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An Act for transferring to the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, the Great Northern, and the Midland Railway Companies the Powers of. the Liverpool Central Station Railway Company; and for other Purposes. [30th July 1866.]

HEREAS by the Garston and Liverpool Railway Act, 24 & 25 Vict. 1861, the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway C. XXXV. Company (hereafter in this Act called the Sheffield Company), and the Great Northern Railway Company (hereafter in this Act called the Great Northern Company), were authorized to provide Funds jointly and equally for the Construction of the Garston and Liverpool Railway, and all the Powers for the Construction and Management of that Railway were vested in a Joint Committee appointed Half by the Sheffield Company and Half by the Great Northern Company, and called the Garston and Liverpool Railway Committee: And whereas by the Liverpool Central Station Railway Act, 1864, 27 & 28 Vict. (hereafter in this Act called the Central Station Company's Act of c. cexc. 1864,) the Liverpool Central Station Railway Company (hereafter in this Act called the Central Station Company) were incorporated, with an authorized Share Capital of Five hundred thousand Pounds,  $\lceil Local. \rceil$ 48 Rand

and an authorized Loan Capital of One hundred and sixty-six thousand Pounds, and were empowered to construct a Railway from the Garston and Liverpool Railway to Ranelagh Street in Liverpool: And whereas by the same Act the Central Station Company and the Sheffield and Great Northern Companies, and the Garston and Liverpool Railway Committee, and any Two or more of them, were authorized from Time to Time to enter into and carry into effect Working Agreements for the Maintenance, Repair, and Management, and the Use and Working by the Sheffield and Great Northern Companies and the Committee, or any One or more of them, of the Central Station Company's Railway, and for other Purposes connected there-28 & 29 Vict. with: And whereas by the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway (Purchase, &c.) Act, 1865, the Sheffield Company were authorized to subscribe towards the Undertaking of the Central Station Company to any Extent not exceeding Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and to apply in Payment of such Subscription any Money which they were by any prior Act authorized to raise, and which was not required for the Purposes of such prior Act, or any Money which they were by the Act now in recital authorized to raise for that Purpose: And whereas by the same Act the Sheffield Company were authorized to appoint One Director of the Central Station Company in respect of every Fifty thousand Pounds so subscribed by them: And whereas by the same Act the Sheffield Company were authorized to raise additional Share Capital for the Purpose of their Subscription to the Central Station Company not exceeding Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds: 28 & 29 Viet. And whereas by the Great Northern Railway (Junctions) Act, 1865, the Great Northern Company were authorized to raise additional Share Capital to the Extent of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and to contribute towards the Capital of the Central Station Company any Amount not exceeding One Third of such last-mentioned Capital, and to apply in Payment of their Subscription any Money which they were already authorized to raise, and which might not be required by them for the Purposes of their Undertaking, and also any Money which they were by the same Act authorized to raise: And whereas by the same Act the Great Northern Company were authorized to appoint One Director of the Central Station Company in respect of every Fifty thousand Pounds so subscribed by them, and to agree to pay Interest or Dividends at a Rate not exceeding Five per Centum per Annum on all or any Part of the Share Capital of ' 28 & 29 Viet, the Central Station Company: And whereas by the Cheshire Lines Transfer Act, 1865, the Midland Railway Company (hereafter c. cccxxvii. in this Act called the Midland Company) were (amongst other Purposes of that Act) authorized to contribute towards the Capital of the Central Station Company, and to apply in Payment of their Subscription any Money which they were by the same Act authorized to raise,

