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## *Cap.* iv.

## An Act to enable the *Lancaster* and *Preston* Junction Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money; and to amend the Act relating to such Railway. [23d *March* 1840.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining a Railway from the Town of* Lancaster *to the Town of* Preston *in the County Palatine of* Lancaster: (7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 22.) And whereas the Company thereby incorporated have proceeded to carry the said recited Act into execution, and have made great Progress towards the Completion of the Railway and other Works by such Act authorized to be constructed: And whereas it is expedient that Powers should be granted to the said Company for raising an additional Sum of Money for the Purpose of completing the said Undertaking; and that some of the Powers and Provisions contained in the said recited Act should be altered, amended, and enlarged, and that further Powers should be given to the said Company: And whereas the Purposes aforesaid cannot be accomplished 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 Par-

Powers of recited Act extended to this Act.

liament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Act herein-before recited or mentioned, and all the Powers, Authorities, Penalties, Forfeitures, Rules, Remedies, Regulations, Clauses, Matters, and Things therein respectively contained, shall (except so far as the same or any of them is or are by this Act repealed, varied, altered, or otherwise provided for,) be good, valid, applicable, and effectual for carrying this Act into execution, in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same had been repeated and re-enacted expressly and at length in the Body of this Act.

Power to raise Money by the Creation of new Shares.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, by an Order of any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company, to raise, by Contribution amongst themselves, or by the Admission of other Persons as Subscribers to the said Undertaking, such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall from Time to Time think expedient (not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds), in addition to the several Monies authorized to be raised or borrowed by the said recited Act, and for that Purpose to issue such and so many distinct and integral Shares, of such Value and Amount, as the said Company shall think convenient, and as will allow a proper Proportion thereof to be appropriated to the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking respectively according to their respective Interests in the Joint Stock of the said Company, and the same shall be offered to the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking in equal Proportions according to the Amount of original Capital Stock held by them respectively therein; and the same shall vest in and belong to such of the then Proprietors of Shares as shall accept the same, and shall pay the Value and Amount thereof to the said Company, at such Times, by such Instalments, and in such Manner as the same shall be called for by the Directors for the Time being of the said Company; and in case any of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall refuse or neglect, within the Space of One Calendar Month next after an Offer of the same in Writing, signed by the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Company, shall have been given or sent by the Post to them, or shall have been left at their last or usual known Places of Abode respectively, to signify their Acceptance of the Shares so to be appropriated to them, or their Consent to pay the full Value or Amount thereof respectively to the said Company when called for as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company, or for the Directors thereof, and they are hereby empowered, to sell and dispose of such Shares as shall not be accepted as aforesaid, unto such Corporations or Persons as may be willing to become Purchasers thereof, for such Sum of Money as the said Company or Directors may be able to obtain for the same.

Power to create new Shares for paying off Debt, either under this

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby empowered, by an Order of any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company as aforesaid, to raise by Contribution among themselves, or by the Admission of other Persons as Subscribers to the Undertaking, not only the Whole

Whole or such Part of the said Sum of One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds herein-before mentioned, as to them shall seem expedient, but also any further or additional Sum of Money, to enable the said Company to pay off the Sums already borrowed under the Powers of the said recited Act, or to be hereafter borrowed by the said Company under the Powers of this Act, or any Part of such Monies not exceeding in the whole the Amount which shall at such Time or Times remain unpaid of the several Sums so borrowed or to be borrowed as aforesaid; and the Amount of the Money so to be raised from Time to Time shall be divided into distinct and integral Shares of such Value and Amount as will allow a proper Proportion thereof to be appropriated to the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking; and the same shall be offered to the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking, or to such Persons as may be willing to become and shall become Subscribers to and Proprietors of the same, in such Manner in every respect as is herein-before provided with respect to the Shares to be created for raising the said Sum of One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof.

