CHAPTER cxcvi.

An Act to extend the Time for purchasing Land and completing the Llangammarch and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway. A.D. 1888.

[10th August 1888.]

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 by the Llangammarch and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway Act 1885 the periods so limited by the said Act of 1882 for the compulsory purchase of lands and for completing the railway by that Act authorised were extended:

And whereas by the Llangammarch and Neath and Brecon Junction Railway Act 1887 the time limited by the said Act of 1882 as extended by the said Act of 1885 was further extended and will expire as regards the compulsory purchase of lands on the tenth day of August 1888 and as regards the completion of the railway on the tenth day of August 1890 and it is expedient that the time for those purposes be further extended:

And whereas the purposes of this Act 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

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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 1888.

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.

Lands may be purchased by agreement after compulsory powers have lapsed.

3. At any time after the powers granted to the Company by the recited Acts for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the railway have expired the Company may for the same purposes purchase by agreement any of the lands they were by the said Acts authorised to purchase and take compulsorily and the Neath and Brecon Railway Company and all persons and corporations having any estate or interest in any of those lands and being under any disability or incapacity or having limited interests therein or who are prevented by reason of the exercise by the Neath and Brecon Railway Company of their powers under the Neath and Brecon Railway Act 1864 from making title thereto are hereby authorised to sell and convey or release their respective estates and interests in the same to the Company and to enter into all necessary agreements for that purpose and the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the purchase of lands by agreement shall be applicable and apply to any such agreement sale conveyance or release.

Extension of of time for completion of railway.

4. The time limited by the Act of 1882 as extended by the Acts of 1885 and 1887 for the completion of the authorised railway of the Company shall be and the same is hereby further extended and enlarged until the expiration of two years from the tenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety and on the expiration of that period the powers granted to the Company by the said Acts and this Act 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.

Restriction as to displacing persons belonging to labouring class.

5. The Company shall not under the powers of the recited Acts or 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 fifteenth 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 authorised by any Act relating to the Company.

Costs 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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