



CHAP. 1.

An Act for extending the time for the completion of the Bedford and Northampton Railway. [20th June 1870.] A.D. 1870.

WHEREAS by "The Bedford and Northampton Railway Act, 1865," (in this Act called the Act of 1865,) the Bedford and Northampton Railway Company (in this Act called the Company) were incorporated, and were authorised to raise a capital of four hundred thousand pounds, and to borrow on mortgage not exceeding one hundred and thirty-three thousand pounds, and to make the Bedford and Northampton Railway, consisting of five lines of railway, numbered respectively 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and working and traffic arrangements between the Company and the Midland Railway Company were authorised; and (section 50) the time limited for the completion of the railway was five years from the passing of the recited Act: 28 & 29 Vict. c. cclv.

And whereas by "The Bedford and Northampton Railway Act, 1866," (in this Act called the Act of 1866,) the Company were authorised to abandon the whole of their railways numbered 2 and 3 respectively, and a portion of their railway No. 1 authorised by the Act of 1865, and to make in lieu thereof other lines of railway, and (section 15) the time limited for the completion of the railways by the reciting Act authorised was four years from the passing of that Act: 29 & 30 Vict. c. cclx.

And whereas by "The Bedford and Northampton Railway Act, 1867," (in this Act called the Act of 1867,) the Company were authorised to abandon the construction of further portions of their railways authorised by the Act of 1865, and a portion of the railways authorised by the Act of 1866, and to make in lieu thereof other lines of railway, and (section 7) the time limited for the completion of the railways by the reciting Act authorised was three years from the passing of that Act: 30 & 31 Vict. c. cxliii.

And whereas the Company have proceeded to put the recited Acts in execution:

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And whereas it is expedient that the respective periods limited by the recited Acts respectively for the completion of the railways by those Acts respectively authorised (except the portions of those railways required to be abandoned) be extended :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained 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 for all purposes as "The Bedford and Northampton Railway Act, 1870."

8 & 9 Vict.
c. 20. and
26 & 27 Vict.
c. 92. incor-
porated.

2. "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and Part I. (relating to the construction of a railway) and Part II. (relating to extension of time) of "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," are (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Interpreta-
tion of
terms.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith shall have the same respective meanings, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction ; the expression "the Company" means the Bedford and Northampton Railway Company ; the expression "the Act of 1865" means "The Bedford and Northampton Railway Act, 1865 ;" the expression "the Act of 1866" means "The Bedford and Northampton Railway Act, 1866 ;" the expression "the Act of 1867" means "The Bedford and Northampton Railway Act, 1867 ;" and the expression "superior courts" or "court of competent jurisdiction," or any like expression in any Act wholly or partially incorporated with this Act, shall be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a common simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Extension of
time for com-
pletion of
works.

4. The respective periods limited by the Act of 1865, and the Act of 1866, and the Act of 1867 respectively, for the completion of the railways by those Acts respectively authorised (except the portions of those railways respectively required to be abandoned) are by this Act extended, and those railways (except as aforesaid) may and shall be completed within two years from the passing of this Act, and on the expiration of that period the powers by the Act of 1865, and the Act of 1866, and the Act of 1867, and this Act respectively granted to the Company for making those railways

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(except as aforesaid), or otherwise in relation thereto, shall cease to be exercised except as to so much thereof as is then completed. A.D. 1870.

5. Except only as is by this Act expressly provided, nothing in this Act contained shall take away, lessen, prejudice, or alter any of the estates, rights, powers, privileges, or authorities of the Company, or affect the subsisting agreements between the Company and the Midland Railway Company. Saving rights of Company.

6. The Company shall not, out of any money by any Act relating to the Company authorised to be raised by calls or by borrowing, pay interest or dividend to any shareholder on the amount of calls made in respect of the shares held by him, provided that the Company may pay to any shareholder such interest on money advanced by him beyond the amount of the calls actually made as is in conformity with "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845." Interest not to be paid out of capital.

7. The Company shall not, out of any money by any Act relating to the Company authorised to be raised, pay or deposit any sum of money which by any standing order of either House of Parliament, now or hereafter in force, may be required to be deposited in respect of any application to Parliament for the purpose of obtaining an Act authorising the Company to construct any other railway or execute any other work or undertaking. Deposits for future bills not to be paid out of Company's capital.

8. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the railway of the Company 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 tolls for small parcels and the maximum rates of fares and charges by the Acts relating to the Company authorised. Railway not exempt from provisions of present and future general Acts.

9. All the 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. Expenses of Act.

