CHAPTER clxvii.

An Act to extend the time for the compulsory purchase of Lands for and for the completion of the Latimer Road and Acton Railway. [27th July 1893.]

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WHEREAS by the Latimer Road and Acton Railway Act 1882 (in this Act referred to as the Act of 1882) the Latimer Road and Acton Railway Company (in this Act called the Company) were incorporated with power to make the railway and works therein described (in this Act referred to as the railway):

And whereas the powers conferred by the Act of 1882 with respect to the compulsory purchase of lands and the construction of works were extended and enlarged by the Latimer Road and Acton Railway Acts of 1885 1888 and 1891 (in this Act referred to as the Acts of 1885 1888 and 1891) and it is expedient that those powers should be revived continued and further extended as provided by this Act:

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained 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.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Latimer Road and Acton Railway Act 1893.

Incorporation of provisions of general Act.

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

Extension of time for purchase of certain lands.

3. The powers conferred upon the Company by the Act of 1882 as those powers were extended by the Act of 1885 and revived and further extended by the Acts of 1888 and 1891 for the compulsory purchase of lands (other than the lands forming part of the East

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Acton Estate referred to in section 8 of the Act of 1888) are hereby revived and further extended and may be exercised by the Company for a period of two years from the eighteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three.

Extension of time for construction of authorised railway.

4. The time limited by the Act of 1882 as extended by the Acts of 1885 1888 and 1891 for the completion of and otherwise relating to the railway is hereby further extended for the period of three years from the eighteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three and section 49 of the Act of 1882 and section 5 of the Act of 1891 shall be read and construed as if the period by this Act limited for the completion of and otherwise relating to the railway had been the period limited by the Act of 1882 as extended by the Acts of 1885 1888 and 1891:

If the railway be not completed within the extended period limited by this Act for its completion then on the expiration of that period the powers for making and completing the same and otherwise in relation thereto shall cease except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Restrictions on displacing persons of labouring class.

5.—(1.) The Company shall not under the powers of any former Act revived or extended by this Act purchase or acquire in any parish in the metropolis as defined by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 twenty or more houses or in any other city borough or urban sanitary district or any parish or part of a parish not being within an urban sanitary district ten or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December next before the passing of this Act or of the respective former Act by which such purchase or acquisition was originally authorised (as the case may be) were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers unless and until the Company—

(A.) Shall have obtained the approval in the case of the metropolis of the Secretary of State for the Home Department or in any other case of the Local Government Board to a scheme for providing new dwellings for such number of persons as were residing in such houses on the respective fifteenth day of December aforesaid or for such number of persons as the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) shall after inquiry deem necessary having regard to the number of persons on or after that date residing in such houses and working within one mile therefrom and to the amount of vacant suitable accommodation in the immediate neighbourhood of such houses or to the place of employment of such persons and to all the circumstances of the case; and

(B.) Shall have given security to the satisfaction of the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) for the carrying out of the scheme:

(2.) The approval of the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) to any scheme under this section may be given either absolutely or conditionally and after the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) have approved of any such scheme they may from time to time approve either absolutely or conditionally of any modifications in the scheme:

(3.) Every scheme under this section shall contain provisions prescribing the time within which it shall be carried out and shall require the new dwellings proposed to be provided under the scheme to be completed fit for occupation before the persons residing in the houses in respect of which the scheme is made are displaced:

Provided that the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) may dispense with the last-mentioned requirement subject to such conditions (if any) as they may think fit:

(4.) Any provisions of any scheme under this section or any conditions subject to which the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) may have approved of any scheme or of any modifications of any scheme or subject to which they may have dispensed with the above-mentioned requirement shall be enforceable by a writ of mandamus to be obtained by the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) out of the High Court:

(5.) If the Company acquire or appropriate any house or houses for the purposes of this Act in contravention of the foregoing provisions or displace or cause to be displaced the persons residing in any house or houses in contravention of the requirements of the scheme they shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred pounds in respect of every such house which penalty shall be recoverable by the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) by action in the High Court and shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom:

Provided that the Court may if it think fit reduce such penalty:

(6.) For the purpose of carrying out any scheme under this section the Company may appropriate any lands for the time being belonging to them or which they have power to acquire and may purchase such further lands as they may require and for the purpose of any such purchase sections 176 and 297 of the Public Health Act 1875 shall be incorporated with this Act and shall apply to the

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purchase of lands beyond the metropolis by the Company for the purpose of any scheme under this section in the same manner in all respects as if the Company were a local authority within the meaning of the Public Health Act 1875 and the scheme were one of the purposes of that Act:

(7.) The Company may on any lands belonging to them or purchased or acquired under this section or any Provisional Order issued in pursuance of this section erect such dwellings for persons of the labouring class as may be necessary for the purpose of any scheme under this section and may sell demise or let or otherwise dispose of such dwellings and any lands purchased or acquired as aforesaid and may apply for the purposes of this section to which capital is properly applicable or any of such purposes any moneys which they may be authorised to raise or apply for the general purposes of their undertaking:

Provided that all lands on which any buildings have been erected or provided by the Company in pursuance of any scheme under this section shall for a period of twenty-five years from the passing of this Act be appropriated for the purpose of such dwellings and every conveyance demise or lease of such lands and buildings shall be endorsed with notice of this enactment:

