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Cap. cxxxiv.

An Act to enable the *St. Helen's* Canal and Railway Company to extend their Railway to *Rainford*, and to enlarge their Stations at *Sutton*; and for other Purposes relating to the Company.

[4th *August* 1853.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, "for uniting the *Sankey Brook* Navi- 8 & 9 Vict. c. cxvii.
" gation with the *St. Helen's and Runcorn Gap* Railway, and for " other Purposes," by which Act those Two Undertakings were vested in a Company by the said Act named "The *St. Helen's* Canal and Railway Company:" And whereas the Powers of the said Company have been varied and extended by "The *St. Helen's* Canal and Railway Act, 1846," and "The *St. Helen's* Canal and Railway Act, 1847:" And whereas it is expedient that the Company should have Power to make the Branch Railways herein-after described, and to enlarge their Stations at *Sutton*, and the Company are willing to execute the said Works at their own Expense: And whereas Plans and Sections of the said Works showing the Lines and Levels thereof, and the Land and other Property required for the same and for the said Railway, together with a Book of Reference to the said Plans,

containing the Names of the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers of the said Lands and Property, have been deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for *Lancashire:* And whereas the Capital of the Company is divided into Shares of various Amounts, with various Privileges, which Shares are enumerated in the Schedule to this Act, and it would contribute to the Convenience of the Company if they were authorized to consolidate the said Shares into various Stocks, having the same Advantages and the same Rates of Dividend or Interest to which the Shares for which the particular Stocks shall be substituted were entitled, and it is also expedient that the Company should be enabled to convert their Mortgage and Bond Debt into perpetual irredeemable Annuities: But inasmuch as these Things cannot be done 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:

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 18. & 20. extended to this Act.

I. "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

Meaning of Words, "the Company."

II. The Expression "the Company" in this Act shall mean the *St. Helen's* Canal and Railway Company.

Power to construct Railways according to deposited Plans.

III. The Company may make and maintain the Railways and other Works herein-after particularly described (with all proper Works, Stations, Approaches, and Conveniences connected therewith,) in the Lines and upon the Lands delineated on the said Plans and described in the said Books of Reference, and according to the Levels defined on the said Sections, and the Company may enter upon, take, and use such of the said Lands as shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid.

Description of Railways and Works;

IV. The Railways and Works hereby authorized are,—

1. A Railway commencing by a Junction with the *St. Helen's* Railway in the Township of *Sutton* in the Parish of *Prescot*, passing through *Sutton*, *St. Helen's*, *Hardshaw within Windle*, *Windle*, *Rainford*, and *Prescot*, (all in *Lancashire*,) and terminating in the said Township of *Rainford* in the said Parish of *Prescot* by a Junction with the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway:
2. A Railway to be situate wholly in the said Township of *Rainford*, commencing at the said intended Railway, and terminating at the Boundary of the Townships of *Rainford* and *Bickerstaffe:*

3. A Railway

3. A Railway commencing by a Junction with the *Ravenshead Colliery* Branch of the *St. Helen's* Railway in the said Township of *Sutton*, passing through *Sutton*, *St. Helen's*, *Eccleston*, and *Prescot*, and terminating in the said Township of *Eccleston* in a Field now occupied by Mr. *Thomas Warburton:*
4. The Enlargement of the Company's Stations in the said Township of *Sutton*.

to form Part of Company's Undertaking.

V. The said Railways and Station shall form Part of the *St. Helen's* Railway.

Power to cross certain Roads on the Level.

VI. The Company may construct the said Railways and Works across and upon the Level of the Turnpike Roads and public Roads numbered on the said Plans as follows; (that is to say,)

No. 106 in the Township of *Windle:*
No. 132, 158, 176, and 211 in the Township of *Rainford:*
No. 41 in the Township of *Eccleston.*

Company to erect Station or Lodge where Roads crossed on the Level.

