CHAPTER cxlvi.

An Act for conferring further Powers upon the London Central Railway Company for the purchase of Lands. A.D. 1873.

[21st July 1873.]

WHEREAS by "The London Central Railway Act, 1871," (in this Act called "the Act of 1871,") the London Central Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated with a share capital of one million five hundred thousand pounds, and with authority to borrow on mortgage five hundred thousand pounds, and were authorised to make and maintain the London Central Railway, consisting of a railway (No. 1) commencing in the parish of St. Pancras by a junction with the London and North-western Railway, and terminating in the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields by a junction with the Charing Cross Railway, and a railway (No. 2) wholly in the parish of St. Pancras, commencing by a junction with the Midland Railway, and terminating by a junction with railway No. 1, and a railway (No. 3) wholly in the parish of St. Pancras, commencing by a junction with the London and North-western Railway, and terminating by a junction with railway No. 2, and divers new streets and other works; and (section 101) the Company on the one hand, and the London and North-western Railway Company, and the Midland Railway Company, and the South-eastern Railway Company, or any one or more of those companies, on the other hand, were authorised to enter into and carry into effect working and traffic agreements; and (section 102) the agreements set forth in the second schedule to the Act between the Company and the Midland Railway Company and the South-eastern Railway Company respectively, with respect to the construction, working, use, and management of the railway of the Company, and otherwise in relation thereto, were confirmed and made binding on the parties thereto; and (section 74) the agreement with the Metropolitan Board of Works set forth in the first schedule to the Act was confirmed and made binding upon that Board and the Company: 34 & 35 Vict. c. ccii.

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And whereas it is expedient that the period limited by the Act of 1871 for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purpose of that Act be extended:

And whereas the objects 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, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The London Central Railway Act, 1873."

Provision of general Act herein named incorporated.

2. Part II. (relating to extension of time) of "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," is (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and forms part of this Act.

Extension of time for purchase of land.

3. Except as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, the powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the Act of 1871 are by this Act extended, and may be exercised within, but shall not be exercised after the expiration of, two years from the fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

Extension of time not to apply to certain property of the London and North-western Railway Company.

4. Provided always, that the extension of time by this Act authorised shall not apply to the properties belonging or reputed to belong to the London and North-western Railway Company, and numbered respectively 1, 2, and 3 in the parish of St. Pancras on the deposited plans of the authorised railway No. 1, and 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the said parish on the deposited plans of the authorised railway No. 3, or to any other property of which the London and North-western Railway Company are the owners, lessees, or occupiers, lying between Drummond Street and the centre of the street called Euston Street, and numbered 22 in the said parish of St. Pancras on the deposited plans of the said railway Number 1, and 7 in the said parish on the deposited plans of the said railway No. 3.

Saving rights of the Crown.

5. Nothing contained in this Act shall authorise the Company to take, use, or in any matter interfere with any land, soil, tenements, or hereditaments, or any rights of whatsoever nature, belonging to or enjoyed or exerciseable by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in right of her Crown, and under the management of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or either of them, without the previous consent in writing of the same Commissioners, or one of them, on behalf of Her Majesty, first had and obtained for that purpose (which consent such Commissioners

are hereby respectively authorised to give); and as incidental to any such consent as aforesaid, the Company may enter into any agreement with the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, or either of them, who respectively may, with the approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, join in every such agreement, and the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, and Land Revenues, with the like approval, and the Company may respectively execute all necessary conveyances, leases, licenses, or other deeds of or relating to any land, hereditaments, or rights belonging to Her Majesty in right of her Crown, and under the management of the same Commissioners, and every agreement so entered into as aforesaid shall be performed by the same Commissioners and the Company respectively; and nothing in the said Act contained shall divest, take away, prejudice, diminish, or alter any estate, right, privilege, power, or authority now or from time to time vested in or enjoyed or exerciseable by the Queen's Majesty, her heirs or successors.

Saving rights of Company and Midland and South-eastern Railway Companies.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall take away, abridge, or prejudicially affect any right, power, or interest of the Company, or the Midland Railway Company, or the South-eastern Railway Company, under "the Act of 1871," or the agreements scheduled thereto.

Interest not to be paid out of capital.

7. The Company shall not, out of any money by any Act relating to the Company authorised to be raised by calls, debenture stock, or borrowing, pay interest or dividend to any shareholder on the amount of calls made in respect of the shares held by him: Provided that the Company may pay to any shareholder such interest on money advanced by him beyond the amount of the calls actually made as is in conformity with "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Deposits for future Bills not to be paid out of capital.

8. The Company shall not, out of any money by any Act relating to the Company authorised to be raised, pay or deposit any sum which, by any standing order of either House of Parliament now or hereafter in force, may be required to be deposited in respect of any application to Parliament for the purpose of obtaining an Act authorising the Company to construct any other railway or execute any other work or undertaking.

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

9. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the railways of the Company from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways, or the better or 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

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Parliament, of the tolls for small parcels and the maximum rates of fares and charges by the Company's Act authorised.

Expenses of Act.

10. All the 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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