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Cap. iii.

An Act to enable the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company to raise a further Sum of Money, and to amend the Act relating to the said Railway.

[23d *March* 1840.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for making a Railway from* Sheffield *to* Rotherham, *with a Branch therefrom to the* Greasbrough *Canal, all in the West Riding of the County of* York: And whereas the Company thereby incorporated have proceeded in the Execution of the said Act, and the Railway thereby authorized to be made has been opened to the Public; but it is expedient, for more efficiently working and conducting the said Railway, that the said Company should be empowered to raise a further Sum of Money, and it is also expedient that some of the Powers and Provisions contained in the said recited Act should be altered, amended, explained, and enlarged, and that further Powers should be given to the said Company; but the Objects and Purposes aforesaid cannot be accomplished 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,

6 & 7 W. 4. c. 109.

Powers of recited Act extended to this Act.

Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, Exemptions, Remedies, Regulations, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Act, so far as the same are now unrepealed and in force (except such of them or such Parts thereof respectively as are by this Act repealed, altered, or otherwise provided for), shall extend and be construed to extend to this Act, and to the Purposes and Things hereby authorized or required to be done, and shall be good, valid, applicable, and effectual in respect of the Objects and Purposes of this Act, and for carrying this Act into execution, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as if the same Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Directions, Penalties, Forfeitures, Payments, Exemptions, Remedies, Regulations, Clauses, Matters, and Things were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

Power to raise 50,000*l.* by creating new Shares, to be first offered to Proprietors of original Shares.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby empowered, from Time to Time, by an Order of any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company, to raise by Contribution among themselves, or by the Admission of other Persons as Subscribers to the said Undertaking, or in part by each of those Means, such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall from Time to Time think expedient, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds, in addition to the Monies authorized to be raised and borrowed by the said recited Act; and for that Purpose to create and issue such and so many distinct and integral Shares, of such Value and Amount as the said Company, or the Directors of the said Company, shall think convenient, and as will allow a proper Portion thereof to be appropriated to the then Proprietors of original Shares in the said Undertaking, according to their respective Interests in the said Company, or as near thereto as can conveniently be effected, and the same shall be offered to the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking, in equal Proportions, according to the Amount of original Shares then held by them respectively therein; and the same shall vest in and belong to such of the then Proprietors of original Shares as shall accept the same in manner herein-after mentioned; and such Proprietors so accepting such new Shares, their Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall pay the Value and Amount thereof to the said Company, at such Times and in such Manner as the same shall be called for by the Directors for the Time being of the said Company; and in case any of the Proprietors of original Shares in the said Undertaking shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of One Calendar Month next after an Offer of the same in Writing, signed by the Law Clerk or Secretary of the said Company, shall have been given, or sent by the Post to them, or shall have been left at their last or usual known Places of Abode respectively, to signify their Acceptance of the new Shares so to be appropriated to them, (such Acceptance being signed by them or their Agent, and transmitted or delivered to or at the Office of the Secretary of the said Company,) or in case any such original Proprietors shall be incapacitated, under Age, or under any legal Disability, or shall not hold such a Number of original Shares as will entitle them to one of such new Shares, then and in every such Case

it shall be lawful for the said Company, or for the Directors thereof, and they are hereby empowered, to sell and dispose of such Shares as shall not be accepted and appropriated as aforesaid, unto such Corporations or Persons as may be willing to become Purchasers thereof, by public Auction or by private Treaty, and for such Sums of Money as the said Company or Directors may be able to obtain for the same.

New Shares to be considered as Part of the general Capital.

