CHAPTER xlviii.

A.D. 1885.

An Act to authorise an extension of time to the Llangammarch and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway Company for purchasing Land and completing their Railway and for other purposes. [25th June 1885.]

WHEREAS by the Llangammarch and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway Act 1882 the Llangammarch and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") were incorporated with power to make a railway from the Central Wales Extension Line of the London and North-western Railway Company at Llangammarch to the Neath and Brecon Railway at Devynock in the county of Brecon:

And whereas by the said Act of 1882 the periods for the compulsory purchase of lands and for the completion of the railway were limited to three years and five years respectively from the passing of that Act which received the Royal Assent on the tenth day of August 1882:

And whereas it is expedient that the time so limited by the said Act of 1882 for the compulsory purchase of lands and for completing the railway by that Act authorised should be extended:

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:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Llangammarch and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway Act 1885.

Extending to Act Part II. of Railways Clauses Act 1863.

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

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Powers for compulsory purchase of lands extended.

3. The powers granted to the Company by the Act of 1882 for the compulsory purchase of lands are hereby extended and may be exercised by the Company for and during a period of two years from the tenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five and on the expiration of that period those powers shall cease.

Extension of time for completion of railway.

4. The time limited by the Act of 1882 for the completion of the authorised railway of the Company shall be and the same is hereby extended and enlarged until the expiration of two years from the tenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven and on the expiration of that period the powers granted to the Company by the said Act of 1882 for executing the railway or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease to be exercised except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Restrictions as to displacing persons belonging to labouring class.

5. The Company shall not under the powers of this Act without the consent of the Local Government Board purchase or acquire in any city borough or other urban sanitary district or in 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 or on the 15th day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers.

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.

Provision as to general Railway Acts.

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

Expenses of Act.

7. 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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