



CHAPTER cxcv.

An Act for conferring further powers on the Bridgewater Railway Company. A.D. 1888.
[10th August 1888.]

WHEREAS by the Bridgewater Railway Act 1882 (in this Act called "the Act of 1882") the Bridgewater Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated and empowered (section 6) to raise a share capital of one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds and (section 18) to borrow not exceeding forty-five thousand pounds and (section 5) to make and maintain the Bridgewater Railway (in this Act called "the railway") being a railway seven miles one furlong and four chains in length from the main line of the Somerset and Dorset Railway in the parish of Edington to the town of Bridgewater and (section 51) the Company and the London and South Western Railway Company were authorised to enter into agreements with respect to the management use working and maintenance of the railway and for the other purposes mentioned in that section :

And whereas by the Bridgewater Railway Act 1886 (in this Act called "the Act of 1886") the powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of certain lands were (section 4) revived and made exerciseable until the eighteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight and (section 6) the period limited by the Act of 1882 for the completion of the railway was extended to two years from the eighteenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven and (section 7) the agreements set forth in the second and third schedules respectively to that Act and respectively made between the Company and the London and South Western Railway Company and between the Company and the London and South Western Railway Company and the Midland Railway Company were confirmed and (section 8) the Company were authorised to raise not exceeding sixty thousand pounds part of the capital of one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds authorised to be raised by shares by the Act of 1882 by the

A.D. 1888. creation and issue of preference shares with a preferential dividend or interest not exceeding the rate of four pounds per centum per annum and other powers were conferred on the Company :

And whereas the Company have proceeded to exercise the powers of the Act of 1882 and the Act of 1886 and have acquired or contracted or served notices to treat for the whole of the land required for the purposes of the railway :

And whereas it is expedient that the period limited for the completion of the railway be further extended as by this Act provided :

And whereas the Company have not issued any preference shares under the Act of 1886 and it is expedient that the Company be authorised to increase by one half per cent the preferential dividend or interest on such shares as by this Act provided :

And whereas 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 as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Bridgewater Railway Act 1888.*

Incorporation of Part II. of Railways Clauses Act 1863.

2. Part II. (relating to extension of time) of the *Railways Clauses Act 1863* is (so far as applicable) incorporated with and forms part of this Act.

Extension of time for completion of works.

3. The Act of 1886 shall be read and have effect as if in section 6 thereof four years were substituted for two years Provided that nothing in this Act contained shall extend the respective periods limited by the Act of 1882 and the Act of 1886 for purchasing and taking any easement over or right of using any lands of the *Great Western Railway Company* or for completing any portion of the railway which will be made on in or over any lands railways works or property of that Company.

Increase of interest on preferential shares.

4. The Act of 1886 shall be read and have effect as if in section 8 thereof four pounds ten shillings were substituted for four pounds.

Saving of rights of the South Western and Midland Railway Companies.

5. Except as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided nothing in this Act contained shall take away alter lessen prejudice or affect any of the estates rights interests powers or authorities of the *London and South Western Railway Company* or the *Midland Railway Company* respectively.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Company or 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 nor from any future revision and alteration under the authority of Parliament of the maximum rates of fares and charges or of the rates for small parcels authorised by any Act relating to the Company.

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Railway &c.
not exempt
from pro-
visions of
present and
future
general Acts.

7. All the costs charged and expenses of and incident to the applying for obtaining and passing of this Act or preparatory or incidental thereto shall be paid by the Company.

Expenses of
Act.

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