CHAPTER cxxx.

An Act to empower the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Company to widen and improve a portion of their Railway, and to acquire lands for the purposes thereof, and to raise additional Capital, and to empower the London and North-western and the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Companies to contribute such capital; and for other purposes. [4th July 1878.] A.D. 1878.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Company (in this Act called the South Junction Company) should be empowered to widen, alter, and improve and lay down additional lines of rails upon a portion of their railway (in this Act called the South Junction Railway), and to acquire the lands, houses, and buildings herein-after described or referred to:

And whereas plans and sections showing the line and levels of the widening above referred to and by this Act authorised to be made, and plans of the lands above referred to and by this Act authorised to be acquired and appropriated, and also books of reference containing the names of the owners and lessees, or reputed owners and lessees, and of the occupiers of the lands required or which may be taken for the purposes or under the powers of this Act, were duly deposited with the clerks of the peace for the counties of Lancaster and Chester, which plans, sections, and books of reference are in this Act respectively referred to as the deposited plans, sections, and books of reference:

And whereas the South Junction Railway is vested in and has become the joint property of the London and North-western Railway Company (in this Act called the North-western Company) and the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Company (in this Act called the Sheffield Company), who together form the South Junction Company:

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And whereas it is expedient that so much of section 39 of the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Act, 1845, as relates to the making and maintaining of a station at Altrincham should be repealed:

And whereas it is expedient that the South Junction Company should be empowered to raise further money for the purposes of this Act, and that the North-western Company and the Sheffield Company respectively should be empowered to subscribe thereto, and to raise additional capital for the purpose:

And whereas the purposes 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; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Act, 1878.

Incorporation of general Acts.

2. The following Acts and parts of Acts are (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act; (that is to say,)

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869;

23 & 24 Vict. c. 106. The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, and Part I. (relating to construction of a railway) of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863;

32 & 33 Vict. c. 18. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 20. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 92. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. The provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, with respect to the following matters; (namely,)

The distribution of the capital of the Company into shares;

The transfer or transmission of shares;

The payment of subscriptions, and the means of enforcing the payment of calls;

The forfeiture of shares for non-payment of calls;

The remedies of creditors of the Company against the shareholders;

The borrowing of money;

The conversion of the borrowed money into capital;

The consolidation of shares into stock;

The general meetings of the Company;

The making of dividends;

The giving of notices;

The provision to be made for affording access to the special Act by all parties interested;

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Part I. (relating to cancellation and surrender of shares), Part II. (relating to additional capital), and Part III. (relating to debenture stock) of the Companies Clauses Act, 1863. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 118.

Interpretation of terms.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith have the same respective meanings, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction:

The expression "superior courts," or "court of competent jurisdiction," or any other like expression in this Act or any Act wholly or partially incorporated herewith, shall for the purposes of this Act be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Power to execute works according to deposited plans.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the South Junction Company may, in the line shown on the deposited plans and according to the levels shown on the deposited sections, widen, alter, and improve and lay down additional lines of rails upon the under-mentioned portion of their railway within the township and parish of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster; (that is to say,) so much thereof as extends from the bridge carrying the same over the London Road to the junction between that railway and the Manchester and Stockport Railway of the North-western Company, with all proper stations, sidings, approaches, works, and conveniences connected therewith, and may enter upon, take, and use such of the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference relating thereto as may be required for that purpose.

Span of a certain bridge.

5. The South Junction Company may make the arch of the bridge for carrying the widening over the road next herein-after mentioned of any span not less than the span herein-after mentioned in connexion with that road; (that is to say,)

No. on deposited Plan.	Parish.	Description of Road.	Span.
11	Manchester - -	Public highway -	22 feet 6 inches.

For protection of the

6. The following provisions for the benefit and protection of the Corporation of the city of Manchester (in this section called "the

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Corporation of Manchester.