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raise, subject to a Proviso that their Contribution should not exceed One Third of the Capital of the Central Station Company: And whereas by the same Act the Midland Company were authorized to appoint One Director of the Central Station Company in respect of every Fifty thousand Pounds so contributed by them: And whereas by the same Act the Midland Company were authorized to raise for the Purposes of that Act an aggregate Share Capital of Six hundred and sixty thousand Pounds: And whereas by the same Act the Directors of the Sheffield and Great Northern Companies respectively were required to appoint Four Persons, such Eight Persons to form a Committee, to be called the *Cheshire* Lines Committee: And whereas by the same Act it was enacted, that from and after the Day of certain Payments therein directed to be made by the Midland Company all the Enactments of that Act (except those relative to the raising of additional Capital by the Sheffield and Great Northern Companies) should be read as though the Name of the Midland Company had been inserted in them, together with the Names of the Two other Companies, and that the Cheshire Lines Committee should thenceforth consist of Nine Persons, of whom Three should be nominated by each Company: And whereas it is expedient that the Powers of the Central Station Company for the Construction and Management of their authorized Railway be absolutely transferred to and vested in the Sheffield, Great Northern, and Midland Companies (hereafter in this Act called the Three Companies), and that those Powers be exercised by the Cheshire Lines Committee, and that such Provisions for those Purposes and for Purposes connected therewith as are in this Act expressed be made: And whereas no Portion of the Central Station Company's authorized Share Capital has been issued: And whereas the Objects of this Act 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,)

- 1. This Act may be cited as "The Liverpool Central Station Short Title. Railway Act, 1866."
- 2. In this Act, and in any Act incorporated wholly or in part with Meaning of this Act, the Term "Court of competent Jurisdiction" shall have Court of Effect as if the Debt or Demand with respect to which that Term is Jurisdiction, used was a common Simple Contract Debt, and not a Debt or Demand &c. created by Statute, and the Term "Superior Courts" shall be construed to include all Courts of competent Jurisdiction within the Meaning of this Act, and, subject thereto, the several Terms to which

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which Meanings are assigned in any such incorporated Act have in this Act the same respective Meanings.

Dissolution of Liverpool Company.

3. On the passing of this Act the Central Station Company shall be and the same is hereby dissolved.

Undertaking of Central Station Companies.

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4. The Undertaking, Railway, Works, Real and Personal Property, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Exemptions, Rights of Action and Suit, and all other the Rights and Interests of the Central Station Company, shall (subject to the Contracts, Obligations, Debts, and Liabilities of that Company), on the passing of this Act, be and the same are hereby absolutely transferred to and vested in the Three Companies, and the same may and shall be held, used, exercised, and enjoyed by the Three Companies in the same Manner and to the same Extent as the same respectively at the passing of this Act are, or if this Act were not passed might be, held, used, exercised, and enjoyed by the Central Station Company.

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Company's
Act to apply
to Three
Companies.

5. The Central Station Company's Act of 1864 shall (except as far as it is by this Act expressed to be varied or repealed) remain in full Force, and all Rights and Powers thereby conferred on and vested in the Central Station Company in relation to their Undertaking, except the Power of raising Capital by Shares or Stock, may be enjoyed and exercised by the Three Companies in relation to the same Undertaking; and all Matters to be done, continued, or completed, or which but for the passing of this Act would, might, or could be done, continued, or completed, by the Central Station Company, or their Directors, Officers, or Servants, under or by virtue of their Act of 1864, shall or may be done, continued, or completed by the Three Companies, and their Directors, Officers, and Servants, as the Case may be; and every Special Act, as far as it relates to or affects the Central Station Company or their Undertaking, shall be construed as if the Names of the Three Companies had been used therein in relation to that Undertaking instead of the Name of the Central Station Company.

Saving
Debts and
Claims of
Liverpool
Company.

6. All Debts and Money due from or to the Central Station Company, or any Persons on their Behalf, shall be payable and paid by or to the Three Companies, or any of them, and shall be recoverable from or by the Three Companies, or any of them, by the same Ways and Means, and subject to the same Conditions, as the same would or might have been recoverable from or by the Central Station Company if this Act had not been passed.

Saving Conveyances, Contracts, &c.