VII. For the greater Convenience and Security of the Public, the Company shall erect and permanently maintain either a Station or Lodge at the Points where the before-mentioned Roads shall be crossed on a Level; and the Company shall be subject to and shall abide by all such Rules and Regulations with regard to the crossing of such Roads on the Level, or with regard to the Speed at which Trains shall pass such Roads, as may from Time to Time be made by the Board of Trade; and if the Company shall fail to erect or at all Times maintain any such Station or Lodge, or appoint a proper Person to watch or superintend the Crossing at any such Point or Station, or to observe or abide by any such Rule or Regulation as aforesaid, they shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty of Twenty Pounds, and, after Conviction for such Offence, to a daily Penalty of Ten Pounds for every Day such Offence shall continue.

Board of Trade may require Bridges instead of level Crossings.

VIII. The Board of Trade may, if it shall appear to them necessary for the public Safety, at any Time, either before or after the Railways hereby authorized to be made shall have been completed and opened for Public Traffic, require the Company, within such Time as the said Board of Trade shall direct, and at the Expense of the Company, to carry any or either of the before-mentioned Roads either under or over the Railways by means of a Bridge or Arch instead of crossing the same on a Level, or to execute such other Works as under the Circumstances of the Case shall appear to the said Board of Trade the best adapted for removing or diminishing the Danger arising from any such level Crossing.

Land for extraordinary Purposes.

IX. The Company may purchase any Quantity of Land for extraordinary Purposes not exceeding Twenty Acres, in addition to the

the Land which they are at present or which by any other Act to be passed in the present Session they may be authorized to take for such Purposes.

Period for the Completion of Works.

X. The Works hereby authorized shall be completed within Five Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of such Period the Powers by this Act granted to the Company for executing such Works, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

If Railways not completed, &c. within limited Period, Dividends on ordinary Shares to be suspended.

XI. In case the Railways by this Act authorized to be constructed shall not be completed and opened for public Traffic within the Period of Five Years from the passing of this Act, then and from thenceforth it shall not be lawful for the Company, or the Directors thereof, to pay any Dividend to the Shareholders on the ordinary or unguaranteed Capital of the Company until such Railways shall have been completed and opened for public Traffic.

As to Bridge over Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway

XII. The Railway secondly hereby authorized shall be carried over the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway by means of a Bridge, to be well and substantially built of Stone, Brick, or Iron, and the same shall be so made as that the Line with and Level of the said *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway shall be maintained, and so as to leave a clear Height from the Level of the Rails to the under Side of every Part of the said Bridge of Sixteen Feet at the least, and such Bridge shall be constructed under the Superintendence and to the reasonable Satisfaction of the Engineer of the Time being of the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway Company, and the same shall for ever afterwards be maintained and kept in perfect Order and Repair, to the like Satisfaction, by and at the Expense of the Company; and the several Railways hereby authorized and the Works connected therewith shall be so constructed, maintained, and repaired, as that the said *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway shall not be interfered with, nor any of the Culverts, Drains, or Sewers belonging thereto obstructed, except during the Construction and Maintenance of the several Railways and Works hereby authorized, and then only so far as shall be absolutely necessary for that Purpose; and if the Company shall, in the Execution or Maintenance of the Works authorized by this Act, injure or obstruct the said *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway, or the Banks or Sides thereof, or any of the Works belonging thereto, they shall, with all due Despatch, at their own Expense, repair and make good such Injury and remove such Obstruction, and also pay to the said *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway Company, and to the Persons using their Railway, full Compensation for the Damage which may have been sustained in consequence of such Injury or Obstruction; and in case the Company shall not forthwith repair such Injury, and

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remove such Obstruction as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway Company to repair and remove the same, and to recover the Expenses connected therewith, and all Loss occasioned thereby, from the Company, by Action or Suit in any Court of Law or Equity having competent Jurisdiction.

Communications with Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway to be under Direction of their Engineer.