Corporation") shall be binding upon the Company, and full effect shall be given thereto:

(1.) The Company shall cross the new street now in course of construction by the North-western Company between London Road and Travis Street, in the city of Manchester, by means of a bridge of one span, and of not less than eighteen feet six inches in height, and not exceeding forty-two feet in width, and to be erected in accordance with such plan as shall be agreed on between the engineer of the Corporation and the engineer of the Company, or failing agreement as shall be determined by an arbitrator to be appointed by the President for the time being of the Institution of Civil Engineers on the application of either party:

(2.) The bridge over Travis Street shall be a horizontal girder bridge of not less than nineteen feet four inches in height, and no side openings for carriages shall be made into the street under that bridge:

(3.) The portion of Travis Street covered over by the Company under the powers of this Act shall be at all times lighted by the Corporation in all respects at the expense of the Company, and all additional expenditure reasonably incurred by the Corporation by reason of any works executed by the Company under the powers of this Act in and about the cleansing of the said portion of Travis Street shall be paid to the Corporation by the Company on demand:

(4.) The abutments of the bridges over Travis Street and the new street now in course of construction as aforesaid, and coverings over of streets, shall be lineable with the sides of the respective streets, and shall be faced with white glazed bricks, and the underside of such bridges and coverings, and all exposed ironwork and woodwork in connexion therewith, shall be painted white as often as may be required by the Corporation, not exceeding once in every two years:

(5.) All the piers or abutments and foundations of all bridges shall extend and be made below the surface of the ground to such a depth as shall be sufficient to allow the Corporation to make and construct, repair, or relay any sewers or drains, and to lay or deposit any water or gas mains or other pipes which, under or by virtue of any Act of Parliament, the Corporation are now authorised to lay down, construct, and deposit:

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(6.) The parapets of all bridges and coverings shall be not less than nine feet in height above the level of the rails on each side thereof throughout the entire crossing of the streets, and to such further extent as shall be agreed upon between the surveyor of the Corporation and the engineer-in-chief of the Company, and failing agreement as shall be determined by an engineer to be appointed by the Corporation and the Company, or if they cannot agree, then by an arbitrator to be appointed as herein-before mentioned:

(7.) All such bridges shall, so far as practicable, be made and maintained drop-dry at all times, and shall in all respects be kept in complete repair:

(8.) Whenever in execution of the powers of this Act it shall be necessary to alter or interfere with or disturb any of the sewers or drains, or any of the gas, water, or other mains or pipes or apparatus belonging to the Corporation, such alteration, interference, or disturbance shall be carried out by and under the direction of the Corporation, but at the expense in all respects of the Company:

(9.) The costs of constructing, providing, and laying any new sewers, drains, mains, pipes, or other apparatus in substitution for those which may be rendered useless by such alteration shall on demand be repaid to the Corporation by the Company:

(10.) The costs of any sewers, drains, water, gas, or other pipes or apparatus belonging to or under the control of the Corporation, rendered useless or unproductive to the Corporation by the works authorised by this Act, shall on demand be repaid to the Corporation by the Company.

Widening to form part of South Junction Company's undertaking.

7. The widening and the works in connexion therewith, as and when executed, shall, for all purposes whatever, including the demanding and recovery of tolls and charges, be deemed to be a part of the undertaking of the South Junction Company.

Power to acquire lands and execute other works.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, and in addition to the other lands which the South Junction Company are by this Act authorised to acquire, that Company may from time to time enter upon, take, use, and appropriate to the purposes of extending the station, siding, warehouse, coal wharf, depôt, mineral, goods, and other accommodation of the South Junction Company, and for other purposes connected with their undertaking, the lands, houses, and buildings herein-after described or referred to, shown on the

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deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference; (that is to say,)

Certain lands in the township of Stretford, in the parish of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, lying on the north-west side of and adjoining the South Junction Company's railway, and south-west of and adjoining the Old Trafford Station thereon;