7. All Deeds, Conveyances, Grants, Assignments, Leases, Purchases, Sales, Mortgages, Bonds, Covenants, Agreements, Contracts, and

and Securities which before the passing of this Act have been executed, made, or entered into by, with, to, or in relation to the Central Station Company or the Directors thereof, and which are in force at the passing of this Act, and all Obligations and Liabilities which before the passing of this Act have been incurred by or to, or which but for this Act might or would have arisen in relation to, the Central Station Company or the Directors thereof, shall be as valid and of as full Force and Effect in favour of, against, or in relation to the Three Companies as if the same had been executed, made, or entered into by, with, or to, or in relation to, or had been incurred by or to, or had arisen in relation to, the Three Companies jointly by Name.

8. All Causes and Rights of Action or Suit accrued before the Causes and passing of this Act, and then in any Manner enforceable by, for, or Rights of Action against the Central Station Company, shall be and remain as good, reserved. valid, and effectual for or against the Three Companies as they would or might have been for or against the Central Station Company if this Act had not been passed.

9. Nothing in this Act shall cause the Abatement, Discontinuance, Actions not or Determination of, or in anywise prejudically affect, any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity commenced by or against the Central Station Company either solely or jointly with any other Company, or with any Person, before the passing of this Act, and then pending, but the same may be continued, prosecuted, or enforced by or against the Three Companies either solely or, as the Case may require, jointly with such other Company, or with such Person, and all Persons committing Offences against any of the Provisions of the Central Station Company's Act of 1864, before the passing of this Act, may be prosecuted, and all Penalties incurred by reason of such Offences may be sued for and recovered, in like Manner in all respects as if this Act had not been passed, the Three Companies being in respect of all such Matters considered as identical. with the Central Station Company.

10. No Submission to Arbitration of any Matter in dispute between the Central Station Company and any other Company or any Person under which any Reference is pending and incomplete at the passing of this Act, and no Award theretofore made and then remaining in force, shall be revoked or prejudicially affected by anything in this Act, but every such Submission and Award shall be as valid and effectual for or against the Three Companies as it would have been for or against the Central Station Company.

Saving for Submissions and Awards.

11. All Works which the Central Station Company are at the Unexecuted passing of this Act authorized or bound to execute and complete, and Works may  $[oldsymbol{Local.}]$ which pleted. 48 S

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which are not then executed and completed, may or shall (as the Case may require) be executed or completed by the Three Companies, and for that Purpose the Three Companies shall have and be subject to all the Powers, Rights, and Conditions which were conferred or imposed on the Central Station Company, and which but for the passing of this Act might have been exercised by or enforced against the Central Station Company.

Contracts for Land to be executed.

12. Where the Central Station Company have under their Act of 1864 entered into any Contract for the Purchase of, or taken or used, any Lands which at the passing of this Act have not been effectually conveyed to the Central Station Company, or the Purchase Money in respect of which has not been duly paid by that Company, then and in every such Case the Contract, if in force at the passing of this Act, shall be completed by, and such Lands shall be conveyed to, the Three Companies, or as they direct, and the Purchase Money shall be paid and applied pursuant to the Central Station Company's Act of 1864, and that Act shall in relation to the Completion of the Contract, and the Purchase and Conveyance of the Lands, and the Payment and Application of the Purchase Money in respect thereof, be construed as if the Three Companies were named in the Act and Contract instead of the Central Station Company.

of Money paid into Bank or to Trustees.

13. Where any Money has been paid by the Central Station Company or the Three Companies under the Liverpool Company's Act of 1864 into the Bank of England, or to any Trustee or Trustees, on account of the Purchase of any Lands, or any Interest therein, or for any Compensation or Satisfaction, or on any other Account, such Money, or the Stocks, Funds, or Securities in or upon which the same is at any Time invested by Order of any Court or otherwise, and the Interest, Dividends, and annual Produce thereof, shall be applied and disposed of according to the Central Station Company's Act of 1864, and that and every other Act shall in relation to such Money, Stocks, Funds, or Securities, or the Interest, Dividends, and annual Produce thereof, be construed as if the Three Companies were therein named with reference to the same Money, Stocks, Funds, Securities, Interest, Dividends, or annual Produce, instead of the Central Station Company.

Officers to be accountable for Books, &c.