Act or the recited Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every new Share in the said Undertaking which shall from Time to Time be created in pursuance of the Powers of this Act shall be deemed Personal Estate, and shall be transmissible and transferrable as such; and all Corporations and Persons who shall become entitled thereto, and the several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns of such Corporations and Persons respectively as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby declared to be Owners and Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking to the Amount or nominal Value of such Shares so by them possessed, as beneficially as the Proprietors of any other Shares in the said Undertaking, but in the Proportion nevertheless which the Amount or nominal Value of the Shares so to be from Time to Time created as aforesaid may have and bear to the Value and Amount of the other Shares respectively by the said recited Act created, and shall be entitled to a Share of all the general Profits and Dividends of the said Company in the like Proportion; and all such Corporations and Persons as aforesaid shall be deemed to be and are hereby declared to be thenceforth united to and incorporated with the said Company; and all such new Shares so to be created as aforesaid shall be considered as Part of the general Capital Stock of the said Company, and be under and subject to the same Powers, Provisions, Remedies, Penalties, Forfeitures, Regulations, Directions, and Management, in all respects, and to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been Part of the original Capital Stock of the said Company (except as to the Times of making Calls for the said new Shares, and the Amount of such Calls, which Calls the Directors of the said Company are hereby empowered to appoint to be of such Amount and payable at such Times as they shall think fit): Provided always, that all the Regulations, Provisoes, and Authorities contained in the said recited Act for enforcing the Calls for the Capital Stock of the said Company, and for the Recovery thereof, or of any Arrears thereof, and relating to the Forfeitures of any Sums advanced by reason of any Neglect or Refusal to comply with such Calls,

New Shares to become Personal Estate.

Calls, shall be applicable to the Calls which shall be made for the said new Shares hereby authorized to be created as aforesaid, and to the Refusal or Neglect to comply with such last-mentioned Calls.

Directing how Proprietors of new Shares shall vote.

V. And be it further enacted, That every Corporation or Person who shall by virtue of this Act have subscribed for and become entitled to Shares in the said Undertaking shall be allowed to vote in respect of such Shares, either in Person or by Proxy, at the several Meetings of the said Company, and shall have One Vote for every Fifty Pounds Capital Stock which may be created by virtue of this Act, and which may be held by him in the same Manner, to the same Extent, and subject to the same Stipulations, Provisoes, Restrictions, and Limitations as is or are mentioned or contained in the said recited Act with respect to the Right of voting by the Proprietors of original Shares of Fifty Pounds in the said Undertaking.

Power to raise Money by Mortgage.

VI. And whereas by the said recited Act the said Company were authorized to raise by Subscription among themselves the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and by this Act they are authorized to raise by Contribution among themselves, or by the Admission of other Persons as Subscribers to the said Undertaking, the further Sum of One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds, making in the whole the Sum of Three hundred and seventy-five thousand Pounds: And whereas the said Company may deem it more desirable to raise Part of the said Sum of One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds on the Credit of the said Undertaking; be it therefore enacted, That when and so soon as the whole Sum of Three hundred and seventy-five thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for, and the Sum of One hundred and eighty-seven thousand five hundred Pounds, in respect of the Money by the said recited Act and this Act authorized to be raised by Subscription and by Contribution, or the Admission of Persons as Subscribers, as herein-before mentioned, shall have been actually raised and paid up, and not before, it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, by an Order of any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company, to borrow and take up at Interest on the Credit of the said Undertaking any Part of the said Sum of One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds not exceeding the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds; and the Directors of the said Company, after an Order shall have been made for that Purpose at any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company, are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, to mortgage, assign, and charge the Property of the said Undertaking, and the Rates, Tolls, and other Sums arising or to arise therefrom, by virtue of the said recited Act, under the Common Seal of the said Company, as a Security for any Money so to be borrowed, with Interest thereon, to such Person, or to his Trustee, as shall advance the same respectively, in the like Manner or Form, and with, under, and subject to the like Provisions, Powers, Remedies, Directions, and Regulations, as are in the said recited Act contained concerning the borrowing of the Sum by the said recited Act authorized to be borrowed, and the securing or recovering the same, and the Interest thereof; and the several Persons to whom any Security shall be made

under the Authority of this Act shall be equally entitled one with another to the Rates or Tolls and Property thereby assigned or to be assigned in proportion to the Sum of Money for which such Security shall be executed, without any Preference by reason of the Priority in Date of any such Order of Meeting, or Priority in Date of any such Security, or otherwise howsoever: Provided always, that any Mortgage already made by the said Company in pursuance of the said recited Act, or any Assignment thereof, shall have Priority over and shall precede all other Mortgages or Securities granted or to be granted under the Provisions of this Act: Provided also, that such Securities, and the Interest and Dividends to arise therefrom, shall not be transferrable, unless by Instrument duly stamped, in which the Consideration of such Transfer shall be stated; nor shall any Interest be paid upon the said Securities unless to the *bonâ fide* Holders thereof, or the Parties to whom the same may have been lawfully assigned under an Instrument duly stamped, or to the Agents of such Holders or Parties duly authorized to receive the same.