Certain lands in the township of Sale, in the parish of Ashton-upon-Mersey, in the county of Chester, lying on the east side of and adjoining the South Junction Company's railway, and one hundred and fifty yards or thereabouts north-east of the Sale Station thereon;

Certain lands, houses, and buildings in the township of Altrincham, in the parish of Bowdon, in the county of Chester, lying on the east side of and adjoining the South Junction Company's railway, and between that railway and Clarendon Avenue, Altrincham;

Certain other lands in the same township and parish lying on the north-west side of and adjoining the South Junction Company's railway, and south of and adjoining Moss Lane;

Certain other lands in the same township and parish lying on the east side of and adjoining the South Junction Company's railway and the railway of the Cheshire Lines Committee, and between the South Junction Company's Altrincham Station and Moss Lane;

Certain other lands, houses, and buildings in the same township and parish lying on the west side of and adjoining the South Junction Company's railway, and between their Altrincham Station and Moss Lane.

Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

9. The powers of the South Junction Company for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Power to take easements, &c. by agreement.

10. Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Acts to sell and convey or release lands may, if they think fit, subject to the provisions of those Acts and of this Act, grant to the South Junction Company any easement, right, or privilege, required for the purposes of this Act, in, over, or affecting lands, and the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts with respect to lands and rentcharges, as far as the same are applicable in this behalf, shall extend and apply to such grants, easements, rights, and privileges as aforesaid respectively.

Notice to be given of taking houses of labouring classes.

11. The South Junction Company shall, not less than eight weeks before they take in any parish fifteen houses or more occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring classes as tenants or lodgers, make known their intention to take the same by placards, handbills, or other general notice placed in public view upon or within a reasonable distance from such houses; and that Company shall not take any such houses until they have obtained the certificate of a justice that it has been proved to his satisfaction that they have made known their intention to take the same in manner herein-before required.

Accommodation to be procured for persons of the labouring classes to be displaced.

12. Before displacing any person belonging to the labouring classes who may for the time being be the occupier of any house or part of any house which the South Junction Company are by this Act authorised to acquire, that Company shall (unless they and such person otherwise agree) procure sufficient accommodation elsewhere for such person: Provided always, that if any question shall arise as to the sufficiency of such accommodation, the same shall be determined by a justice.

The South Junction Company may, for the purpose of providing such accommodation, appropriate any lands for the time being belonging to them, or which they have power to acquire, and may purchase lands by agreement, and may on any such lands erect labouring-class dwellings, and may let or otherwise dispose of such lands and buildings.

Repeal of part of s. 39 of 8 & 9 Vict. c. cxi.

13. So much of section thirty-nine of the Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Act, 1845, as relates to the making and maintaining of a station at Altrincham, in a certain field on the plans therein referred to numbered 78, in the township of Altrincham, shall be and is hereby repealed.

Power to South Junction Company to raise additional money.

14. The South Junction Company, in addition to the moneys which they are already authorised to raise, may raise for the purposes of this Act additional capital to the extent of sixty thousand pounds in manner herein-after mentioned.

The said additional capital shall be contributed by the North-western Company and the Sheffield Company in equal proportions, and those Companies shall be entitled to participate in the dividends and profits of the South Junction Company in proportion to the amount of capital held by them respectively.

Power to North-western Company to raise

15. For the purposes of the contribution by the North-western Company to the additional capital of the South Junction Company, the North-western Company (in addition to such share capital as they are for the time being independently of this Act authorised

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additional money by creation of shares or stock.

to raise) may from time to time raise, by the creation and issue of shares or stock, such capital as they shall think necessary, not exceeding thirty thousand pounds, and that Company may create and issue such shares or stock either wholly or partially as ordinary, or wholly or partially as preferential shares or stock, as they may think fit.

North-western shares not to issue until one-fifth part paid up.

16. The North-western Company shall not issue any share created under the authority of this Act, nor shall any share vest in the person accepting the same, unless and until a sum not being less than one fifth of the amount of such share shall have been paid in respect thereof.