XIII. The Communications between the Railways hereby authorized to be made and the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway, and all such Openings in the Ledges or Flanches of the said last-mentioned Railway as may be necessary or convenient for effecting such Communications, shall be made under the Direction and Superintendence of the Engineer for the Time being of the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway Company; and in the event of any Difference arising between such Engineer and the Engineer of the Company as to the Mode of effecting such Communications, then the same shall be determined by a Referee, to be appointed by the Board of Trade, on the Application of either Party.

Not to take Lands, &c. of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company without Consent;

XIV. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to authorize or enable the Company to take or enter upon any of the Lands belonging to the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway Company, or to alter, vary, or interfere with the said *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway or any of the Works thereof, further or otherwise than is necessary for the convenient Junction of and Intercommunication between the said Railway and the Railways hereby authorized, without the Consent in Writing of the said *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway Company in every Instance for that Purpose first had and obtained.

nor to diminish their Rights.

XV. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Privileges, or Powers of the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway Company, otherwise than is herein expressly provided.

For Protection of Liverpool Corporation Waterworks.

XVI. Whereas by "The *Liverpool* Corporation Waterworks Act, 1847," "The *Liverpool* Corporation Waterworks Amendment Act, 1850," and "The *Liverpool* Corporation Waterworks Deviation Act, 1852," or some or One of them, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Liverpool are authorized to construct Waterworks, and to lay down a Line of Main Pipes for the Conveyance of Water: And whereas the Railway authorized by this Act to be constructed will pass over, along, or across the Land under which the said Line of Main Pipes will be laid: And whereas the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses have contracted for the Purchase of an Easement or Right of laying such Main Pipes in the said Land, but such Main Pipes have not yet been laid: And whereas Provision is made by the

"Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," for the Protection of Main and other Pipes crossed by any Railway as to which the Provisions of the said last-mentioned Act are extended and applied, but such Provisions apply only to Cases in which Pipes are actually laid: Be it enacted, That all and every the Provisions of the said Act called the "Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," contained in the Sections of the said Act printed by Her Majesty's Printer, and numbered 21, 22, and 23, shall be held and taken to apply to the said Main Pipes of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, and the Works connected therewith; and whenever in the said Sections or any of them the Words "a Water or Gas Company or Society" are used the same Words shall be held, deemed, and taken, and be construed to mean the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses.

Saving Rights of Corporation of Liverpool.

XVII. Nothing in this Act contained shall be held or construed to repeal or alter any of the Provisions of the said *Liverpool* Corporation Waterworks Act, 1847, or of the said *Liverpool* Corporation Waterworks (Amendment) Act, 1850, or of the said *Liverpool* Corporation Waterworks Deviation Act, 1852, or to annul, defeat, lessen, abridge, injure, prejudice, or interfere with any of the Rights, Powers, Privileges, or Authorities of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Liverpool*, or of the Council of the said Borough, conferred upon or vested in them, which they can or may lawfully exercise under or by virtue of the said Acts or any or either of them, unless in so far as the same Rights, Powers, Privileges, or Authorities are expressly varied by this Act.

Tolls for new Lines of Railway.

XVIII. It shall be lawful for the Company to demand and receive for and in respect of the said Railways the same Tolls and Charges as they are authorized to demand and receive by "The *Saint Helen's* Canal and Railway Act, 1846."

Maximum Tolls.

XIX. Provided always, That the maximum Tolls and Charges to be made by the Company in respect of the Traffic carried upon the Railways hereby authorized shall in no Case exceed the maximum Tolls and Charges authorized to be taken by the said Act.

Company may apply their Funds towards making of the Railways.

XX. It shall be lawful for the Company to apply towards the Purposes of this Act any of the Monies which they are already authorized to raise, and which may not be required for the Purposes of their Undertaking.

Power to convert Shares into Stock.