14. All Officers and Persons who at the passing of this Act have in their Possession or under their Control any Books, Documents, Papers, or Effects belonging to the Central Station Company, or to which that Company would but for this Act have been entitled, shall be liable to account for and deliver up the same to the Three Companies, or as they direct, in the same Manner, and subject to the same Consequences on Refusal or Neglect, as if such Officers and Persons

Persons had been appointed by and had become possessed of such Books, Documents, Papers, or Effects for the Three Companies.

15. All Books and Documents which would have been Evidence Books, &c. in respect of any Matter for or against the Central Station Company shall be admitted as Evidence in respect of the same or the like Matter for or against the Three Companies.

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16. All Resolutions of any General Meeting or Board of Directors Resolutions of the Central Station Company, or of any duly constituted and force. authorized Committee thereof, as far as the same are applicable and remain in force, shall, notwithstanding the Dissolution of that Company, continue to be operative, and shall apply to the Three Companies, and to the Directors, Officers, and Servants thereof, until duly revoked or altered by the Three Companies, or under their Authority.

17. All Calls made by the Central Station Company, and not Payment paid at the passing of this Act, shall be payable to and may be Calls. enforced by the Three Companies as if such Calls had been made by the Three Companies.

18. All Registers of Shares, Stock, Mortgages, and Bonds of the Registers Central Station Company, and all Registers of Transfers thereof and Certificates to subrespectively, and all Shareholders and Stockholders Address Books, sist until and all Certificates of Shares or Stock of and in the Central Station replaced. Company, which are valid and subsisting at the passing of this Act, shall continue to be valid and subsisting and shall have the same Operation and Effect as before the Dissolution of the Central Station Company, unless and until new or altered Registers, Books, and Certificates respectively are substituted in their Stead, and all Transfers, Sales, or Dispositions of Stock or Shares made before the Dissolution and not then completed shall have the same Operation and Effect as if made after the Dissolution.

19. All the Byelaws, Rules, and Regulations of the Central Byelaws to Station Company relating to the Management, Use, or Control of force. their Undertaking shall, notwithstanding their Dissolution, continue to be in force and applicable to and in respect of their Undertaking, and shall and may be enforced by and available to the Three Companies in their own Names, as well for the Recovery of Penalties as for all other Purposes, as if the same respectively had been originally made by the Three Companies, until the Expiration of Twelve Months after the passing of this Act, or until other Byelaws, Rules, and Regulations are duly made by the Three Companies in their Stead, whichever first happens.

General
Saving for
Rights and
Claims respecting
Liverpool
Company.

20. Notwithstanding the Dissolution of the Central Station Company, everything before the passing of this Act done, suffered, and confirmed under or by virtue of any Special Act relating to the Central Station Company shall be as valid as if this Act had not been passed, and this Act shall accordingly be subject and without Prejudice to everything so done, suffered, and confirmed, and to all Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, present or future, which, if the Dissolution had not taken effect, and this Act had not been passed, would be incident to or consequent on anything so done, suffered, and confirmed; and with respect to all things so done, suffered, and confirmed, and to all such Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, the Three Companies shall to all Intents represent the Central Station Company; and the Generality of this present Provision shall not be deemed to be restricted by any other of the Provisions of this Act.

Directors of Liverpool Company to wind-up Affairs.

21. The Directors of the Central Station Company who are in Office at the passing of this Act, and the Survivors and Survivor of them, may, notwithstanding the Dissolution of that Company, continue to act, and may take any Proceedings necessary or proper for winding up the Affairs of the Company, and distributing the Assets thereof (if any).

Interests, &c. of Three Companies to be joint and equal.

22. The Undertaking, and all Works, Property, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Rights, and Interests by or under this Act transferred to or conferred on or vested in the Three Companies, shall belong to and be vested in them jointly and equally, and they shall be jointly and equally bound to perform and discharge the Duties and Liabilities by this Act transferred to or imposed on the Three Companies.

Powers to be exercised by Cheshire Lines Committee.