Except as otherwise provided, new North-western capital to be subject to same incidents as ordinary capital.

17. The capital created by the North-western Company under this Act, and the shares or stock therein, and the holders thereof respectively (except any capital and shares or stock therein to which a preferential dividend is attached, and the holders of such shares and stock respectively), shall be subject and entitled to the same powers, provisions, forfeitures, liabilities, rights, privileges, and incidents whatsoever in all respects as if that capital were part of the now existing ordinary share capital of the North-western Company, and those shares and that stock were shares and stock in that ordinary capital.

Dividends on new North-western shares or stock.

18. Every person who becomes entitled to a share or any stock created by the North-western Company under this Act shall in respect of the same be a holder of shares or stock in that Company, and shall be entitled to a dividend, either preferential or ordinary, as the case may be, with the other holders of shares or stock of the same class or description proportioned to the whole amount from time to time called and paid on such new shares or stock.

Votes and qualifications in respect of new North-western shares or stock.

19. The holders of the North-western shares or stock created under this Act shall have rights of voting and qualifications in respect thereof on the principle that each sum of one hundred pounds paid up in respect of the shares or stock held by any such holder shall be deemed equivalent to one original share of one hundred pounds in the capital of the Company, as prescribed by their Act of incorporation.

Provided that no person shall be entitled to vote in respect of any less amount than one hundred pounds paid up.

Provided also, that (unless otherwise specified in any resolution of the Company) no person shall be entitled to vote in respect of any share or stock created or issued under this Act to which a preferential dividend shall be assigned.

New North-western shares or stock raised under this and any other Act may be of same class.

20. Subject to the provisions of any Act already passed by which the North-western Company are authorised to raise capital by new shares or stock, and to the provisions of this Act, and any other Act passed in the present session of Parliament, whether before or after the passing of this Act, by which the North-western Company may be authorised to raise capital by new shares or stock, that Company may, if they think fit, raise by the creation and issue of new shares or stock of one and the same class all or any part of the aggregate capital which they are by such other Act and this Act respectively authorised to raise by the creation and issue of new shares or stock.

Receipt to North-western Company in case of persons not sui juris.

21. If any money is payable to a holder of shares or stock in the North-western Company being a minor, idiot, or lunatic, the receipt of the guardian or committee of his estate shall be a sufficient discharge to that Company.

Power to North-western Company to borrow on mortgage.

22. The North-western Company may, in respect of the additional capital of thirty thousand pounds which they are by this Act authorised to raise, from time to time borrow on mortgage for the purposes of this Act any sum not exceeding in the whole ten thousand pounds; but no part of any such sum of ten thousand pounds shall be borrowed until shares for so much of the said sum of thirty thousand pounds as is to be raised by means of shares are issued and accepted, and one half thereof is paid up, and the Company have proved to the justice who is to certify under the fortieth section of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, before he so certifies, that shares or stock for the whole of such capital have been issued and accepted, and that one half thereof has been paid up, and that not less than one-fifth part of the amount of each separate share in such capital has been paid on account thereof before or at the time of the issue or acceptance thereof, and until stock for one half of such capital as is to be raised by means of stock is fully paid up, and the said Company have proved to such justice as aforesaid, before he so certifies, that such shares or stock, as the case may be, were issued and accepted and paid up bonâ fide, and are held by the persons or corporations to whom the same were issued, or their executors, administrators, or assigns, and also, so far as the said additional capital is raised by shares, that such persons or corporations, or their executors, administrators, or assigns, are legally liable for the same. 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16.

Upon production to such justice of the books of the Company, and of such other evidence as he shall think sufficient, he shall grant a certificate that the proof aforesaid has been given, which certificate shall be sufficient evidence thereof.

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As to appointment of a receiver in respect of North-western Company.

