CHAPTER cxliii.

An Act to extend the time limited for the compulsory purchase of lands and completion of the Railway and Works authorised by the Ramsey and Somersham Junction Railway Act, 1875; and for other purposes. A.D. 1878.

[4th July 1878.]

WHEREAS by the Ramsey and Somersham Junction Railway Act, 1875, which received the royal assent on the thirteenth day of August 1875 (in this Act called "the Act of 1875"), the Ramsey and Somersham Junction Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated for the purpose of making and maintaining a railway from the Holme and Ramsey Railway at Ramsey to the Great Eastern Railway at Somersham, and for other purposes: 38 & 39 Vict. c. ccxii.

And whereas by the Act of 1875 the time for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the Act was limited to three years from the passing of that Act, and the time for the completion of the railway was limited to five years from the passing of the said Act:

And whereas it is expedient that the periods now limited for the compulsory purchase of lands and for the completion of the railway authorised by the Act of 1875 be extended, but that object 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,)

1. This Act may be cited as the Ramsey and Somersham Junction Railway Act, 1878. Short title.

2. Part II. (relating to extension of time) of the Railways Clauses Act, 1863, is (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and forms part of this Act. Incorporation of Part II. of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 92.

A.D. 1878.

Interpretation of terms.

3. The several words and expressions to which by the Acts in part incorporated with this Act meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective meanings, unless excluded by the subject or context.

Extending period for compulsory purchase of lands.

4. The powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of the railway authorised by the Act of 1875 may be exercised within two years, but shall not be exercised after the expiration of two years, from the 13th day of August 1878.

Extending period for completion of works.

5. The period limited by the recited Act for the completion of the railway authorised by the Act of 1875 is hereby extended to three years from the 13th day of August 1878, and if the railway be not then completed, then at the expiration of that period the powers granted to the 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.

Providing for completion of railway.

6. The provisions of sections 23 and 24 of the Act of 1875 shall be read and have effect as if the period limited by that Act for the completion of the railway were three years from the 13th day of August 1878.

Railway not exempt from provisions of any present or future general Railway Acts.

7. Nothing in the Act of 1875 or this Act contained shall exempt the Company or their railway 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 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 by the recited Acts.

Expenses of Act.

8. 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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