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towards the Funds of any Company or Persons having or making or navigating Steam Boats: And whereas the *City of Dublin* Steam Packet Company has been for many Years established for the Purpose of carrying on Steam Communication between, amongst others, the Ports of *Dublin* (including *Howth* and *Kingstown*) and *Holyhead*: And whereas the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway terminates at and communicates with the Port of *Holyhead*, and the *London and North-western* Railway communicates at *Chester* with the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway: And whereas it would greatly facilitate the Postal Service, and also the convenient Transmission of Passengers between *England* and *Ireland*, if the aforesaid Companies were empowered to provide larger and more powerful Steam Vessels for such Purpose, or to secure Interest or other Remuneration to any Company or Person providing the same between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth*, and if Provision were made for the Division and Apportionment between the said Companies or some of them of the Monies to be received for or in respect of such Traffic passing as aforesaid between the Ports aforesaid, and for the Conduct and Regulation of such Traffic, and for the Transmission thereof upon and along the Railways of the said Companies, and if the Companies were empowered to enter into Arrangements or Agreements with reference to all or any of the Purposes aforesaid; but such Objects 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, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short Title.

I. In citing this Act for any Purpose it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "*Improved Postal and Passenger Communication between England and Ireland Act, 1855.*"

Power to provide additional Steam Boats.

II. It shall be lawful for the *London and North-western* and *Chester and Holyhead* Railway Companies and the *City of Dublin* Steam Packet Company, on such Terms as may from Time to Time be agreed upon, to purchase, or to hire and pay for, or to build and construct, navigate, use, and maintain, such additional Steam Boats for the Conveyance of Mails and Passengers between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth* as they shall think fit, or otherwise it shall be lawful for those Railway Companies or either of them to contract and agree with the *City of Dublin* Steam Packet Company to provide from Time to Time such additional Steam Boats as aforesaid, and to secure Payment of such Rent or other Consideration as may from Time to Time be mutually agreed upon.

III. It

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III. It shall be lawful for the before-mentioned Companies and they are hereby authorized to charge for the Conveyance of Passengers and Parcels in the Steam Boats worked or employed by them between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth* such reasonable Rates or Sums as they shall think proper, and which shall be sanctioned and approved of by the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, but not exceeding the Rates or Sums authorized to be taken by the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway Company for the Conveyance of Passengers upon their Railway for a Distance of Sixty Miles thereon: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for every First-class Passenger conveyed by such Boats, or partly by the Steam Boats and Railways of the Companies, to take with him, without extra Charge, his ordinary Luggage, not exceeding One hundred and twelve Pounds in Weight, and every Second-class Passenger not exceeding One hundred Pounds in Weight, and every Third-class Passenger not exceeding Sixty Pounds in Weight.

Power to charge Rates for Steam Boats.

IV. Such Steam Boat Rates or Sums shall be at all Times charged to all Persons equally and after the same Rate *per* Mile, in respect of all Passengers and Parcels conveyed in a like Vessel passing between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth* under the like Circumstances; and no Reduction or Advance in any such Rate shall be made in favour of or against any Person using the said Steam Boats in consequence of such Person having travelled over the whole or any Part of the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway, or not having travelled upon any Part thereof.

For securing Equality of Treatment.

V. All the Provisions and Regulations contained in the several Acts relating to the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway, or the several Acts incorporated therewith, with respect to the Collection, Receipt, and receiving of the Rates and Tolls authorized to be taken for the Conveyance of Passengers and Parcels upon the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway, and for the Prevention of Fraud upon the Company in respect thereof, shall, so far as the same shall be approved of by the said Committee of Privy Council for Trade, and be applicable, extend to the Passengers conveyed in or upon such Steam Boats between the Ports or Harbours of *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth*.

Provision of certain Acts to apply to Rates authorized to be taken under this Act.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Companies and they are hereby authorized from Time to Time to make Byelaws, Orders, and Regulations in relation to Passengers and Parcels conveyed in or upon such Steam Boats between the Ports aforesaid, and as to the Embarkation and Disembarkation thereof respectively, and to enforce the Observance of the same by Penalties, in the same Manner as the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway Company are authorized with respect to Passengers

Companies empowered to make Byelaws.