23. Every provision in any Act passed before the present session of Parliament, whereby the North-western Company is authorised to raise by borrowing money for the purposes of their undertaking, with respect to the appointment of a receiver for enforcing payment by that Company of arrears of principal money, or principal money and interest, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, but without prejudice to any appointment which may have been made or to the continuance of any proceedings which may have been commenced prior to the passing of this Act under any such provision.

The mortgagees of the North-western Company may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal, or principal and interest, due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver; and in order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal, the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall not be less than ten thousand pounds in the whole.

North-western Company may create debenture stock. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 118.

24. The North-western Company may create and issue debenture stock, subject to the provisions of Part III. of the Companies Clauses Act, 1863; but, notwithstanding anything therein contained, the interest of all debenture stock at any time after the passing of this Act created and issued by that Company shall rank pari passu with the interest of all mortgages at any time after the passing of this Act granted by the said Company, and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages.

Existing mortgages of North-western Company to have priority.

25. All mortgages or bonds granted or to be granted under the authority of any former Act relating to the North-western Company shall, during the continuance thereof, and subject to the provisions of the Acts under which such mortgages or bonds were respectively granted, have priority over any mortgages granted by virtue of this Act; and nothing in this section contained shall affect any priority of the interest of any debenture stock at any time created and issued by that Company.

Application of moneys raised by North-western Company.

26. All moneys raised by the North-western Company under this Act, whether by shares, stock, debenture stock, or borrowing, shall be applied only to the purposes to which by this Act they are made applicable.

Power to Sheffield Company to raise additional share capital.

27. For the purposes of the contribution by the Sheffield Company to the additional capital of the South Junction Company by this Act authorised, the Sheffield Company (in addition to such share capital as they are for the time being independently of this Act authorised to raise) may from time to time raise such additional

capital as they think requisite, not exceeding the sum of thirty thousand pounds.

Mode of raising additional capital by Sheffield Company.

28. The additional share capital by this Act authorised to be raised by the Sheffield Company shall be raised by the creation of new shares or new stock, ordinary or preference, or partly ordinary and partly preference, as that Company may from time to time think fit.

New shares or stock of Sheffield Company to be subject to same incidents as other shares or stock.

29. The capital in new shares or stock created by the Sheffield Company under this Act, and the new shares or stock therein, and the holders thereof respectively, shall be entitled and subject to the same powers, rights, privileges, liabilities, and incidents in all respects as if that capital were part of the now existing capital of that Company of the same class or description, and the new shares or stock were shares or stock in that capital.

No share to be issued by Sheffield Company until one-fifth part paid up.

30. The Sheffield Company shall not issue any share created under the authority of this Act, nor shall any such share vest in the person or corporation accepting the same, unless and until a sum not being less than one-fifth part of the amount of such share is paid in respect thereof.

Power to Sheffield Company to borrow on mortgage.

31. The Sheffield Company may, in respect of the additional capital of thirty thousand pounds which they are by this Act authorised to raise, from time to time borrow on mortgage for the purposes of this Act any sum not exceeding in the whole ten thousand pounds, but no part of any such sum of ten thousand pounds shall be borrowed until shares for so much of the portion of the said additional capital as is to be raised by means of shares are issued and accepted, and one half of such portion of capital is paid up, and the Sheffield Company have proved to the justice who is to certify under the 40th section of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, before he so certifies, that shares for the whole of such capital have been issued and accepted, and that one half thereof has been paid up, and that not less than one-fifth part of the amount of each separate share in such capital has been paid on account thereof before or at the time of the issue or acceptance thereof, and until stock for one half of so much of the said additional capital as is to be raised by means of stock is fully paid up, and the Sheffield Company have proved to such justice as aforesaid, before he so certifies, that such shares or stock, as the case may be, were issued and accepted bonâ fide, and are held by the persons or corporations to whom the same were issued, or their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, and also, so far as the said capital is raised by shares, that such persons or corporations, or their executors, ad-

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ministrators, successors, or assigns, are legally liable for the same; and upon production to such justice of the books of the Sheffield Company, and of such other evidence as he shall think sufficient, he shall grant a certificate that the proof aforesaid has been given, which certificate shall be sufficient evidence thereof.