III. And be it further enacted, That all such new Shares to be created as aforesaid shall be deemed Personal Estate, and shall be transmissible as such in the Manner provided and directed by the said recited Act in respect of the original Shares in the said Undertaking; and all Corporations and Persons who shall become entitled to any such new Share or Shares, whether in right of original Shares or by Purchase from the said Company as aforesaid, and their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns. shall be and they are hereby declared to be Owners and Proprietors of Stock in the said Undertaking, and to be interested therein, and entitled to Dividends and Profits, and to vote in respect thereof, in proportion to the Amount of such new Share or Shares, as beneficially to all Intents and Purposes as the Proprietors of original Shares in the said Undertaking; and to such new Shares, and the Proprietors thereof, shall be applicable all the Directions and Provisions in regard to Entry on the Register or List of Proprietors, and all the Powers to make Calls and charge Interest thereon, to sue for Calls and Interest, to declare forfeited, and to sell Shares in case of Nonpayment of Calls, and all other the Powers, Provisoes, Indemnities, Remedies, Clauses, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Act with Reference to the original Shares in the said Undertaking, and the Proprietors thereof, except as to the Time of making Calls for the said new Shares, and the Amount of such Calls, (which Calls the Directors of the said Company are hereby empowered to appoint to be of such Amount, and payable at such Times, as they may think fit,) and save so far as any other of such Powers, Provisoes, Indemnities, Remedies, Clauses, Matters, or Things are by this Act expressly varied or altered; and the several Proprietors of such new Shares shall be and they are hereby united to and incorporated with the said *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company; provided nevertheless, that the Proprietors of such new Shares shall only be entitled to Dividends or Profits in respect thereof in proportion to the Amount which shall have been actually paid upon such Shares at the Time of declaring such Dividends respectively, unless otherwise directed from Time to Time by an Order of any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company; provided also, that the Proprietors of such new Shares shall be entitled only to such Number of Votes in respect thereof as the Amount of Stock represented by such Shares would have entitled them to had they been original Shareholders in the said Undertaking; and no Proprietors shall be entitled to any Vote unless possessed of some new Share or Shares representing Twenty-five Pounds at least of the Capital Stock of the said Company.

Power to raise the Money on said Mortgage.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, after the

said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds herein-before authorized to be raised by Shares shall have been subscribed for, to borrow and take up at Interest any Sum of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds, in such Proportions as they shall think reasonable, either in anticipation or in addition to the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds hereby authorized to be raised by Shares as aforesaid; and the said Company, or the Directors of the said Company, (after such Order shall have been made as aforesaid,) are hereby empowered to mortgage, assign, and charge the Property of the said Undertaking, and the Rates, Tolls, and Duties arising or to arise therefrom, under the Common Seal of the Company, as a Security for any Money so to be borrowed with Interest thereon, at such legal Rate as may be agreed upon to such Person, or to his Trustee as shall advance the same, in like Manner and Form, and with, under, and subject to the like Powers, Provisions, and Directions for transferring any such Mortgage, and for registering every such Mortgage and every Transfer thereof, and to the like Powers, Remedies, Regulations, and Provisions as are in the said recited Act contained, concerning the borrowing of Money, or the securing or recovering of the same, or the Interest thereof; and that all and every Persons and Person to whom any Security shall be granted under this Act shall be equally entitled, one with another, to the Rates, Tolls, and Property thereby assigned or to be assigned, in proportion to the Sum or Sums for which such Security or Securities respectively shall have been or shall be granted, without any Preference by reason of any Priority in the Date or Time of Payment of any such Security, or otherwise howsoever: Provided always, that any Mortgage already made by the said Company, under and in pursuance of the said recited Act, or any Assignment thereof, shall have Priority over all Mortgages or Securities granted or to be granted under the Provisions of this Act.

Power to create additional Shares for paying off Money borrowed under recited Act and this Act.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, if they shall think fit, and they are hereby empowered, by Order of any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company, from Time to Time (in addition to the Powers herein-before granted with regard to raising the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds) to raise by Contribution among themselves, or by the Admission of other Persons as Subscribers to the Undertaking, or in part by each of those Means, such further Sum or Sums of Money as shall be sufficient to enable the said Company to pay off the Whole or any Part of the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds already borrowed under the Powers of the said recited Act, and also the Whole or such Part of the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds as may have been or may be borrowed on Mortgage under the Powers herein-before in this Act contained; and the Money so to be raised by Subscription, as last aforesaid, shall from Time to Time be divided into distinct and integral Shares of such Value as will admit of a proper Proportion being appropriated to the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking; and the same shall be offered in every respect as is herein-before directed and provided in reference to the new Shares herein-before authorized to be created for raising the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof.

VI. And

Any new Shares remaining unappropriated, may be sold.

VI. And whereas it may happen that, after the Creation of so many new or additional Shares by virtue of this Act as can be divided in equal Proportions amongst the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking, there may remain a Number of such new or additional Shares which cannot conveniently be so divided and appropriated; be it therefore enacted, That in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company, or for the Directors thereof, and they are hereby empowered, to sell, appropriate, or otherwise dispose of such remaining additional Shares as cannot conveniently be so divided as aforesaid, to any Corporations or Persons whatsoever, by public Auction or private Treaty, for the best Price which they may be able to obtain for the same, without first offering the same, in manner herein-before mentioned, to Proprietors of original Shares in the said Undertaking.

The North Midland Railway Company may demise the Greasbrough Branch to this Company.