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sengers and Parcels conveyed upon their Railway, such Byelaws, Orders, and Regulations being previously sanctioned and authenticated in the same Manner as is required by the general Law relating to Railways, and being further approved of by the said Committee of Privy Council for Trade ; and such Byelaws, Orders, and Regulations, and all Penalties and Forfeitures in respect of the Breach thereof, shall be enforced and recovered in the same Manner as by Law is provided with respect to Offences committed upon the Railway ; and all Offences committed on board of the said Steam Boats within Harbour shall be considered to be committed within the County of *Anglesea* or within the County of *Dublin*, according as such Harbour shall be situate in *Wales* or in *Ireland* respectively, and if committed out of Harbour shall be considered to be committed in either County, and cognizable by any Justice of either of such Counties.

Rates and
Byelaws to
be published.

VII. A List of the Charges from Time to Time appointed to be taken for the Conveyance of Passengers and Parcels in the Steam Boats of or employed by the Companies between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth*, and the Substance of all such Byelaws, Orders, and Regulations as shall be made by the Companies in relation to such Passengers, shall be affixed, in manner provided by the General Acts relating to Railways, in the Stations of the *Chester and Holyhead* Railway Company at *Chester* and *Holyhead* respectively, and also in the Cabins appropriated to Passengers in the several Steam Vessels so used and employed by the Companies aforesaid.

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tend to
Steam Boats
under this
Act.

VIII. The Provisions of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Thirty-one, shall, so far as the same are applicable, extend to the Steam Boats to be provided under the Provisions of this Act, and to the Passengers and Parcels carried therein.

Powers as to
Steam Boats
to continue
till 31st
Dec. 1871.

IX. The Powers hereby granted to purchase, hire, use, and own Steam Boats shall continue until the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

Power to
enter into
Agreements
with refer-
ence to Con-
duct of Traf-
fic and other
Purposes.

X. It shall be lawful for all the before-mentioned Companies from Time to Time to make and carry into effect all Contracts and Agreements with reference to the Objects aforesaid, and the Division and Apportionment between and amongst the aforesaid Companies of the Tolls, Rates, or other Charges received in respect of the Through Passenger and Parcel Traffic conveyed in or by the aforesaid Steam Boats between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth* : Provided always, that, the true Intent and Object of this Act being to facilitate the Postal and Passenger Communication between *England* and *Ireland*, nothing herein contained shall be held to confer any Authority to
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apply the Powers granted by this Act, or the Funds to be appropriated thereunder, to any other Purposes than the Passenger, Postal, and Parcel Traffic passing between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth*, including the Transmission of Horses, Carriages, or other necessary or usual Incidents of Passenger Communication, or to empower any of the aforesaid Companies to carry Cattle, Stores, Goods, or Merchandise by any of the Steam Boats hereby authorized to be purchased, hired, used, or owned, or to enable the *London and North-western* and *Chester and Holyhead* Railway Companies, or either of them, to enter into any Arrangement or Agreement with the *City of Dublin* Steam Packet Company for the Conveyance of Cattle, Stores, Goods, Merchandise, or any other Effects; provided, further, that nothing herein contained shall be held to affect any existing Powers of any of the aforesaid Companies.

XI. For the Purpose of more effectually carrying into effect all or any of the Purposes aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the aforesaid Companies to appoint a Board of Management or a Joint Committee, as shall be mutually agreed upon, and to delegate to such Board of Management or Committee all such Powers, Duties, and Authorities in reference to the Objects and Purposes of this Act as the said Companies shall think fit.

Appoint-
ment of
Committee.

