CHAPTER cxci.

An Act to authorise the London and Blackwall Railway Company to provide and to use Steam Vessels between Millwall and Greenwich; to authorise arrangements with the Owners and Lessees of Potter's Ferry and the Great Eastern Railway Company; and for other purposes. A.D. 1873.

[21st July 1873.]

WHEREAS the London and Blackwall Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company") were by "The London, Blackwall, and Millwall Extension Railway Act, 1865," authorised to extend their railway to the Thames, and that extension has been made and opened to the public:

And whereas it would be of advantage to the public and to the Company if the Company were empowered to connect Greenwich and its neighbourhood with their railway by the establishment and use of steam vessels:

And whereas it is expedient that the powers herein-after contained be conferred, with respect to the owners and lessees of Potter's Ferry and the Great Eastern Railway Company:

And whereas the objects 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, and 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 as "The London and Blackwall Railway (Steamboats) Act, 1873."

Part IV. of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 92. incorporated.

2. Part IV. of "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," as to steam vessels, is incorporated with and forms part of this Act.

Power to Company to

3. The Company may from time to time build or buy, or hire, and may use, maintain, and work, or enter into arrangements

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provide and use steam vessels.

for using, maintaining, or working steam vessels for the conveyance of passengers between their railway and the existing pier or landing place at Greenwich.

Power to agree as to purchase of Potter's Ferry.

4. The Company on the one hand and the owners of Potter's Ferry on the other hand, or the Company on the one hand and the lessees of the ferry on the other hand, may enter into and carry into effect agreements with respect to the purchase by the Company of all rights, estates, and interests of the said respective owners and lessees, or either of them, in the said ferry; and upon such purchase or purchases being completed, all the rights, estates, and interests of the said owners and lessees respectively so purchased shall vest in and may be exercised and enjoyed by the Company, and upon such purchase the Company shall be subject to all the obligations and duties of maintaining and working such ferry as such owners or lessees are subject to at the time of such purchase.

Compensation in respect of such ferry.

5. If the Company do not purchase the said ferry, the owners and lessees thereof shall be entitled to compensation from the Company for the loss, damage, or injury (if any) occasioned to such owners or lessees by reason of the exercise by the Company of the powers of this Act with respect to steam vessels; and such compensation, in case of dispute, shall be settled in manner provided by The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, for the settlement of disputed cases of compensation.

Compensation to be paid to Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company for damage or injury.

6. The Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company shall be entitled to compensation from the Company for any loss, damage, and injury which may be occasioned to them by reason of the exercise of the powers of this Act in respect of the conveyance of animals, carriages, goods, wares, and merchandise, and the persons travelling with the same, to which the Poplar and Greenwich Ferry Company may have the exclusive right across the river Thames between the Isle of Dogs and Greenwich, and in respect of the right of that company to take the toll authorised by section 2 of an Act of the 54th George III., chapter 171, intituled "An Act for amending an Act of the 52nd year of the reign of His present Majesty for establishing a Ferry over the river Thames from Greenwich in the county of Kent to the Isle of Dogs in the county of Middlesex, and for making and maintaining Roads to communicate therewith," and such compensation, in case of dispute, shall be settled in manner provided by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," for the settlement of disputed cases of compensation.

Charges for passengers conveyed

7. Upon such purchase as aforesaid being made by them, the Company may charge for the conveyance of passengers in any such

steam vessel, between the points of embarkation and disembarkation, any sums not exceeding the following; that is to say,

Twopence for every single ticket;

Threepence for every return ticket used on the day when issued, unless issued before eight o'clock in the morning of any working day between the first day of March and the first day of December, or before nine o'clock in the morning of any working day between the first day of December and the first day of March, and if so issued, twopence;

and all such sums shall include the use of the Company's pier or landing place.

Charges by the steam vessels.

8. The charges by this Act authorised shall be at all times made to all persons equally and after the same rate in respect to passengers conveyed in any such vessel under the like circumstances.

For securing equality of treatment.

9. The Company may apply to the purposes of this Act any of the moneys which they are already authorised to raise, and which may not be required by them for the purposes for which the same were authorised to be raised.

Company may apply their funds towards purposes of Act.

10. The mode of raising and the expenditure of moneys required for carrying into execution the powers of this Act shall be subject to the reasonable approval of the Great Eastern Railway Company.

Money raised, &c. to be approved by Great Eastern Company.

11. All share capital raised for the purposes of this Act shall be deemed expended share capital or stock, entitled to four pounds ten shillings per centum per annum under the lease of the London and Blackwall Railway to the Great Eastern Railway Company.

As to share capital raised for purposes of Act.

12. All moneys borrowed by the Company for the purposes of this Act shall be deemed and treated as though they formed part of the moneys raised upon the debentures mentioned in the before-mentioned lease.

As to moneys borrowed for purposes of Act.

13. The Company on the one hand, and the Great Eastern Railway Company on the other hand, may enter into and carry into effect agreements with reference to the exercise by the Company either alone or jointly with the Great Eastern Railway Company of any of the powers of this Act, but no such agreement shall be of any force or effect unless and until it is approved by three fifths of the votes of the respective shareholders of each Company present (personally or by proxy) at a meeting specially convened for the purpose.

Power to Company and Great Eastern Company to agree.

14. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice, alter, or affect any rights, powers, tolls, or privileges to which the Poplar and

Saving rights of Poplar and

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Greenwich Ferry Company.

Greenwich Ferry Company are now entitled under or by virtue of an Act passed in the 52nd year of George III., chapter 148, intituled "An Act for establishing a Ferry over the river Thames "from Greenwich in the county of Kent to the Isle of Dogs in the "county of Middlesex, and for making and maintaining roads to "communicate therewith," and of an Act passed in the 54th year of George III., chapter 171, for amending that Act; but all such rights, powers, tolls, or privileges shall remain and shall have the same force and effect as if this Act had not passed.

Railways not exempt from provisions of present and future general Acts.

15. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the railways of the Company or the Company from the provisions of any Act relating to railways, or to the better and more impartial audit of the accounts of railway companies, for the time being in force, 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, authorised by any Act relating to the Company.

Expenses of Act.

16. The costs and charges of applying for and obtaining this Act, and incidental thereto, shall be paid by the Company out of the moneys authorised to be applied to the purposes thereof.

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