XXI. It shall be lawful for the Company to convert the Shares enumerated in the Schedule to this Act into Consolidated Stocks, and those Stocks shall bear the several Rates of Interest mentioned in the said Schedule with reference to the said several Classes of Shares; and the Provisions contained in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation

Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the Consolidation of Shares into Stock, shall (subject to the foregoing Conditions with respect to the Amount of Dividend payable on each Class of Stock) be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

As to Rights of Holders of 1,056 Shares of 10*l.* each, under 1 & 2 Vict. c. xxi.

XXII. And whereas, in pursuance of the Powers of an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the First and Second Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, the Company issued One thousand and fifty-six Shares of Twenty Pounds each, upon Condition that the Holder of every such Share, when the same should be paid up, should have all the Rights and Privileges and the same Dividend with respect to the said Share which are attached to an ordinary Share of the Company: And whereas Ten Pounds only have been paid upon every such Share, and it is not intended to make any further Call thereon, and the Holder of every of the said Shares is entitled to and has hitherto enjoyed in respect thereof all the Privileges and Advantages and the Dividend attaching to One Half of an ordinary One hundred Pounds Share in the Company: Be it enacted, That the Holder of every of the said One thousand and fifty-six Shares of Ten Pounds shall be entitled in respect thereof to Fifty Pounds of the Consolidated Stock of the Company under Class A. in the Schedule hereto.

As to the Rights of Holders of 1,440 Shares of 100*l.*

XXIII. And whereas the One thousand four hundred and forty Shares of One hundred Pounds each mentioned in the First and also in the Second Class of Shares in the said Schedule are entitled to a yearly guaranteed Dividend of Five Pounds *per* Share, and also to the Dividend payable from Time to Time on the ordinary Shares of the Company: Be it enacted, That the Holder of every of the said One thousand four hundred and forty Shares of One hundred Pounds shall be entitled in respect of every such Share to Two several Sums of One hundred Pounds of the Consolidated Stock created by virtue of this Act, the one of such Sums of One hundred Pounds being of the Class A. in the Schedule hereto, and entitled to the Dividends on the ordinary Shares of the Company, and the other of the said Sums of One hundred Pounds being of the Class B. in the said Schedule, and entitled to a fixed yearly Dividend of Five Pounds, but not to any Vote in the Meetings of the Company, or to any Allotment of Shares to be hereafter created by the Company.

Saving Rights of Holders of certain Shares of 25*l.* each.

XXIV. Provided always, That the foregoing Enactments, or anything in this Act contained, shall not repeal, interfere with, or prejudice any Rights which the Holders of the Four thousand eight hundred Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each, mentioned under Class D. in the said Schedule, may have, by virtue of the Acts authorizing the Creation of the said Shares, or by virtue of the Resolutions creating the

the said Shares, to convert the said Shares into ordinary Stock, at any Time previous to the Second Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, or the Rights of the Company so to convert the said Shares after the said Day.

As to Application of Income of Company.

XXV. The net Income of the Company, from whatsoever Source, shall be applied, first in paying the Interest upon the Mortgages or Bonds of the Company, or in paying the Annuities created by virtue of the Powers herein-after contained, and next in paying the Dividends mentioned in the Schedule on the several Stocks enumerated in the Schedule, in the following Order, namely, first on the Five *per Cent.* Stock, secondly, on the Six *per Cent.* Stock, and thirdly on the Four and a Half *per Cent.* Stock.

Conversion of Debentures into perpetual Annuities.