XII. For settling and determining all Disputes and Differences which may arise between them respecting the Fulfilment of any of the Objects and Purposes of any such Agreement or Arrangement, every such Dispute and Difference shall, when and as the same arises, be referred to Arbitration, in the Manner prescribed by Clauses CXXVIII. to Clause CXXXIV. of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, which shall (*mutatis mutandis*) for that Purpose be deemed to be Part of this Act; provided, however, that in case the Dispute shall be between the Railway Companies and the *City of Dublin* Company, Two Arbitrators, and not Three, shall be appointed, One being appointed by the Two Railway Companies, and the other by the *City of Dublin* Company.

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XIII. It shall be lawful for each of the said Companies from Time to Time to remove any Person appointed on behalf of such Company to be a Member of the said Board of Management or Committee, and to appoint another in his Stead, on giving Seven Days Notice in Writing of their Intention so to do to the said Board of Management or Committee.

Power to
remove
Members of
Joint Com-
mittee.

XIV. If any Member of the said Board of Management or Committee shall die, or resign, or become disqualified or incompetent to

For filling up
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Committee
dying, &c.

act as a Member of the said Board of Management or Committee, the Company by whom he was appointed may appoint another Person to supply his Place.

Committee
may make
Rules for
their own
Guidance.

XV. The said Board of Management or Committee may from Time to Time make such Rules, Byelaws, and Regulations with reference to the Times and Places of their Meetings, and the Notices convening such Meetings, and the Appointment of their Chairman, and otherwise howsoever with reference to their Proceedings, as they shall think fit.

Committee
may appoint
Officers.

XVI. The Board of Management or Committee may from Time to Time nominate and appoint and remove all such Secretaries, Treasurers, Clerks, and other Officers as they may from Time to Time think necessary for carrying out the several Objects and Purposes from Time to Time intrusted to them, and may pay to the Persons so from Time to Time appointed by them such Salaries or other Emoluments as the said Board of Management or Committee shall think fit.

Power to
apply Cor-
porate Funds
to Purposes
of this Act.

XVII. It shall be lawful for any or either of the herein-before mentioned Companies to appropriate to or towards all or any of the Objects and Purposes of this Act any Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Four hundred thousand Pounds, which they respectively are authorized to raise by any Act or Acts, Deed or Deeds, or which shall have been raised by them under the Provisions of any Act or Acts in force with relation to such Companies respectively, and which may not be required for the Purposes to which they are by any such Act or Acts made specially applicable.

Power to
make Agree-
ments with
Her Ma-
jesty's Post-
master Gene-
ral, &c. for
Conveyance
of Mails, &c.

XVIII. It shall be lawful for the aforesaid Companies from Time to Time to make and enter into and carry into effect any Agreements and Arrangements with Her Majesty's Postmaster General, or with the Lords of the Admiralty, in reference to the Conveyance in their Steam Boats of Her Majesty's Mails or Post Letter Bags between *Holyhead* and *Kingstown* or *Howth*: Provided always, that, until an Agreement or Arrangement for the Purposes herein-before in this Clause mentioned shall have been so made and entered into, none of the Powers by this Act granted shall be exercised by the said Companies, and that, unless such an Agreement or Arrangement shall have been made and entered into on or before the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and sixty, it shall not be lawful for the said Companies, in pursuance of this Act, to exercise any of the Powers granted thereby, and such Powers shall thereafter cease and have no Effect.

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XIX. It shall not be lawful for the before-mentioned Railway Companies respectively, out of any Money by any Act relating to them respectively authorized to be raised for the Purposes of such Act, 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 to any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining an Act authorizing them respectively to construct any other Railway or to execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Deposits for future Bills not to be paid out of Companies Capital.

XX. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Undertakings of the before-mentioned Railway Companies respectively, or any of those Undertakings, from the Provisions of any General Act relating to the Acts affecting the said Railway Companies respectively, 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, and of the Rates for small Parcels, authorized by those Acts respectively.

Railways not exempt from Provisions of present and future General Acts.

XXI. All the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, or preparatory or incident thereto, shall in the first instance be paid and discharged by the *London and North-western* and *Chester and Holyhead* Railway Companies and by the *City of Dublin* Steam Packet Company.

Expenses of Act.

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