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An Act to enable the *London and North-western* Railway Company to construct a Branch Railway to *Saint Albans,* and for other Purposes.

[4th *August* 1853.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to consolidate the* London and Birmingham, Grand Junction, *and* Manchester and Birmingham *Railway Companies*, whereby the said Companies were united into One Company, under the Name of "The *London and North-western* Railway Company:" And whereas further Powers have been conferred upon the said Company by various other Acts of Parliament: And whereas it is expedient that the *London and North-western* Railway Company should be empowered to construct a Branch Railway to *Saint Albans* in the County of *Hertford;* but that Object 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:

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 18. & 20. incorporated with this Act.

I. That "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

"The Company."

II. That where in this Act the Words "the Company" are used, they shall mean the *London and North-western* Railway Company.

Power to make Railway according to deposited Plans.

III. And whereas Plans and Sections of the new Line of Railway, showing its Direction and Levels, and also Books of Reference to the said Plans, containing the Names of the Owners and Lessees, or reputed Owners and Lessees, and of the Occupiers of the Lands through which the said Railway is intended to pass, have been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of *Hertford:* Be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions in this Act contained, it shall be lawful for the Company to make and maintain the said new Line of Railway, with all necessary Works and Conveniences connected therewith, in the Line and upon the Lands delineated on the said Plans and described in the said Books of Reference, and according to the Levels defined on the said Sections, and to enter upon, take, and use such of the said Lands as shall be necessary for such Purpose.

Describing new Line of Railway.

IV. That the said new Line of Railway to be made under the Authority of this Act shall be the following; (that is to say,)

A Railway commencing by a Junction with the *London and North-western* Railway in the Parish of *Watford* in the County of *Hertford*, and terminating in the Parish of *Saint Michael, Saint Albans*, in the same County:

And the said new Line of Railway shall be and become Part of the Undertaking of the *London and North-western* Railway Company.

Power to cross certain Roads on the Level.

V. That, subject to the Provisions in "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," contained in reference to the crossing of Roads on the Level, it shall be lawful for the Company, in the Construction of the Railway by this Act authorized, to carry the same across and on the Level of the several Roads numbered on the Plans deposited as herein-before mentioned, as follows; that is to say,

No. on Plan.	Parish.	Description of Road.
18	Watford - - -	Public Highway.
31	Watford - - -	Public Highway.
59	Saint Stephens - - -	Public Highway.

VI. That

Company to erect a Station or Lodge at Points of Crossing, and abide by Rules, &c. of Board of Trade.

VI. That, for the greater Convenience and Security of the Public, the Company shall erect and permanently maintain either a Station or Lodge at the several Points where the Railway crosses the before-mentioned Roads on the Level, and the Company shall be subject to and shall abide by all such Rules and Regulations with regard to the crossing of such Roads on the Level, or with regard to the Speed at which Trains shall pass such Roads, as may from Time to Time be made by the Board of Trade; and if the Company shall fail to erect, or at all Times maintain, any such Station or Lodge, or appoint a proper Person to watch or superintend the Crossing at any such Point or Station, or to observe or abide by any such Rule or Regulation as aforesaid, they shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty of Twenty Pounds, and also to a daily Penalty of Ten Pounds for every Day such Offence shall continue after such Penalty of Twenty Pounds shall have been imposed.

Board of Trade may require a Bridge to be erected in lieu of level Crossing.

VII. That it shall be lawful for the Board of Trade, if it shall appear to them to be necessary for the Public Safety, at any Time, either before or after the Railway by this Act authorized to be made shall have been completed and opened for Public Traffic, to require the Company, within such Time as the said Board of Trade shall direct, and at the Expense of the Company, to carry any or either of the before-mentioned Roads either under or over the Railway, by means of a Bridge or Arch, in lieu of crossing the same on the Level, and to execute such other Works as under the Circumstances of the Case shall appear to the said Board of Trade the best adapted for removing or diminishing the Danger arising from any such level Crossing.

Lands for extraordinary Purposes.

VIII. That it shall be lawful for the Company to purchase any Quantity of Land for extraordinary Purposes, not exceeding Fifteen Acres, in addition to the Land which they are already authorized to take for that Purpose.

Limiting Time for completing the Railway.

IX. That the Railway hereby authorized shall be completed within Five Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of that Period the Powers by this Act granted to the Company for executing the said Railway, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Maximum Tolls by this Act authorized.

X. That the Company may from Time to Time lawfully demand and receive from other Parties in respect of their Right to use the Railway by this Act authorized, and in respect of Carriages and Engines employed by such other Parties thereon respectively, any Tolls not exceeding the Tolls specified in the firstly herein-before recited Act.

