CHAPTER clxxx.

An Act to authorise an extension of time to the Mersey Railway Company for purchasing land and completing their railway; and for other purposes. [30th July 1874.]

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WHEREAS by "The Mersey Railway Act, 1866," the Mersey Railway Company (herein-after referred to as "the Company") were incorporated and authorised to make certain railways to connect Liverpool with Birkenhead: 29 & 30 Vict. c. cxxxix.

And whereas by "The Mersey Railway Act, 1868," the powers of the Company for purchasing land and completing the railway were extended: 31 & 32 Vict. c. clxi.

And whereas by "The Mersey Railway Act, 1871," the Company were empowered to divert the railway authorised by the said Act of 1866, and to extend it in Liverpool and Birkenhead: 34 & 35 Vict. c. cci.

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the said Act of 1871 for the compulsory purchase of lands, and for completing the Company's railway, should be extended:

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained 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 as "The Mersey Railway Act, 1874."

Extending to Act 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.

As to junction of No. 3 of "Mersey Railway Act, 1871."

3. The junction of the railway (No. 3) authorised by "The Mersey Railway Act, 1871," with the Birkenhead Joint Railway shall, unless otherwise agreed between the Company and the London and North-western and Great Western Railway Companies (joint owners of the Birkenhead Railway), be made only at the point

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marked with the letter A. on the plan signed in duplicate by James Brunlees for the Company, and William Baker for those two companies.

As to construction of railway No. 3 between points on plan.

4. The Company shall, in constructing the last-mentioned railway (No. 3) between the points marked with the letters B. and C. respectively on the last-mentioned signed plan, so construct the same that, without the consent in writing of the London and North-western and Great Western Railway Companies under their respective common seals, no part thereof or the works thereof shall be situate or extend north-east of the red dotted line drawn on the said plan between the points so marked B. and C. thereon, nor shall the Company, without the like consent, take or acquire any land or property situate north-east of such red dotted line.

Powers for compulsory purchase of lands extended.

5. The powers granted to the Company by the Act of 1871 for the compulsory purchase of lands are hereby extended, and may be exercised by the Company for and during a period of two years from the fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and on the expiration of that period those powers shall cease.

Extension of time for completion of railway.

6. The time limited by the Act of 1871 for the completion of the authorised railways of the Company shall be and the same is hereby extended and enlarged until the expiration of three years from the fourteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four.

Agreements with Corporation and Harbour Board.

7. The Company and the Corporation of Liverpool and the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board respectively may from time to time make and carry into effect agreements with respect to the matters following, or any of them; (that is to say,)

The occupation for the purposes of the railway of lands or property vested in or under the control and management of the Corporation or Board, and the construction of works and buildings in and over the same:

The construction of approaches and accesses to and communications through the property to be acquired by the Company, and the construction and use of streets, sub-ways, sewers, drains, tramways, junctions, and other works.

Deposit for future Bills not to be paid out of Company's capital.

8. The Company shall not, out of any money they are by any Act authorised to raise, 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 railway or execute any other work or undertaking.

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

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

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