VII. And whereas in the said recited Act it is recited that Part of the Branch Railway to the *Greasbrough* Canal in such Act mentioned was proposed to be coincident with, or to run parallel to the Line of a certain proposed Railway from *Leeds* to *Derby*, to be called "The North Midland Railway," for the Distance of a Mile and a Quarter, between the Points therein particularly mentioned, and that it might save the Expenditure of a considerable Sum of Money if the Railway between those Points were made by One only of the said Railway Companies, so as to serve the Purposes of both such Companies, and it was therefore enacted that in case the Act should pass into a Law for making the North Midland Railway in the Line then projected between the Points therein-before mentioned, (that is to say,) between the *Rotherham* and *Wortley* Turnpike Road at *Masbrough* and the *Greasbrough* Canal, and in case the North Midland Railway Company should execute and complete such Portion of the Railway as lay between the said Turnpike Road and the said Canal at their own Costs and Charges, then and in such Case the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company should not execute such Portion of the said Railway Branch as lay between such Road and Canal: And whereas it has been considered expedient, for the Safety of the Public, that Three Lines of Rails should be laid down between the said Turnpike Road and the said Canal, and that One of such Lines of Rails should be appropriated to the Use of the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company, and the North Midland Railway Company have accordingly made and executed their Railway with Three Lines of Rails between the Points aforesaid; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the North Midland Railway Company, and they are hereby empowered, by any Deed or Writing under their Common Seal, to grant, demise, and lease to the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company, who are hereby authorized to accept and take on Lease the Use of one of the said Lines of Railway, (being the most Northerly of the said Three Lines,) for the Engines, Carriages, and Traffic of the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company, and also the Rates and Tolls payable in respect of the said Line, with all Powers for recovering and enforcing Payment thereof, either for a Term of Years or from Year to Year, and either on Payment of a Sum, or Consideration in gross, or of a fixed annual Rent, or of an annual Rent to be calculated according to the Amount of the Traffic passing along the same, as the said Two Railway Companies shall

agree upon, and on such Terms and Conditions, and subject to such Provisions and Restrictions, as they shall think proper: Provided always, that such Grant, Demise, or Lease shall be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery within Six Calendar Months after the Execution thereof.

Company may agree with North Midland Company for a Station at at Sheffield.

VIII. And whereas the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway unites with the said Railway from *Leeds* to *Derby* called the North Midland Railway at a Place called *Masbrough*, at the Distance of Five Miles or thereabouts from *Sheffield*, and it would be greatly to the Convenience of the Public and to the Town of *Sheffield* if the North Midland Railway Company were to have a Station and Booking Office on the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company's Station Ground at *Sheffield*; be it therefore enacted, That the *Sheffield* and *Rotherham* Railway Company shall and may and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to sell and convey, or grant, demise, or lease, any Part of their Land and Buildings at *Sheffield* to the North Midland Railway Company for the Purposes of a Station, and for the Purpose of Buildings and Offices being erected or made thereon by the last-mentioned Company, either for their sole Use or for the joint Use of both the said Companies, and either in Fee Simple or for a Term of Years, or from Year to Year, as the said Companies shall mutually agree upon, and upon such Terms and Conditions, and under such Covenants, Provisoes, Agreements, and Restrictions, as they shall think proper; and the said Company is hereby empowered, by any Deed or Writing under their Common Seal, to enter into and execute all Conveyances, Leases, Covenants, and Agreements which they may deem necessary or expedient for the Purposes aforesaid.

Number of Directors to be reduced from Fifteen to Nine.

IX. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as requires and provides that the Directors of the said Railway shall be Fifteen in Number, and that Five shall be competent to act, and also so much of the said Act as provides that at the Annual General Meeting every Year Five of the Directors shall go out of Office, and Five other Persons shall be elected to be Directors in their Stead, shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and, in lieu thereof, be it further enacted, that at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held next after the passing of this Act, all the Fifteen Directors now in Office shall go out of Office, and cease to be Directors of the said Company, and Nine Proprietors of the said Railway (duly qualified as in the said recited Act mentioned, and of whom not fewer than Five shall be elected from among the then retiring Body of Directors,) shall be elected by the said Company to be Directors in their Stead; which Nine Persons, so elected, shall use and exercise all the Powers and Authorities vested in Directors by this and the said recited Act; and of such Nine Directors Three shall be competent to act; and the said Nine Directors shall (unless they resign or be removed or disqualified) continue in Office until the then next following Annual General Meeting, and until others shall be elected in their Stead, in pursuance of this Act, and at the Annual General Meeting to be held (pursuant to the said recited Act) in the Month of *July* One thousand eight hundred and forty-one, Three of the said Nine Directors (to be determined by Lot among themselves) shall go