After Money borrowed shall be paid off, the Company may borrow again to the same Extent.

VII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall raise the Whole or any Part of the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds by Mortgage or Assignment as aforesaid, and shall afterwards pay off all or any Part of the Principal Sum thereby secured, it shall be lawful for the said Company, immediately, or at any Time thereafter, again to raise, by Mortgage or Assignment, as they shall think proper, in lieu of the Principal Money so paid off by them, such Sum of Money as they shall have from Time to Time paid off, or any Part thereof, and so from Time to Time as often as the same shall happen, but so nevertheless that the said Company shall not in any event borrow upon Mortgage or Assignment as aforesaid in such Manner or to such Extent as that more than the Sum of One hundred and thirteen thousand Pounds in the whole (including the Sum of Eighty-three thousand Pounds by the said recited Act authorized to be borrowed) shall be owing at any One Time on Mortgage or Assignment as a Charge upon the said Undertaking.

Interest of Money borrowed to be paid in preference to Dividends.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That the Interest of the Money which shall be raised by Mortgage or Assignment as aforesaid shall be paid half-yearly to the several Parties entitled thereto in preference to any Dividends payable to the Proprietors of the said Company under the Provisions of the said recited Act or this Act; and in case such Interest, or any Part thereof, shall be unpaid for the Space of Thirty Days next after the same shall have become payable as aforesaid, and the same shall not be paid within Ten Days next after Demand thereof in Writing shall have been made to the said Company, it shall be lawful for any Two or more Justices of the Peace having Jurisdiction, and not being interested in the Matter in question, and they are hereby required, on Request to them made by or on behalf of any Mortgagee, or his Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, whose Interest shall be so in arrear, by an Order under their Hands to appoint some Person to receive the Whole or any Part of the Rates, Tolls, and Duties arising or to arise by virtue of the said recited Act and of this Act, or either of them, until all Interest remaining unpaid as aforesaid, together with the Costs and

Charges of recovering and receiving the Rates, shall be fully satisfied and paid; and the Money so to be received by such Person is hereby declared to be so much Money received by or to the Use of the Party to whom such Interest shall be then due; and after such Interest and Costs shall have been paid and satisfied the Power and Authority of such Receiver for the Purposes aforesaid shall cease and determine, or otherwise the said Interest so remaining unpaid as aforesaid may be sued for and recovered from the said Company, with Costs, by an Action of Debt in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Company empowered to purchase the Interest in Lands the Purchase whereof may have been omitted by Mistake.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time after the said Company shall have entered upon any Lands which, under the Powers of the said recited Act, shall be permanently required for the Purposes of the said Railway, and which they shall have been authorized by the said recited Act to purchase, any Person or Corporation shall appear to be entitled to any Estate, Right, or Interest in, to, or affecting such Lands, which Estate, Right, or Interest the said Company shall have failed or omitted duly to purchase, or to pay Satisfaction or Compensation for, by reason of the said Company not having had express Notice of the Existence thereof, or by reason of any other Accident or Mistake, and such Estate, Right, or Interest shall not have been vested in or barred or extinguished for the Benefit of the said Company, by virtue of any of the Provisions in the said recited Act contained, then, notwithstanding such Estate, Right, or Interest, and whether the Period granted for the Purchase of Lands shall then have expired or not, the said Company shall remain in the undisturbed Possession of such Lands, provided the said Company shall, within Six Calendar Months after Notice of such Estate, Right, or Interest, in case the same shall not be disputed by the said Company, but in case the same shall be disputed, then within Two Calendar Months after such Estate, Right, or Interest shall have been established, purchase or pay Compensation or Satisfaction for the same; such Purchase Money, Compensation, or Satisfaction to be agreed on or awarded and paid in like Manner as, according to the Provisions in the said recited Act contained, the same respectively would have been agreed on, or awarded and paid, in case the said Company had purchased such Estate, Right, or Interest before their entering upon such Lands, or as near thereto as the Circumstances will admit.

Authorizing Ecclesiastical Persons to hold Shares.

X. And be it further enacted and hereby declared, so as to operate retrospectively as well as prospectively, That any Clerk, Clergyman, or Ecclesiastical Person whatever is and has been and shall be legally competent to and can or may purchase, hold, or enjoy, and dispose of, any Share or Shares already or hereafter to be created in the said Company, or the Capital Stock and Profits thereof, in like Manner and subject to the same Conditions as any other Body or Person is by this or the said recited Act authorized, and without being liable to any Penalty or Forfeiture or other Consequence by reason thereof; and the said Company may sue and be sued, and enjoy the same Privileges and Immunities, as they are or would be entitled to if no such Clerk, Clergyman, or Ecclesiastical Person was

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or had been a Shareholder in the said Undertaking, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: Provided always, that no such Clerk, Clergyman, or Ecclesiastical Person shall be capable of acting as a Director or otherwise in the Management of the Affairs of the said Company.

