



ANNO UNDECIMO & DUODECIMO

VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. cxi.

An Act to alter and amend some of the Provisions of the Acts relating to the *London and Blackwall Railway Company*. [25th July 1848.]

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 the Minories to Blackwall, with Branches, to be called "The Commercial Railway:"* 6 & 7 W. 4. c. 123.
 And whereas another Act was passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act to amend the Act relating to the Commercial Railway Company:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Third Year of the Reign of Her said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for extending the Line of the Railway between London and Blackwall, called "The Commercial Railway," and for amending the Acts relating thereto:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting further Powers to the London and Blackwall Railway Company:* And whereas another Act was passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her said present Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter, amend, and enlarge the Powers and Provisions of the Acts relating to the London and Blackwall Railway:* 7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 133.
 2 & 3 Vict. c. 95.
 4 & 5 Vict. c. 12.
 5 & 6 Vict. c. 34.
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8 & 9 Vict.
c. 203.

9 & 10 Vict.
c. 273.

Powers of
recited Acts
extended to
this Act.

And whereas another Act was passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making a Railway from the London and Blackwall Railway at Stepney to the Eastern Counties Railway*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act for widening the Line of the London and Blackwall Railway, and for amending the Acts relating to the said Railway*: And whereas it is expedient that some of the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts should be amended and enlarged; but the Purposes aforesaid 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, That all the Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Acts, except such as are altered, repealed, or otherwise provided for, shall extend to this Act and to the several Purposes and Things hereby authorized, as fully and effectually as if the same Provisions, Matters, and Things were re-enacted in this Act with reference to the Objects and Purposes aforesaid.

Power to vary
the Number
of Directors.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company, at any General Meeting or at any Special General Meeting called by the Directors for the Purpose, from Time to Time to increase the Number of Directors, so that the Number, when so increased, do not exceed Ten, and also from Time to Time again to reduce the Number of Directors, so that the Number, when so reduced, be not less than Seven: Provided always, that Notice of the Intention to increase or reduce the Number of Directors shall be given One Month at least before any such Meeting.

Power to
alter nominal
Value of
Shares, and
to consolidate
Shares.

III. And whereas the Capital of the Company is divided into Shares of different Value, and some of them of very small Amount, and it is expedient that the Company should be empowered to reduce the Number of such Shares by consolidating Two or more Shares into One Share: Be it therefore enacted, That 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 or Special General Meeting of the Company, when due Notice for that Purpose shall have been given, to alter or increase the nominal Value of the Shares in the said Undertaking, and the Proportion which such nominal Value bears to the total Amount of the Capital of the Company, and for that Purpose to reduce the Number of such Shares by uniting or consolidating Two or more Shares into One Share, and to make the whole of the Shares into One Description of Shares of equal Value as nearly as may be, or to arrange the same in different Classes and of different Value, in such Manner as the Company shall think proper, and to issue new Shares in the Place of those which shall be so altered or consolidated: Provided always, that, under the Powers hereby given, it shall not be lawful for the Company to unite or consolidate Shares belonging to different Persons, or Shares held by One Proprietor in different Rights: Provided also, that such Alterations

tions or Arrangements shall not increase the total Amount of the nominal Capital of the Company, nor affect the Powers of raising Money on the Security of the Undertaking now vested in the said Company.

IV. And with respect to the Scale of voting at all General and Special General Meetings of the Company in respect of such altered or consolidated Shares as aforesaid, be it enacted, That at all General and Special General Meetings of the Company all Persons and Corporations entitled to any such altered or consolidated Share or Shares as aforesaid, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have One Vote for every such Share up to Twenty Shares, and shall have an additional Vote for every Five such Shares beyond the first Twenty Shares held by them in the Undertaking: Provided always, that no Shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting unless he shall have paid all the Calls then due upon the Shares held by him.

Votes of Shareholders in respect of altered or consolidated Shares.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company, out of any Money by this Act or any other Act relating to the said *London and Blackwall* Railway 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 said 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.

VI. 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 the Mails by Railway*; and another Act was passed 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 Two Acts were passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled respectively *An Act for regulating the Gauge of Railways*, and *An Act for constituting Commissioners of Railways*: Be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be held to exempt the said Company from the Provisions of the said several Acts respectively, but that such Provisions shall be in force in respect to the said connecting Railway so far as the same shall be applicable thereto.

Railway Company to be subject to the Provisions of 1 & 2 Vict. c. 98., 3 & 4 Vict. c. 97., 5 & 6 Vict. c. 55., 7 & 8 Vict. c. 85., and 9 & 10 Vict. cc. 57. 105.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the said Railway by the 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,

Railway not exempt from Provisions of future general Acts.

Railways, now in force, or which may hereafter pass during the present 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 authorized by the recited Acts or this Act.

Expenses of Act.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, or preparatory or incidental thereto, shall be paid and discharged out of the Funds of the Company, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Interpretation of Act.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Term "the Company" in this Act shall mean "The *London and Blackwall* Railway Company."

Short Title.

X. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments, it shall be sufficient to describe it as "The *London and Blackwall* Railway Amendment Act, 1848."

Public Act.

XI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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