23. All the Powers, Authorities, and Rights by this Act vested in the Three Companies shall be exercised on behalf of the Three Companies by the *Cheshire* Lines Committee (hereafter in this Act called the Committee), and in the Name of the Committee, save with respect to Powers of purchasing or taking Lands, which Powers shall be exercised in the Names of the Three Companies.

Provisions as to Appointment of Committee preserved.

24. Nothing in this Act shall affect the Provisions of the Cheshire Lines Transfer Act, 1865, relative to the Nomination and Appointment of the Committee, or their Powers and Authorities; or the Regulation of their Meetings, or the Appointment or Powers of the Arbitrator, and those Provisions shall continue to operate as if this Act had not been passed.

Additional Duties of Committee

25. In addition to the Duties imposed on the Committee by the Cheshire Lines Transfer Act, 1865, the Committee shall have the Direction

Direction of the Undertaking of the Central Station Company, and under this of every Part thereof, and they may appoint, remunerate, and at Act. their Pleasure remove such Officers, Clerks, and Servants as they deem needful for the Purposes thereof, and they shall cause proper Books of Account to be kept containing accurate Statements of the Receipts and Expenditure touching that Undertaking, and connected with the Traffic thereof.

26. The Three Companies may severally or jointly use the Under- Use of taking of the Central Station Company, and every Part thereof, as fully as if the same formed Part of the Undertaking of each of the Companies.

27. Each of the Three Companies shall, out of the gross Receipts Payments earned by that Company for the Conveyance of Traffic using the for Use of Railway. Undertaking of the Central Station Company, pay to the Committee, at such Times as the Committee appoint, such Tolls (not exceeding the maximum Tolls authorized by the Central Station Company's Act of 1864), and such other Payments for the Use of the Stations, and for other Accommodation, and for Services, as the Committee from Time to Time prescribe, but so that the same Tolls and other Payments be at all Times charged equally to the Three Companies, unless the Three Companies otherwise agree: Provided also, that subject to the said Payments, it shall be lawful for the Three Companies to book through and make Through Rates on and over the said Undertaking and every Part thereof, and the Committee shall make all necessary Arrangements for that Purpose.

28. The Committee shall receive all the Tolls, Rents, Rates, and Disposal of Charges, and all other the Revenue arising out of the Undertaking Revenue. of the Central Station Company or connected therewith, and shall devote the same, in the first instance, to paying the Salaries, Charges, and Expenses incident to the Working, Control, Management, Maintenance, and Repair thereof; and the Balance of net Revenue remaining in the Hands of the Committee at the End of every Half Year, after making such Payments as aforesaid, shall be handed by them to the Three Companies in equal Proportions, and the Committee shall account to the Three Companies monthly for all Balances of net Profits, unless the Three Companies otherwise agree.

29. If the Revenue so coming to the Hands of the Committee and so calculated is insufficient for the Purpose of defraying the Expenses attending the general Management, Regulation, and Control of the Undertaking, each of the Three Companies shall from Time to Time, on Demand by the Committee, pay to the Committee the Amount declared by them due from the same Company, whether in antici-[Local.] 48 Tpation

Expenses of managing Undertaking.

pation of future Payments or in liquidation of Payments already made, and the Proportion so due may be recovered from either of the Three Companies, if unpaid for Fourteen Days after Demand thereof in Writing, either by Proceedings in any Court of competent Jurisdiction, or by Distress of any Chattels on the Railway belonging to such Company; and for the Purpose of recovering any such Sum the Secretary for the Time being of the Committee may sue in his own Name on behalf of the Committee, and it shall be sufficient to aver that the Sum claimed has been declared by the Committee or the Arbitrator to be due from the Company sued, and the Production of the Minute Books of the Committee containing such Declaration shall be sufficient Evidence of the Averment.

Funds for Construction &c.

