



Regulation of Railways Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 78

Preliminary

1 Construction of Act and short title.

This Act so far as is consistent with the tenor thereof shall be construed as one with the Acts mentioned in Schedule Two to this Act and with the Regulation of Railways Act, 1868, and those Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Regulation of Railways Acts, 1840 to 1871; and this Act and each of the Acts mentioned in Schedule Two to this Act may be cited as the Regulation of Railways Act of the year in which it was passed.

2 Interpretation of terms.

In this Act—

The term " railway " means the whole or any portion- of a railway or tramway, whether worked by steam or otherwise, which has been authorised by any special Act of Parliament or by any certificate under Act of Parliament:

The term " company " means a company incorporated either before or after the passing of this Act for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, or working a railway in the United Kingdom (either alone or in conjunction with any other purpose), and includes, except when otherwise expressed, any individual or individuals not incorporated who are owners or lessees of a railway in the United Kingdom or parties to an agreement for working a railway in the United Kingdom:

The term " person " includes a body corporate :

The term " court of summary jurisdiction " means any justices of the peace, metropolitan police magistrate, stipendiary magistrate, sheriff, sheriff substitute, or other magistrate, or officer, by whatever name called, who is capable of exercising jurisdiction in summary proceedings for the recovery of penalties.