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An Act to revive and extend the powers of the Macclesfield, Knutsford, and Warrington Railway Company for the purchase of lands, and for the construction of their railway between Macclesfield and Knutsford. [16th June 1871.] A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS by "The Macclesfield, Knutsford, and Warrington Railway Act, 1866," (herein-after referred to as the Act of 1866,) the Company thereby incorporated were authorised to make a railway, about twenty-seven miles in length, from the town of Macclesfield in Cheshire, through Knutsford, to Warrington in Lancashire: 29 & 30 Vict. c. clix.

And whereas by the 20th section of the said Act the powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of the lands required for their undertaking were limited to the 28th day of June 1869, and by the 21st section of the same Act the period for the completion of the works authorised by the said Act was limited to the 28th day of June in the year 1871, and it is expedient that these periods should be respectively revived and extended with respect to so much of the said undertaking as consists of the lines of railway from Macclesfield to the town of Knutsford:

And whereas the purposes aforesaid cannot be accomplished 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:

1. This Act may be cited for any purpose as "The Macclesfield and Knutsford Railway Act, 1871." Short title.

2. Part II. of "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," relating to extension of time, is incorporated with and forms part of this Act. Part II. of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 92. incorporated.

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Extending time for the purchase of lands.

3. The powers of the said Act of 1866 with respect to the compulsory purchase or taking of lands are hereby revived and extended, and shall continue in force until the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, with respect to railway No. 1 between the commencement thereof at Macclesfield and the field numbered on the plans deposited with relation to the said Act 19 in the parish and township of Nether Knutsford in Cheshire, where railway No. 5, described in the said Act, is intended to join the railway No. 1, and also with respect to the said railway No. 5 from the commencement thereof in the said field to the junction thereof with the Cheshire Midland Railway.

Extending time for completion of works.

4. The time limited by the said Act for constructing and completing the portions herein-before described of the works thereby authorised is extended from the twenty-eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one until the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and the last-mentioned day shall for all purposes be deemed to be the time limited by the said Act of 1866 for the completion of the railways and works by that Act authorised.

Limiting powers of Company.

5. It shall not be lawful for the Company to enter upon, take, or use any of the lands delineated on the plans so deposited as aforesaid with respect to the Act of 1866, excepting such lands as are required for the portions of their undertaking herein-before described, namely, so much as is herein-before described of railway No. 1 and the whole of railway No. 5, and it shall not be lawful for the Company to construct any works excepting such as are necessary for the completion of the said portions of their undertaking.

Time limited for completion of railway.

6. If the railway and works authorised by the said recited Act to be constructed shall not be completed within the period limited by this Act, then on the expiration of such period the powers by the recited Act and this Act granted to the said Company for making and completing the said railway, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

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

7. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the said railway or the said 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, 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, or of the rates for small parcels, authorised to be taken by the Company. A.D. 1871.

8. All the costs, charges, and expenses of obtaining and passing this Act, or incident thereto, shall be paid by the said Company. Expenses of Act.

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