30. In order to provide Funds for carrying on the Business of the Committee under this Act until adequate Revenue is derived from the Undertaking, and also Funds for the Purchase of Lands, and for the Construction of the Railway and Works, the following Provisions shall have Effect; namely,

The Committee shall from Time to Time, in a Minute of the Committee, estimate the Amount of Money required by them for the Purposes aforesaid, and shall fix the Times at which such Money is to be paid to their Bankers or Treasurer, and Copies of every such Minute signed by the Chairman of the Meeting at which such Minute was made, and by the Secretary of the Committee, or by the Arbitrator and Secretary, shall be sent, with all convenient Despatch, to the Secretaries of the Three Companies, addressed to their respective principal Offices:

The Three Companies shall, at the Time so fixed in the Minute, pay in equal Shares to the Bankers or Treasurer of the Committee the Amount specified in the Minute, and such Shares shall be deemed Debts due from the Three Companies respectively to the Committee from the Day fixed for the Payment thereof until the same are discharged:

If any Company make Default in such Payment they shall be charged by the Committee, and shall pay to the Committee Interest at the Rate of Ten per Centum per Annum on the Amount due from the same Company, to be calculated from the Day fixed for the Payment until the Day when the same is paid:

The Comimttee may recover from the Company in default the Money so due by Proceedings in any Court of competent Jurisdiction, and it shall be sufficient in any such Proceedings for the Committee to produce their Minute Book containing the Estimate on which the Claim is founded, and to prove that a Copy of the said Minute, duly authenticated, was sent to the Secretary, addressed at the principal Office of the Company in default, and that the Sum mentioned in the said Minute has not been paid.

31. All Actions, Suits, Indictments, and other Proceedings at Law or in Equity which might have been brought and prosecuted by or against either of the Three Companies if that Company had been solely authorized to execute this Act may, as regards any Act or Default of the Committee in relation to the Undertaking, or any Part thereof, or the Execution of this Act, be brought and prosecuted by or against the Three Companies, or any of them; and any Summons, Demand, Writ, Notice, or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity, or otherwise, relating in any Manner to the Undertaking or any Act or Default of the Committee, shall, if served on the Secretary of the Committee or of either of the Three Companies, be valid and effectual.

Actions, &c. against Committee with respect to Undertaking.

32. Such of the Provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, as are incorporated with the Cheshire Lines Transfer Act, 1865, and thereby applied to the Committee in relation to the Clauses Con-Undertakings affected by that Act, are hereby incorporated with this Act, and applied to the Committee in relation to the Undertaking of the Central Station Company, subject to such Interpretations and with such Modifications of those Provisions as are contained in the Cheshire Lines Transfer Act, 1865.

Incorporation of Parts of Companies solidation

33. The Three Companies respectively may apply for the Purposes Application of this Act any Money which they respectively are authorized to of Funds by apply in or towards Contribution or Subscription to the Capital or Companies. Undertaking of the Central Station Company.

34. If the Railway of the Central Station Company is not completed Penalty if and opened for public Traffic within Three Years from the passing of Line not this Act, the Three Companies shall be jointly liable to a Penalty at completed. the Rate of Fifty Pounds for every Day after the Expiration of that Time until the Railway is so completed and opened, which Penalty shall be deemed a Debt due to Her Majesty in right of Her Crown, and may be recovered accordingly: Provided that if the Three Companies have been prevented from so completing or opening the Railway by unforeseen Accident, or by Circumstances beyond their Control (of which Fact a Certificate under the Hand of One of the Secretaries of the Board of Trade shall be the sole and conclusive Evidence), the Companies, or any of them, shall not be liable to the Payment of any Penalty in respect of the Period during which it is certified that they have been prevented in manner aforesaid, but the Want of sufficient Funds shall not be deemed a Circumstance beyond their Control.

35. In consideration of the Liability of the Three Companies to Release of the Penalties by this Act provided for, Section 34 of the Central Station Company's Act of 1864 (relative to the Deposit) is hereby Deposit. repealed.

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

36. Nothing in this Act shall exempt the Railway of the Central Station Company from the Provisions of any General Act relating to Railways, or to the better and more impartial Audit of the Accounts of Railway Companies, passed or to be passed 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 to be taken in respect of that Railway, or of the Rates for small Parcels.

Expenses of Act.

37. All 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 Three Companies in equal Shares.

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