out of Office and cease to be Directors, and Three other Persons (qualified as aforesaid) shall be elected by the said Company to be Directors in their Stead; and at the General Meeting to be held in the Month of *July* One thousand eight hundred and forty-two, Three of the Six Directors oldest in Office (to be determined by Lot among themselves) shall go out of Office and cease to be Directors, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and at the General Meeting to be held in the Month of *July* One thousand eight hundred and forty-three, the remaining Three of the original Nine Directors shall go out of Office and cease to be Directors, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and at the General Annual Meeting to be held in every subsequent Year, Three of the Directors who shall have been longest in Office shall go out of Office, and cease to be Directors, and their Places be supplied in like Manner: Provided always, nevertheless, that any Director who shall so go out of Office on the said First Annual General Meeting next after the passing of this Act, or at any subsequent annual Day of Election, may be immediately, or at any future Time, re-elected by the said Company a Director of the said Company, and after such Re-election, he shall, with reference to the going out by Rotation, be considered as a new Director.

Company empowered to hold Half-yearly General Meetings.

X. And whereas by the said recited Act it is enacted that an Annual General Meeting of the said Company shall be held in the Month of *July* every Year, or within Fourteen Days thereafter, and it is expedient that the said Company should be empowered to hold a Half-yearly General Meeting capable of exercising such and the like Powers as by the said Act are granted to and may be exercised by the Annual General Meetings of the said Company, except only such Powers as are herein-after mentioned; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby empowered to hold a Half-yearly General Meeting of the said Company in the Month of *February* every Year, or within the Space of Fourteen Days thereafter, at such Place as the Directors for the Time being shall fix, which said Half-yearly General Meetings shall be convened by such Notice and may be adjourned in such Manner as is directed by the said recited Act in reference to the Annual General Meetings of the said Company, and shall have and may exercise all such Powers and Authorities, and transact such Business, as the Annual General Meeting has and may exercise or transact by virtue of the the said recited Act, save and except the Election and Removal of Directors, Treasurers, and Law Clerks, which shall remain and continue (as provided by the said recited Act,) vested in the Annual General Meetings of the said Company.

For the Indemnity of Directors.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall be indemnified and saved harmless, by and out of the Funds of the said Company, from and against all Payments made and Liabilities incurred by them, and from all Acts, Matters, and Things by them done, executed, or ordered, and from all Payments, Expences, Liabilities, Acts, and Things which they may *bonâ fide*, and in consequence of their being Directors, incur or be called upon to pay in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities by the said recited Act or this Act granted,

granted, and they shall be so indemnified out of the Assets of the said Company; and the Directors for the Time being shall apply the then existing, or any future Funds and Assets of the said Company for the Purpose of such Indemnity and Reimbursement.

Penalty for breaking down Fences, &c.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully injure, break, throw down, or destroy any of the Gates, Doors, Fencing, Hedges, Stiles, or Posts of or belonging to the said Railway, or at the Approaches thereof, or at any of the Crossings of the same, every Person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds for every such Offence.

Penalty on Passengers fraudulently travelling without Tickets.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall, with Intent to defraud the said Company, travel on the said Railway, or take his Seat in or on any Carriage with an Intention to travel on the said Railway, without having first paid the Fare, and obtained a Ticket for the particular Class of Carriage in which he shall so travel or take his Seat, or shall not produce and deliver up his Ticket when requested by the Servants of the said Company, or shall wilfully and with Intent to defraud the said Company present, or ride with a false or fictitious Ticket, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Penalty not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Penalty on Persons smoking on the Railway, and otherwise misbehaving.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall smoke Tobacco upon the said Railway, or in any Carriage thereon, or shall make a Disturbance on such Railway or in such Carriage, or shall cut or damage any such Carriage, or the Lining or Cushions thereof, or shall break the Windows thereof, or shall obstruct or resist any Officer or Servant of the said Company in the Exercise of his Duty, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay a Penalty not exceeding Forty Shillings.

Meaning of the Word "Railway" enlarged.

