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An Act to authorize the *London, Chatham, and Dover* Railway Company to run Steam Vessels between *Ramsgate* and certain Foreign Ports, and to provide Accommodation for Steam Boat Traffic at *Ramsgate* and *Dover*, and for incidental Purposes. [23d *June* 1864.]

WHEREAS, under the Authority of the *Herne Bay and Faversham* Railway Act, 1857, the *Margate* Railway Act, 1859, the *Kent Coast* Railway Act, 1861, and the *Kent Coast* Railway Act, 1862, the *London, Chatham, and Dover* Railway Company (herein-after called "the Company") work the *Kent Coast* Railway; and by the *London, Chatham, and Dover* Railway (various Powers) Act, 1861, the *Kent Coast* Railway Company are authorized to make, and the Company to accept, a Lease of the *Kent Coast* Railway, and to enter into and execute any Contracts or Agreements with reference to such Lease: And whereas it would be of advantage to the Public as well as to the Company if the Company were empowered to establish and use Steam Vessels to run between *Ramsgate* and *Boulogne* and *Rotterdam*, and between *Ramsgate* and any Ports or Places

20 & 21 Vict. c. clii.
22 & 23 Vict. c. cxvi.
24 & 25 Vict. c. ccxli.
25 & 26 Vict. c. cxcvii.

between *Boulogne* and *Rotterdam*, and to provide Accommodations for the Traffic of such Steam Vessels, and also Accommodations at *Dover* for the Traffic of their Steam Vessels to and from that Port, and it is expedient that the Company be authorized so to do: 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, 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 any Purpose as "*London, Chatham, and Dover* Railway (Steam Boats) Act, 1864."

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

2. Part IV. (relating to Steam Vessels) of the "Railways Clauses Act, 1863," is incorporated with this Act; and in that Part of that Act as incorporated with this Act, and in this Act, the Term "the Company" means the *London, Chatham, and Dover* Railway Company.

Power to establish Steam Boats from Ramsgate, &c.

3. The Company from Time to Time may use, provide, maintain, and work, or enter into Arrangements for using, maintaining, or working, Steam Vessels between *Ramsgate* and *Boulogne* and *Rotterdam*, and between *Ramsgate* and any Ports or Places between *Boulogne* and *Rotterdam*, and may convey therein Passengers, Animals, Goods, and other Things, and may take Tolls and Charges for the same, and for the Purposes aforesaid may build, purchase, hire, and repair Steam Vessels, and for the Accommodation of the Traffic of their Steam Vessels may build, purchase, rent, and repair Houses, Offices, Warehouses, Custom Houses, Rooms, or Buildings for the Accommodation and Refreshment of Passengers, Workshops, Wharves, Yards, Quays, Slips, Landing Places, and other Buildings and Conveniences at or near *Ramsgate* and at *Dover*, and may also, if they think fit, contract with any other Company or Person undertaking any of the Objects aforesaid in relation thereto: Provided always, that if the Company shall purchase or acquire any Lands or Property or any Interest in Lands or Property under this Act, Sections from 32 to 35 (both inclusive) of the "*London, Chatham, and Dover* Railway (additional Powers) Act, 1862," shall apply thereto as fully and effectually as if those Provisions had been re-enacted in this Act.

For the Protection of Dover Harbour.

Rates to be charged.

4. The Tolls and Charges to be taken by the Company for the Conveyance of Passengers in such Steam Vessels between the Points of Embarkation and Landing shall not exceed the Rates following; (that is to say,)

Between *Ramsgate* and *Boulogne*, and between *Ramsgate* and *Calais*, for Passengers provided with the First Class or Rate of Accom-

Accommodation, Ten Shillings, and with the Second Class or Rate of Accommodation, Seven Shillings and Sixpence:

Between *Ramsgate* and *Rotterdam*, for Passengers provided with the First Class or Rate of Accommodation, Twenty Shillings; and with the Second Class or Rate of Accommodation, Fifteen Shillings:

Between *Ramsgate* and any Port or Place between *Boulogne* and *Rotterdam*, except *Calais*, for Passengers provided with the First Class or Rate of Accommodation, Twenty Shillings; and with the Second Class or Rate of Accommodation, Fifteen Shillings.

Application of Funds.

5. The Company may apply for the Purposes of this Act any Funds in their Hands applicable to their general Undertaking.

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

6. It shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by any Act relating to the Company authorized to be raised for the Purposes of such Act or Acts, to pay or deposit any Sum of Money which by any Standing Order of either House of Parliament in force for the Time being may be required to be deposited in respect of any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining an Act authorizing the Company to construct any Railway or execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Railways not exempt from Provisions of present and future General Acts.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Company, or the Railways of the Company, from the Provisions of any General 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 Rate of Fares and Charges, and of the Rates for small Parcels, authorized by any Act relating to the Company.

Expenses of Act.

8. The Costs and Charges of applying for and obtaining this Act, and incidental thereto, shall be paid by the Company.

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