CHAPTER xx.

An Act to confer further powers on the Metropolitan District Railway Company and for other purposes. A.D. 1889.

[31st May 1889.]

WHEREAS by sub-section 1 of the seventh section of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1877 it was enacted that before proceeding to divert the public road and footpath numbered respectively 2a and 4 in the parish of Chiswick on the plans deposited with reference to that Act the Company should make the new or substituted road and footpath shown upon the said deposited plans to the reasonable satisfaction of the surveyor for the time being of the Chiswick Improvement Commissioners:

And whereas a new road and footpath to serve the purpose contemplated by the said new or substituted road and footpath has been constructed by arrangement between the Company and the said Commissioners whereby the construction of the road and footpath shown upon the said deposited plans has become unnecessary and it is expedient that the provision of the said recited sub-section should be repealed:

And whereas it is expedient that the powers and time limited by the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1887 for the completion of the railway secondly described in and authorised by section 5 of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1878 and known by the name of the Acton Junction Railway the lands for which have been duly acquired by the Company should be extended and that further provision should be made in regard thereto:

And whereas it is also expedient that the powers and time limited by the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1887 for the completion of the West Brompton Junction Railway described and authorised by section 5 of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1881 the lands for which have been duly acquired by the Company should be extended and that further provision should be made in regard thereto:

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And whereas it is expedient that provision to the effect hereinafter contained should be made with respect to lands acquired by the Company under the powers of their several Acts since the passing of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1880:

And whereas the objects 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 as the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1889.

Repeal of sub-section 1 of section 7 of Company's Act 1877.

2. Sub-section 1 of section 7 of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1877 is hereby repealed.

Extension of time for completion of Acton Junction Railway.

3. The powers granted by the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1882 and the time limited by that Act and revived and extended by the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1887 for the construction and completion of the junction railway secondly described in and authorised by the fifth section of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1878 shall be and the same are hereby extended until the fourth day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one and sections 17 and 18 of the said Act of 1878 shall be read and construed as if the said fourth day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one had been the time limited by the said Act for the completion of the said junction railway.

Extension of time for completing West Brompton Junction Railway.

4. The powers granted by the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1883 and the time limited by that Act and revived and extended by the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1887 for the construction and completion of the West Brompton Junction Railway described in and authorised by section 5 of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1881 shall be and the same are hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one and sections 18 and 19 of the said Act of 1881 shall be read and construed as if the said twenty-seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one had been the time limited by the said Act for the completion of the said railway.

Extending provisions of section 8 of Company's Act 1880 to lands acquired subsequently.

5. Section 8 of the Metropolitan District Railway Act 1880 shall extend and apply to all lands buildings and hereditaments within the present area of the metropolis as defined by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 (18 & 19 Vict. cap. 120) which may have been acquired by the Company under the powers of the said Act of 1880 or of any Act relating to the Company passed subsequently thereto

and which are not required to be used for the working or accommodation of the traffic of the undertaking of the Company and which the Company shall under their common seal declare to be not likely to be so required Provided that the words in the said section "any existing Act" shall mean any Act existing at the time of the passing of this Act but the provisions of this section shall not apply to or include any lands belonging to the Metropolitan Railway Company or any lands forming part of the undertaking authorised by the Metropolitan and District Railways (City Lines and Extensions) Act 1879 whether vested in the Company and the Metropolitan Railway Company jointly or in either of those Companies separately.

Provisions as to general railway Acts.

6. 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 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.

7. 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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