For preventing Frauds on the Carriage of Passengers on the Railway.

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person who has personally or by some other Party at any Time taken a Place or Seat, or paid the Fare or been booked, for the Purpose of being carried in, upon, or by any of the Coaches or Carriages of the said Company or any other Company or Person using the said Railway, from one Place to another Place, shall knowingly and wilfully refuse or neglect to quit such Coach or Carriage on arriving at the Point to which he has paid his Fare or been booked or taken his Place or Seat, or shall knowingly and wilfully ride and proceed, or attempt to ride or proceed, in the same or any other Coach or Carriage, to a Place more distant than that to which he shall have so taken a Place or Seat or paid the Fare or been booked, without previously paying to the said Company or other Company or Person as aforesaid the additional Fare or Price of Carriage to such more distant Place, or if any Person shall at any Time hereafter knowingly and wilfully ride and be in any of the said Company's Coashes or Carriages, or in any Coaches or Carriages belonging to any other Company or Person using the said Railway, without having previously paid to the said Company, or other Company or Person aforesaid, his Fare, or the Charge for his Carriage, every such Person shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, with Costs, to be recovered and applied in the same Way as any other Penalty or Forfeiture under the said recited Act, unless the Person so offending shall forthwith pay the Amount of the Fare legally due from him, or otherwise deposit a Security for the same to the full Amount of the said Fare; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for all Officers and Servants, and other Persons, on behalf of the said Company, or other Company or Person as aforesaid, and for all Constables, Gaolers, and Peace Officers, to apprehend and detain every such Person until he can be conveniently taken before some Justice of the Peace, or until he be otherwise discharged by due Course of Law.

Rates of Carriage to be charged equally.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Charges by the said recited Act authorized to be made for the Carriage of any Passengers, Goods, Animals, or other Matters or Things, to be conveyed by the said Company, or for the Use of any Steam Power or Carriage to be supplied by the said Company, shall be at all Times charged equally to all Persons, and after the same Rate *per* Mile, or *per* Ton *per* Mile, in respect of all Passengers, and of all Goods, Animals, or Carriages of a like Description, and conveyed or propelled by a like Carriage or Engine passing on the said Railway or any Part thereof.

Bye Laws to be confirmed.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That no Bye Law which the said Company may have heretofore made under the Authority of the said recited Act (except such as may relate solely to the Proprietors of the said Company, or to any of their Officers or Servants,) shall be valid or binding for a longer Period than Six Calendar Months from the

the passing of this Act, nor shall any Bye Law (except as aforesaid) which shall hereafter be made by the said Company be valid or binding unless the same shall be allowed by some Judge of One of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or by the Justices assembled at some General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said County of *Lancaster*, which said Justices are hereby authorized and required, on the Request of the said Company, to examine into the Bye Laws which may be tendered to them for that Purpose by the said Company, and to allow of or disallow the same or any Part thereof, as to them may seem meet; and all Penalties which may be imposed by virtue of any such Bye Laws shall be so framed as to allow the Justice or Justices before whom the same may be sought to be recovered to order the Whole or any Part of such Penalties to be paid: Provided always, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required to give Notice of their Intention to apply to such Judge or such Justices to confirm the said Bye Laws, by Advertisement in some Newspaper usually circulated in the said County of *Lancaster* One Calendar Month at least before such Application shall be made; and any Person who may feel himself aggrieved by any of such Bye Laws may appear before such Judge or such Justices, and object to the same, provided that not more than One Person shall be heard in objection to any one and the same Bye Law.

Annual Account to be made up, and a Copy transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby required, in each and every Year, to cause an annual Account in abstract to be prepared, showing the total Receipts and Expenditure of all Funds levied under or by virtue of this or the said recited Act for the Year ending the Thirtieth Day of *June*, or some other convenient Day in each Year, under the several distinct Heads of Receipt and Expenditure, with a Statement of the Balance of such Account, duly audited and certified by the Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being of the said Company, and shall transmit a Copy of the said Account, free of Charge, to the Clerk of the Peace for the said County of *Lancaster*, on or before the First Day of *January* then next, which Account shall be open to the Inspection of the Public at all seasonable Hours, on Payment of the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection: Provided always, that if the said Company shall omit or neglect to prepare and transmit, or to cause to be prepared and transmitted, such Account as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay for every such Omission or Neglect the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Repeal of Clause as to Limitation of Actions.