Existing mortgages of Sheffield Company to have priority.

32. All mortgages and bonds granted by the Sheffield Company in pursuance of the powers of any Act of Parliament before the passing of this Act, and subsisting at the time of the passing hereof, shall, during the continuance of such mortgages and bonds, and subject to the provisions of the Acts under which such mortgages and bonds were respectively granted, have priority over any mortgages to be granted by virtue of this Act, and nothing in this section contained shall affect any priority of the interest of any debenture stock at any time created and issued by the Sheffield Company.

Provisions for Sheffield Company with respect to appointment of a receiver.

33. Every provision in any Act passed before the present session of Parliament, whereby the Sheffield Company is authorised to raise by borrowing money for the purposes of their undertaking, with respect to the appointment of a receiver for enforcing payment by that Company of arrears of interest or principal, or principal and interest, shall be and the same is hereby repealed, but without prejudice to any appointment which may have been made or to the continuance of any proceedings which may have been commenced prior to the passing of this Act under any such provision.

The mortgagees of the Sheffield Company may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal, or principal and interest, due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver. In order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal, the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall not be less than ten thousand pounds in the whole.

Power to Sheffield Company to create debenture stock. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 118.

34. The Sheffield Company may create and issue debenture stock, subject to the provisions of Part III. of the Companies Clauses Act, 1863; but, notwithstanding anything therein contained, the interest of all debenture stock at any time after the passing of this Act created and issued by that Company shall rank pari passu with the interest of all mortgages at any time after the passing of this Act granted by that Company, and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages.

Application of moneys by Sheffield Company.

35. All moneys raised by the Sheffield Company under this Act, whether by shares, stock, debenture stock, or borrowing, shall be applied for the purposes to which they are by this Act made applicable.

South Junction Company may apply corporate funds to purposes of this Act.

36. The South Junction Company may apply for or towards the purposes of this Act any moneys which they now have in their hands, or which they have power to raise by shares or stock or mortgage or debenture stock, and which are not by any Act relating to that Company made applicable to any special purpose, or which being so made applicable are not required for the special purpose.

North-western Company may apply corporate funds to purposes of this Act.

37. The North-western Company may apply for or towards the purposes of this Act any moneys which they now have in their hands, or which they have power to raise by shares or stock or mortgage or debenture stock, and which are not by any Act relating to that Company made applicable to any special purpose, or which being so made applicable are not required for the special purpose.

Sheffield Company may apply corporate funds to purposes of this Act.

38. The Sheffield Company may apply for or towards the purposes of this Act any moneys which they now have in their hands, or which they have power to raise by shares or stock or mortgage or debenture stock, and which are not by any Act relating to that Company made applicable to any special purpose, or which being so made applicable are not required for the special purpose.

Interest not to be paid on calls paid up.

39. The South Junction Company, the North-western Company, and the Sheffield Company shall not, nor shall either of them, out of any money by this Act authorised to be raised, pay interest or dividend to any shareholder on the amount of the calls made in respect of the shares held by him, but nothing in this Act shall prevent those Companies respectively from paying 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.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 16.

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

40. The South Junction Company, the North-western Company, and the Sheffield Company shall not, nor shall either of them, out of any moneys by this Act 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 those Companies respectively to construct any other railway, or to execute any other work or undertaking.

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

41. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the South Junction Company, the North-western Company, and the Sheffield Company respectively, or the railways of those Companies respectively, from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways, or the better and more impartial audit of the accounts of railway companies, now in force or which may hereafter pass during this or

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any future session of Parliament, or from any future revision or 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 those Companies respectively.

Expenses of Act.

42. 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 South Junction Company.

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