XI. That

Maximum Rates of Charges.

XI. That the Company may from Time to Time lawfully demand and receive for the Conveyance by them of Passengers upon the said Railway, including every Expense incidental to such Conveyance, except Government Duty, any Sums not exceeding the maximum Rate of Charge prescribed by the firstly herein-before recited Act.

For Cattle, Goods, &c.

XII. That the Company may from Time to Time lawfully demand and receive for the Conveyance by the Company of Goods and Cattle upon the said Railway, including every Expense incidental to such Conveyance, (except a reasonable Sum for loading, covering, and unloading of Goods, and for Delivery and Collection, and any other Services incidental to the Business or Duty of a Carrier, where such Services or any of them are or is performed by the Company,) any Sums not exceeding the maximum Charges prescribed by the said firstly-recited Act; and the same Regulations shall apply to all such Tolls, Rates, and Charges as apply to the Tolls, Rates, and Charges specified in the firstly herein-before recited Act.

Tolls for small Parcels.

XIII. Provided always, That with respect to small Parcels carried on the Railway by this Act authorized the Company may lawfully demand the Tolls following; (that is to say,)

For the Carriage of small Parcels on the Railway, or any Part thereof, as follows:

For any Parcel not exceeding Seven Pounds in Weight, Fourpence:

For any Parcel not exceeding Fourteen Pounds in Weight, Eightpence:

For any Parcel not exceeding Twenty-eight Pounds in Weight, One Shilling and Fourpence:

For any Parcel not exceeding Fifty-six Pounds in Weight, Two Shillings:

And for Parcels exceeding Fifty-six Pounds in Weight, and not exceeding Five hundred Pounds in Weight, the Company may demand any Sum which they think fit:

Provided always, that Articles sent in large aggregate Quantities, although made up of separate Parcels, such as Bags of Sugar, Coffee, Meal, and the like, shall not be deemed small Parcels, but such Term shall apply only to single Parcels in separate Packages.

Power to apply corporate Funds to Purposes of this Act.

XIV. That it shall be lawful for the Company to apply to the Construction of the Railway and Works by this Act authorized all or any of the Monies which they now have in their Hands, or which they have Power to raise by Shares or Mortgage by virtue of any Acts relating

relating to the Company, and which may not be required for the Purposes to which they are by any such Acts made specially applicable.

Dividends suspended, if Railway not opened within a limited Period.

XV. That if the Railway by this Act authorized to be constructed shall not be completed and opened for public Traffic within Five Years from the passing of this Act, then and from thenceforth it shall not be lawful for the Company to declare or pay any Dividend on the ordinary or unguaranteed Capital of the Company, until the said Railway shall have been completed and opened for public Traffic.

Deposits for future Bills not to be paid out of the Company's Capital.

XVI. That it shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by any existing Act relating to the said Company authorized to be raised for the Purposes of such Act, to pay or deposit any Sum of Money which, by any Standing Order of either House of Parliament now in force or hereafter to be in force, may be required to be deposited in respect of any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining any Act authorizing the said Company to construct any other Railway, or execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Railway and Company to be subject to Provisions of 1 & 2 Vict. c. 98., 3 & 4 Vict. c. 97., 5 & 6 Vict. c. 55., 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85., 9 & 10 Vict. c. 57., and 14 & 15 Vict. c. 64.

XVII. And whereas an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the Conveyance of the Mails by Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Railways, and for the Conveyance of Troops*; and another Act was passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act to attach certain Conditions to the Construction of future Railways authorized or to be authorized by any Act of the present or succeeding Sessions of Parliament, and for other Purposes in relation to Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Gauge of Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal the Act for constituting Commissioners of Railways*: Be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be held to exempt the said Railway or the Company from the Provisions of the said several Acts respectively, but that such Provisions shall be in force in respect to the said Railway and Company so far as the same shall be applicable thereto

Railway not exempt from Provisions of

XVIII. That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railways by this or any other Act relating to the

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future General Acts.

the Company authorized to be made, or the Company, from the Provisions of any General Act relating to such Acts, or 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 and Alteration, under the Authority of Parliament, of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges, and of the Rates for small Parcels, authorized by this or any other Act relating to the Company.

Expenses of Act.

XIX. That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the obtaining of this Act and preparatory thereto shall be paid by the Company.

Short Title.

XX. That in citing this Act it shall be sufficient to describe it as "The *London and North-western* Railway (*Saint Albans* Branch) Act, 1853."

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