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Cap. lii.

An Act to enable the *Midland* Railway Company to contract for the Use of the Undertakings of other Companies in and near *London*.

[15th *May* 1860.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Use by the *Midland* Railway Company of the Undertakings herein-after mentioned should be facilitated, and that the Provisions herein-after contained should be made for that Purpose; but inasmuch as these Objects cannot be attained without the Authority of Parliament, may it 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:

Power to contract for Use of Works herein named.

I. It shall be lawful for the *Midland* Railway Company on the one Hand, and the *North London* Railway Company, the *Eastern Counties* Railway Company, the *London and Blackwall* Railway Company, and the Proprietors, Lessees, and other Persons having Control over the *London, Tilbury, and Southend* Railway, or any of the before-mentioned Railway Companies, or other Persons, on the other Hand, to enter into

and fulfil Contracts with respect to the Use by the *Midland* Railway Company, with their Engines, Carriages, and Servants, of any Part of the Undertakings (whether Railways, Sidings, Stations, Approaches, Watering Places, Machinery, or other Works,) belonging to the other contracting Parties within the Limits of the Metropolis, or elsewhere in the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Essex* and in the City of *London*, and the Payment by the same Company of any Sums, whether in gross or periodical, or as Rent or as Toll, by way of Consideration for the Use of the Undertakings, or of the Stock and Machinery of the other contracting Parties, and for the Accommodation to be given and the Services to be performed by them.

Previous Consents requisite.

II. Provided always, That no Contract made under the Powers of this Act shall be valid or acted on unless it has been approved by the Board of Trade, and by the Votes of at least Three Fifths of the Shareholders present, in Person or by Proxy, at a General Meeting specially convened for the Purpose, of each Company Party to such Contract.

Tolls not to be increased.

III. Provided also, That no Contract under this Act shall in any Manner increase any of the Tolls, Fares, Rates, or Charges which the contracting Parties respectively are from Time to Time authorized to demand or take from any Person other than the Parties to such Contracts, but all such other Persons shall, notwithstanding any such Contract, be entitled to the Use and Benefit of the Railways to which the Contract relates, on the same Terms and Conditions, and on Payment of the same Tolls, Fares, Rates, and Charges, as if the Contract or Agreement were not made.

Nothing to lessen Powers of Railway Companies herein named.

IV. Nothing in this Act contained shall take away, lessen, or invalidate any Powers which the several Companies herein-before named already possess of entering into Contracts, whether those Powers are derived from special Enactments or from general Law.

Saving Rights of Great Northern Railway Company.

V. Provided also, That in respect of all Goods, Merchandise, Cattle, and Minerals, (other than Coals and Coke,) carried by the *Midland* Railway Company on any Part of the Junction Line of the *Great Northern* Railway Company with the Main Line of the *North London* Railway Company for the Time being to or from any of the Railways or Stations of the said Companies, and Persons with whom the *Midland* Railway Company are hereby authorized to contract, there shall be paid or allowed by that Company to the *Great Northern* Railway Company the same Rates and Charges as by the Agreement between the *Great Northern* Railway Company and the *Midland* Railway Company, bearing Date the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, are agreed to be paid or allowed in respect of the like Traffic carried by the *Midland* Railway

Railway Company over the same Junction Line to or from the *London* Terminus therein mentioned.

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

VI. It shall not be lawful for the *Midland* Railway Company, out of any Money by any Act relating to the said 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 now in force or hereafter to be in force may be required to be deposited in respect of any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining an Act authorizing the said Company to construct any other Railway or execute any other Work or Undertaking.

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

VII. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the *Midland* Railway Company, or either of the said contracting Companies or their respective Undertakings, from the Provisions of any General Act relating to Railways 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 authorized by the Acts relating to the same Companies respectively, or of the Rates for small Parcels.

Short Title. Expenses of Act.

VIII. This Act may be cited as "The *Midland* Railway (*London* Traffic) Act, 1860;" and the Expenses of obtaining this Act and incident thereto shall be paid by the *Midland* Railway Company.

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