XXVI. It shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time, with the Consent of Three Fifths of the Votes of the Shareholders present, in Person or by Proxy, at any General Meeting of the Company convened with due Notice of that Object, to resolve that the whole or any Portion of the borrowed Capital of the Company then subsisting on the Security of outstanding Mortgages or Bonds, or any Debenture or other Security for which or for the Interest whereof the Company are lawfully liable, not exceeding an Amount to be defined in and by such Resolution, may be converted into perpetual Annuities of the Company, either by Agreement with the Holders of such Securities respectively before the same respectively may become due, or by paying off the same respectively when due, and raising a corresponding Amount by the Grant of perpetual Annuities, instead of reborrowing the Sums so paid off; and also, with the like Consent, from Time to Time to resolve that the whole or any Part, to be defined in and by such Resolution, of the Monies which the Company shall have Authority to raise by borrowing under the Powers of any of their Acts, and which shall not then have been raised, shall or may be raised by the Grant and Issue of perpetual Annuities sufficient to raise the Amount required to be borrowed, instead of borrowing the same; and also, with the like Consent, to issue the Annuities to be created for any of the Purposes aforesaid at a Rate not exceeding the Rate of Four Pounds for every Hundred Pounds of the Capital so borrowed or authorized to be borrowed as aforesaid, the said Annuities being payable in equal half-yearly Portions; and it shall thereupon be lawful for the Directors of the Company to carry into effect such Resolution or Resolutions by the Creation and Issue of such perpetual irredeemable Annuities as may from Time to Time be necessary for that Purpose; and the Annuities so created and issued shall be a Charge upon the Tolls and Undertaking, and Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of the Company, but shall be distributable, transmissible, and transferable as and in other respects have the Incidents of

Personal

Personal Estate, and shall for ever have Priority of Payment over all Dividends on any Stock or Shares of the Company, whether ordinary, or preference, or guaranteed, and the Annuities when so created shall be termed "*St. Helen's* Canal and Railway Irredeemable Annuities."

Saving Rights of Holders of Mortgages and Bonds.

XXVII. Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the Rights of the Holders of Mortgages or Bonds of the Company: Provided also, that after the Conversion of any such Mortgages or Bonds into Annuities it shall not be lawful for the Company again to borrow the Sum so converted, but the Powers of borrowing by the Company shall, to the Extent of the Sums so from Time to Time converted into Annuities, be extinguished.

As to Votes of Holders of Annuities, and Transfer and Registry of Annuities.

XXVIII. The Holders of the said Annuities shall not be entitled to vote in the Affairs of the Company unless it shall be otherwise resolved by a Majority of Three Fifths of the Votes of the Shareholders present, in Person or by Proxy, at any Meeting convened with due Notice that a Resolution for that Purpose will be proposed at such Meeting; and the Provisions contained in the 62nd and 63rd Sections of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the Transfer and Registry of Consolidated Stock, shall apply to the Annuities created by virtue of this Act.

Arrears of Annuities may be enforced by Appointment of a Receiver.

XXIX. If within Thirty Days after the said Annuities have become payable, and after Demand thereof in Writing, the same be not paid, the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Annuities holding individually or collectively an Amount in nominal Value of Twenty thousand Pounds or upwards may (without Prejudice to his and their Right to sue for the Amount so in arrear in any Court of competent Jurisdiction) require the Appointment of a Receiver, by an Application to be made as herein-after provided.

Appointment of a Receiver.

XXX. Every Application for a Receiver in the Cases aforesaid shall be made to Two Justices, and on any such Application it shall be lawful for such Justices, by Order in Writing, after hearing the Parties, to appoint some Person to receive the whole or a competent Part of the Tolls or Sums liable to the Payment of such Annuities, until all the Arrears which may then be due on the said Annuities, together with all Costs, including the Charges of receiving the Tolls or Sums aforesaid, be fully paid; and upon such Appointment being made all such Tolls and Sums of Money as aforesaid shall be paid to and received by the Person so to be appointed, and the Money so to be received shall be so much Money received by or to the Use of the Proprietors of the said Annuities, or to the Use of those

of the Proprietors to whom such Annuities shall be then due, and so soon as the full Amount of such Annuities and Costs has been so received the Power of such Receiver shall cease: Provided always, that such Receiver shall distribute rateably and without Priority among all the Proprietors of the said Annuities to whom the same shall be in arrear the Tolls or Monies which shall so come to his Hands.