Provided also that the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) may at any time dispense with all or any of the requirements of this sub-section subject to such conditions (if any) as they may see fit:

(8.) All buildings erected or provided by the Company within the metropolis for the purpose of any scheme under this section shall be subject to the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act 1855 and the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and any Act or Acts amending those respective Acts:

(9.) So much of section 157 of the Public Health Act 1875 as provides that the provisions of that section and of sections 155 and 156 of the same Act shall not apply to buildings belonging to any railway company and used for the purposes of such railway under any Act of Parliament shall not apply to buildings erected or provided by the Company for the purpose of any scheme under this section:

(10.) The said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) may direct any inquiries to be held which they may deem necessary in relation to any scheme under this section and may appoint or employ inspectors for the purposes of any such inquiry and the inspectors so appointed or employed shall for the purposes of any such inquiry have all such powers as the inspectors

of the Local Government Board have for the purposes of inquiries directed by the Local Government Board under the Public Health Act 1875:

(11.) The Company shall pay to the said Secretary of State any expenses incurred by him in relation to any inquiries under this section including the expenses of any witnesses summoned by the inspector and a reasonable sum to be fixed by the said Secretary of State for the services of such inspector:

(12.) The Company shall pay to the Local Government Board a sum to be fixed by that Board in respect of the preparation and issue of any Provisional Order in pursuance of this section and any expenses incurred by that Board in relation to any inquiries under this section including the expenses of any witnesses summoned by the inspector and a sum to be fixed by that Board not exceeding three guineas a day for the services of such inspector:

(13.) Any houses on any of the lands shown on the plans deposited for the Act of 1882 occupied or which may have been occupied by persons of the labouring class within five years before the passing of this Act which have been acquired by or on behalf of the Company and for which houses no substitutes have been or are directed to be provided by any scheme approved by the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) under the powers of any previous Act relating to the Company shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to have been acquired under the powers of this Act and to have been occupied on the fifteenth day of December last by the same number of persons belonging to the labouring class as were occupying the said houses at the date of their acquisition Provided that if the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) is unable to ascertain the number of such persons who were then occupying the said houses the said houses shall be deemed to have been occupied by such number of such persons as in the opinion of the said Secretary of State or the Local Government Board (as the case may be) they might have been sufficient to accommodate:

(14.) For the purposes of this section the expression "labouring class" includes mechanics artizans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them.

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For the protection of the Acton Local Board.

6.—For the protection of the Acton Local Board the following provisions shall have effect and shall be observed and performed by the Company (that is to say):—

The Company at all times after the opening of the railway for public traffic shall and they are hereby required to run such trains every morning in the week (Sunday Christmas Day Good Friday and Bank holidays always excepted) at such times between the hours of 4.50 a.m. and eight o'clock a.m. which shall call at every station of the railway as will enable artizans mechanics and daily labourers and workmen to travel by all the workmen's trains leaving the Latimer Road Station of the Metropolitan Railway up to eight o'clock a.m. at a rate not exceeding twopence for a return ticket for the whole distance and the Company shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one pound for every day except as aforesaid on which they do not run such trains as aforesaid in accordance with the provisions of this section unless prevented by circumstances over which they have no control Provided that in case of any complaint made to the Board of Trade of the hours appointed by the Company for the running of such trains the said Board shall have power to fix and regulate the same from time to time Provided also that the liability of the Company under any claim to compensation for injury or otherwise in respect of each passenger travelling by such trains shall be limited to a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds.

Saving for Postmaster-General.

7. Nothing in any agreement made under the authority of the Act of 1882 shall affect the rights of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General under the Telegraph Act 1878 to place and maintain telegraphic lines in under upon along over or across the railways and works comprised in the undertaking of the Company and from time to time to alter such telegraph lines and to enter upon the land and works comprised in such undertaking for the purposes in the Telegraph Act 1878 specified and the Postmaster-General shall after the making of any such agreement be at liberty to exercise all the rights aforesaid notwithstanding that the undertaking of the Company is worked by the Great Western and Metropolitan Railway Companies or either of them as freely and fully in all respects as he was entitled to do before the making of any such agreement.

Restrictions as to telegraphic messages.

8. Nothing in this Act or the Act of 1882 relating to the making of agreements for the working of the railway or undertaking of the Company or any part thereof by the Great Western and Metropolitan Railway Companies or either of them shall extend to impose upon

the Postmaster-General the obligation of transmitting under the provisions of the Telegraph Act 1868 or any agreement made in pursuance thereof between the Postmaster-General and the Great Western Railway Company or the Metropolitan Railway Company any larger number of telegraphic messages of those companies or either of them free of charge than the Postmaster-General would have been bound to transmit had such working agreements not been authorised.

Provision as to general Railway Acts.

9. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Company or their railway from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways or the better and more impartial audit of the accounts of railway companies now in force or which may hereafter pass during this or any future session of Parliament or from any future revision or alteration under the authority of Parliament of the maximum rates of fares and charges or of the rates for small parcels authorised to be taken by the Company.

Costs of Act.

10. 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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