XV. And whereas in the said recited Act it is enacted that the Word "Railway," when used in the said Act should be understood to mean and include as well the said Branch as the Main Line of the said Railway, and it is expedient that the said recited Enactment should be repealed; be it therefore enacted, That the same shall be and is accordingly hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof, be it enacted, that the Word "Railway," when used in the said recited Act or this Act, shall be understood to mean and include as well the said Branch as the Main Line of the said Railway, and the several Stations of and upon the same respectively, unless it be otherwise directed, or unless such Construction be manifestly repugnant to the Sense and Meaning of the Passage wherein such Word may occur.

An Annual Account to be made out and a Copy transmitted to the Clerk of the Peace.

XVI. And be it further enacted That the said Company shall and they are hereby required in each and every Year to cause an annual Account in Abstract to be prepared, showing the total Receipts and Expenditure of all Funds levied under or by virtue of this or the said recited Acts for the Year ending on the Thirtieth Day of *June*, or some other convenient Day in each Year, under the distinct Heads of Receipt and Expenditure, with a Statement of the Balance of such Account duly audited by the Secretary or Clerk for the Time being of

of the said Company, and shall transmit a Copy of the said Account, free of Charge, to the Clerk of the Peace for the West Riding of the County of *York*, on or before the First Day of *January* then next, which Account shall be open to the Inspection of the Public at all seasonable Hours, on Payment of the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection: Provided always, that if the said Company shall omit or neglect to prepare and transmit, or cause to be prepared and transmitted, such Account as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay for every such Omission or Neglect the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Bye Laws to be confirmed.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Bye Law which the said Company may have heretofore made under the Authority of the said recited Act (except such as may relate solely to the Proprietors or Directors of the said Company, or to any of their Officers or Servants,) shall be valid or binding for a longer Period than Six Calendar Months from the passing of this Act; nor shall any Bye Law (except as aforesaid) which may hereafter be made by the said Company be valid or binding, unless the same shall be allowed by some Judge of one of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or by the Justices assembled at some General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the said West Riding of the County of *York*, which said Justices are hereby authorized and required, on the Request of the said Company, to examine into the Bye Laws which may be tendered to them for that Purpose by the said Company, and to allow or disallow the same, as to them may seem meet; and all Penalties which may be imposed by virtue of any such Bye Laws shall be so framed as to allow the Justice or Justices before whom the same may be sought to be recovered to order the Whole or any Part of such Penalties to be paid.

Repeal of Clause as to Limitation of Actions.

XVIII. And whereas it was by the said recited Act enacted, that no Action, Suit, or Information, nor any other Proceeding of what Nature soever, should be brought, commenced, or prosecuted against any Person for any thing done or omitted to be done in pursuance of the said Act, or in the Execution of the Powers, or any of the Orders made, given, or directed in, by, or under the said Act, unless Fourteen Days previous Notice in Writing should be given by the Party intending to commence and prosecute such Action, Suit, or Information, or other Proceeding, to the intended Defendant, nor unless such Action, Suit, Information, or other Proceeding should be brought or commenced within Three Calendar Months next after the Fact committed, or, in case there should be a Continuation of Damage, then within Three Calendar Months next after the doing or committing such Damage should have ceased, nor unless such Action, Suit, Information, or Proceeding should be laid and brought in the County, Riding, or Place within which the Matter in Dispute or Cause of Action should have arisen, and that the Defendant in such Action, Suit, Information, or Proceeding might plead the General Issue, and give the said Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Trial to be had thereupon, and that the Acts were done or were omitted to be done (as the Case might be) in pursuance of or by the Authority of the said Act; and that if it should so appear, or if it should appear that such Action, Suit, Information, or Proceeding had been brought

otherwise than as therein-before directed, then and in every such Case the Jury should find for the Defendant, and that upon such Verdict, or if the Plaintiff should become nonsuited, or should suffer a Discontinuance of his Action, Suit, Information, or Proceeding after the Defendant had appeared thereto, or if a Verdict should pass against the Plaintiff therein, or if, upon Demurrer or otherwise, Judgment should be given against the Plaintiff, the Defendant should have his Costs, and should have such Remedy for recovering the same as Defendants have for recovering Costs of Suit by Law in any other Cases: And whereas it is expedient that the said Enactment should be repealed, be it therefore enacted, That the said Enactment shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

As to the Expences of this Act.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act, and of carrying the same into effect, shall be defrayed and paid by the said Company, out of the Monies received or to be received by them under the Authority of the said recited Act and of this Act, or either of them, in preference to any other Payment.

Railway not to be exempt from the Provisions of any general Act of Parliament.

XX. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railway by this Act or the said herein-before recited Act authorized to be made from the Provisions of any general Act relating to Railways which may pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament.

Act to be deemed a Public Act.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others.

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