As to Traffic Arrangements with East Lancashire Railway Company.

XXXI. It shall be lawful for the Company to enter into Contracts, whether permanent or for Terms of Years, with the *East Lancashire* Railway Company, for the Use of the Railways and Works firstly and secondly described in the Fourth Section of this Act, and the Stations and Conveniences connected therewith, and for the Conduct, Interchange, and Conveyance of Traffic conveyed on the said Railways to or from the Undertakings of either of the said Companies, and also for the Division and Apportionment of the Tolls and other Charges payable in respect of such Traffic: Provided always, that every such Contract shall be subject to the Restrictions and Conditions contained in the Eighty-eighth Section of "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Power to Trustees of S. Cowley to sell, in consideration wholly or in part of an annual Rentcharge.

XXXII. It shall be lawful for the Trustees of the Estates devised by *Sarah Cowley*, with the Consent of the Court of Chancery, to sell and convey, either in consideration wholly of an annual Rentcharge, to be payable by the Company to the said Trustees, their Successors and Assigns, and to be charged upon the Undertaking authorized by this Act, and recoverable in such Manner as is by the said "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," provided and declared with respect to a Rentcharge payable to a Person entitled to dispose of Lands absolutely for his own Benefit, or in consideration partly of such an annual Rentcharge to be payable, charged, and recoverable as aforesaid, and partly of a Sum of Money in gross, any Lands forming Part of the Trust Estate of the said Trustees which are authorized to be taken and used by the Company for the Purposes of this Act.

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

XXXIII. It shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by any Act relating to the 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 Company to construct any other Railway or execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Railway, &c. to be subject to the Provisions of

XXXIV. And whereas an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the Conveyance of Mails by Railway*; and another Act was passed in

in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Railways, and for the Conveyance of Troops*; and another Act was passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act to attach certain Conditions to the Construction of future Railways authorized or to be authorized by any Act of the present or succeeding Sessions of Parliament, and for other Purposes in relation to Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Gauge of Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Fifteenth Year of the same Reign, intituled *An Act to repeal the Act for constituting Commissioners of Railways*: Be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be held to exempt the Company or their Railways from the Provisions of the said several Acts respectively, but that such Provisions shall be in force in respect to the said Railways so far as the same shall be applicable thereto. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 98., 3 & 4 Vict. c. 97., 5 & 6 Vict. c. 55., 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85., 9 & 10 Vict. c. 57., and 14 & 15 Vict. c. 64.

Railways not exempt from Provisions of future General Acts.

XXXV. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railways by this or the said recited Acts authorized to be made from the Provisions of any General Act relating to such Acts, or 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 and Alteration, under the Authority of Parliament, of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges authorized by this Act or the said recited Acts.

Expenses of Act.

XXXVI. All the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, or preparatory or incident thereto, shall be paid and discharged by the Company.

Short Title.

XXXVII. In citing this Act it shall be sufficient to describe it as "The *St. Helen's* Canal and Railway Act, 1853."

The SCHEDULE referred to in this Act.

Class A. Ordinary Consolidated Stock entitled to the ordinary Dividend, after Payment of the Interest on Mortgages and Debentures and of Dividends on the other Classes of Stock.

1,200	Original Shares of 100*l.* paid in full -	£120,000
1,056	Shares of 10*l.*, ranking as Half Shares -	52,800
1,440	Shares heretofore entitled to guaranteed 5 per Cent., and to ordinary Dividend -	144,000
		£316,800

Class B. 5 per Cent. Consolidated Stock.

1,440	Shares as aforesaid - - - -	£144,000

Class C. 6 per Cent. Consolidated Stock.

6,336	Shares of 25*l.* each - - - - -	£158,400

Class D. 4½ per Cent. Consolidated Stock.

4,800	Shares of 25*l.* each - - - -	£120,000

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