XV. And whereas it is by the said recited Act enacted, that no Action, Suit, or Information, nor any other Proceeding, of what Nature soever, shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted against any Person for any thing done or omitted to be done in pursuance of the said Act, or in the Execution of the Powers or Authorities or of any of the Orders made, given, or directed in, by, or under the said Act, unless Twenty Days previous Notice shall be given by the Party intending to commence and prosecute such Action, Suit, Information, or other Proceeding, to the intended Defendant, nor unless such Action, Suit, Information, or other Proceeding shall be brought or commenced

commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Act committed, or in case there shall be a Continuation of such Damage, then within Six Calendar Months next after the doing or committing such Damage shall have ceased, nor unless such Action, Suit, or Information shall be laid or brought in the County or Place where the Matter in Dispute or Cause of Action shall arise; and the Defendant in such Action, Suit, Information, or other Proceeding may plead the General Issue, and give the said Act and the special Matter in Evidence, at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the Acts were done or omitted to be done in pursuance of or by Authority of the said Act; and if they shall appear to have been so done, or to have been so omitted to be done, or if it shall appear that such Action, Suit, Information, or other Proceeding shall have been brought otherwise than as herein-before directed, then and in every such Case the Jury shall find for the Defendant; upon which Verdict, or if the Plaintiff shall become nonsuited, or shall suffer a Discontinuance of his Action, Suit, or Information, or other Proceeding, after the Defendant shall have appeared thereto, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff therein, or if upon Demurrer or otherwise Judgment shall be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant shall have his Costs, and shall have such Remedy for recovering the same as Defendants have for recovering Costs of Suit by Law in other Cases: And whereas it is expedient that the said Enactment should be repealed; be it therefore enacted, That the said Enactment shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

For correcting verbal Inaccuracy in 101st Section of recited Act, as to Justices Certificate being Proof of original Capital having been subscribed for.

XVI. And whereas the One hundred and first Section of the said recited Act is in the Words following: "Provided always, and be it further enacted, that a Certificate under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, that the whole of the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds hath been subscribed for as aforesaid, and which Certificate such Justice is hereby authorized and required to grant on Application made to him by the said Company, and on Production of sufficient Evidence that the whole of the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds hath been subscribed for:" And whereas it was intended that the said Section should have concluded with the Words, "shall for all Purposes whatsoever be conclusive Evidence that the whole of the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds hath been subscribed for;" but the same were inadvertently omitted, and the said Section is, as it stands, incorrect and unintelligible; be it therefore further enacted, That the said herein-before recited Section of the said recited Act shall be deemed, construed, and taken to have such and the same Effect, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the Words "shall for all Purposes whatsoever be conclusive Evidence that the whole of the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds hath been subscribed for," had been originally inserted therein at the Conclusion of the said Section, and in continuation thereof.

Rules for the Interpretation of this Act.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That whenever in this Act any Word or Words is or are used importing the Singular Number only, the same shall be understood to include several Matters as well as one

one Matter, and several Persons as well as one Person, and every Word importing the Plural Number shall be applied to and comprise one Matter or Person as well as several Matters or Persons; and the Word "Corporation" shall be understood to include a Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Civil or Ecclesiastical, Aggregate or Sole; and any Word or Words importing the Masculine Gender only shall be understood to include Females as well as Males; and the Word "Lands" shall be understood to include Messuages, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as well as Lands; unless in any of the Cases aforesaid it be otherwise specially provided, or there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction.

As to the Payment of the Expences of this Act.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act, and of carrying the same into effect, shall be defrayed and paid by the said Company out of the Monies received or to be received by them under the Authority of the said recited Act and of this Act, or either of them, in preference to any other Payment.

Saving Rights of Preston and Wyre Railway and Harbour Company.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities of the Company of Proprietors of "The *Preston* and *Wyre* Railway Harbour and Dock," but all such Rights, Privileges, Powers, and Authorities shall be saved and reserved to them in as full, ample, and beneficial a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had not been passed.

Railway not to be exempt from the Provisions of any general Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway by this Act or the said herein-before recited Act authorized to be made from the Provisions of any general Act relating to Railways which may pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament.

Public Act.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be judicially noticed as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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