closed shall be given in One or more public Newspapers published in *London* and *Bristol*.

Interest not to be paid on Calls paid up.

XLVIII. That it shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by this Act or any other Act relating to the said Company authorized to be raised by Calls in respect of Shares, or by the Exercise of any Power of borrowing, to pay Interest or Dividend to any Shareholder on the Amount of the Calls made in respect of the Shares held by him in the Capital by this Act authorized to be raised: Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained shall be deemed to prevent the Company from paying to any Shareholder such Interest on Money advanced by him beyond the Amount of the Calls actually made as shall be in conformity with the Provisions in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," in that Behalf contained.

Deposits for future Bills not to be paid out of the Company's Capital.

XLIX. That the said Company shall not, out of any Money by this Act or any other Act relating to the Company authorized to be raised for the Purposes of such Act or Acts, pay or deposit any Sum of Money which, by any Standing Order of either House of Parliament for the Time being in force, may be required to be deposited in respect of any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining an Act authorizing the Company to construct any other Railway or execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Railways subject to Provisions of 1 & 2 Vict. c. 98., 3 & 4 Vict. c. 97., 5 & 6 Vict. c. 55., 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85., 9 & 10 Vict. c. 57., and 14 & 15 Vict. c. 64.

L. 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 Railways*; 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*

other Purposes in relation to Railways; and another Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *Act for regulating the Gauge of Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal the Act for constituting Commissioners of Railways*: Be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be held to exempt any of the Railways mentioned in this Act, or the said *Great Western* Railway Company, from the Provisions of the said several Acts respectively, but such Provisions shall be in force in respect to the said Railways and the said Company so far as the same are applicable thereto.

Railways not exempt from Provisions of future General Acts.

LI. That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the said Railways or the said Company from the Provisions of any General Act relating to such Acts, or 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 and Alteration, under the Authority of Parliament, of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges and of the Rates for small Parcels authorized by this or the recited Acts.

Saving the Rights of the Crown.

LII. That nothing whatsoever contained in this Act, or in any of the Acts herein referred to, shall extend to authorize the Company to purchase, take, use, or otherwise interfere with any Land, Soil, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Rights in respect thereof, belonging to Her Majesty in right of her Crown, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners or Commissioner for the Time being of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, having the Management and Direction of the same Premises, first had and obtained for that Purpose, and which such Commissioners or Commissioner are and is hereby authorized and empowered to give, or to divest, prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Estates, Rights, Privileges, Powers or Authorities which now are or hereafter may be vested in or enjoyed by Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors.

Expenses of Act.

LIII. That the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of preparing and passing this Act and incidental thereto shall be paid by the *Great Western* Railway Company.

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