CHAPTER xl.

An Act to confer further powers on the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company and for other purposes. A.D. 1886

[4th June 1886.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that further powers should be conferred on the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company"):

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1884 for the compulsory taking of lands and for the completion of the railways and works authorised by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Maidstone and Faversham Junction Railway) Act 1881 should be extended:

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1884 for the completion of the widenings of the Company's railway authorised by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1879 should be extended:

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1881 for the completion of the railway firstly described in section 4 of that Act should be extended:

And whereas for the purpose of constructing their railway the Company have become owners of lands houses and buildings over their railway or immediately adjoining thereto or otherwise connected with the structure of their railway and they have also in certain places covered over or are in the course of covering over their railway in such manner that buildings have been or may be erected on the arches or girders by which such covering is effected and it is expedient that the Company should be authorised to dispose as herein-after provided of lands and buildings situate over tunnels on their railways and portions of their railways so covered in as aforesaid:

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And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be obtained 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 (that is to say):

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1886.

Incorporation of 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.

Extension of time for taking lands for the Maidstone and Faversham Junction Railway, and for completion of line.

3. The time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1884 for taking lands by compulsion for the purposes of the railway and works authorised by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Maidstone and Faversham Junction Railway) Act 1881 is hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight and the time limited for the completion of the said railway and works is hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Extension of time for completing widenings authorised by Company's Act of 1879.

4. The time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1884 for the completion of the widenings of the Company's railway authorised by section 4 of the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1879 is hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

Extension of time for completion of railway authorised by Act of 1881.

5. The time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1881 for the completion of the railway firstly described in section 4 of that Act is hereby extended until the eighteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

Restriction as to houses of labouring classes.

6. The Company shall not under the extended powers by this Act granted without the consent of the Secretary of State for the Home Department purchase or acquire in any parish in the metropolis as defined by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 twenty or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers.

The Company shall not under the extended powers by this Act granted without the consent of the Local Government Board purchase or acquire beyond the metropolis in any city borough or other urban sanitary district or 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 have been 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 of such persons who may be residing with them.

Power to deal with lands over tunnels, &c.

7. The following provisions shall apply to the lands or buildings set forth and described in the First Schedule to this Act situate over the railway or works of the Company or otherwise connected with the structure of their railway and works which lands and buildings are in this section referred to as "the premises":—

(*a.*) The premises shall not be deemed superfluous land within the meaning of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845.

(*b.*) The Company may hold and let the premises and may grant leases of the same or of any parts thereof for any term and subject to such reservations restrictions and other provisions as the Company may think fit Provided that nothing contained in any lease to be granted under the powers of this section shall prejudicially affect or interfere with the working of the railways of the Company or the accommodation of the traffic thereof and that the Company in every such lease shall reserve to themselves the right of re-entry in the event of the premises being at any time required for any of the purposes of their undertaking upon their giving to the lessee his executors administrators or assigns six months notice of such requirement and paying to him or them such an amount of purchase money or compensation as in the case of difference shall be settled by arbitration in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Acts for the settlement of cases of disputed compensation.

Confirming a certain indenture of lease.

8. The indenture dated the twelfth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight particulars whereof are stated in the Second Schedule to this Act is hereby confirmed and made binding upon the Company.

Provisions as to general Railway Acts.

9. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Company or their railway 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

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or alteration under the authority of Parliament of the maximum rates of fares and charges or of the rates for small parcels.

Expenses of Act.

10. 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.

SCHEDULES referred to in the foregoing Act.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

1. The hotel and premises connected therewith called and known as the Victoria Hotel with the site whereon the same are built abutting upon the road called Week Street in the town of Maidstone and also adjoining the station of the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company in that town.

2. The lands within the town of Maidstone situate between the said Week Street and the Sittingbourne Road under which the Maidstone and Ashford Railway of the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company has been constructed.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Particulars of Indenture confirmed by this Act.

An indenture dated the twelfth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight made between the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company (therein called the Company) of the one part and Robert Frederick Sandon and Alfred George Sandon both of Number 79 Mark Lane in the city of London builders (therein called the lessees of the other part) whereby in consideration of the moneys expended by the lessees in the construction of the shops and hereditaments thereby demised and in consideration of the rent by the said indenture reserved and of the covenants therein contained the Company demised unto the lessees their executors administrators and assigns the platform or building site situate over the Holborn Viaduct Low Level or Snow Hill Station of the Company in the city of London shown on the plan elevation and sections annexed to the said indenture and also all those four shops then in the course of erection and since erected on the said platform or building site excepting so much of the said platform or building site as is in the said indenture expressed for the term of ninety-nine years from the twenty-fifth day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

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