

**CHAPTER IV.**

An Act to confer further powers on the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company and for other purposes. A.D. 1888.

[28th June 1888.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that further powers should be conferred on the London Chatham and Dover Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company") :

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1886 for the compulsory taking of lands and for the completion of the railways and works authorised by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Maidstone and Faversham Junction Railway) Act 1881 should be extended :

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1886 for the completion of the widenings of the Company's railway authorised by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1879 should be extended :

And whereas it is expedient that the time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1886 for the completion of the railway firstly described in section 4 of the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1881 should be extended :

And whereas it is expedient that the Company should be authorised to stop up and discontinue for public and other traffic certain level crossings for foot passengers over their railway in the parishes of Beckenham and Bromley in the county of Kent as hereinafter provided :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be obtained 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) :—

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Short title.

Incorporation of
Part II. of
Railways
Clauses Act
1863.Extension
of time for
taking lands
for the Maid-
stone and
Faversham
Junction
Railway and
for comple-
tion of line.Extension
of time for
completing
widening
authorised
by Com-
pany's Act
of 1879.Extension
of time for
completion
of railway
authorised
by Act of
1881.Restriction
on taking
houses of
labouring
class.

1. This Act may be cited as the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1888.

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

3. The time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1886 for taking lands by compulsion for the purposes of the railway and works authorised by the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Maidstone and Faversham Junction Railway) Act 1881 is hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety and the time limited for the completion of the said railway and works is hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of June one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

4. The time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1886 for the completion of the widenings of the Company's railway authorised by section 4 of the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1879 is hereby extended until the twenty-seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

5. The time limited by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1886 for the completion of the railway firstly described in section 4 of the London Chatham and Dover Railway (Further Powers) Act 1881 is hereby extended until the eighteenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

6. The Company shall not under the extended powers by this Act granted without the consent of the Secretary of State for the Home Department purchase or acquire in any parish in the Metropolis as defined by the Metropolis Management Act 1855 twenty or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers.

The Company shall not under the extended powers by this Act granted without the consent of the Local Government Board purchase or acquire beyond the Metropolis in any city borough or other urban sanitary district or any parish or part of a parish not being within an urban sanitary district ten or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers.

For the purposes of this section the expression "labouring class" includes mechanics artisans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except

members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any of such persons who may be residing with them. A.D. 1888.

7. The Company may stop up and discontinue for public and other traffic the portions of the respective footpaths following passing over and upon the level of the Company's railway (that is to say) :—

Power to stop up certain level crossings in Bromley and Beckenham.

(1.) A footpath forming part of the footpath which passes through the properties numbered 579 and 635 on the ordnance map on the scale of 25 inches to a mile and the book of reference thereto in the parish of Bromley and county of Kent:

(2.) A footpath at or near and to the eastward of the Kent Waterworks Pumping Station in the parish of Beckenham and county of Kent:

Provided always that the Company shall not stop up and discontinue for public traffic such footpaths until they have constructed and completed to the satisfaction of the justices sitting in petty sessions and opened a bridge for the free passage and use of foot passengers in lieu of each of the said level crossings.

8. The Company may stop up and discontinue for public and other traffic so much of the footpath as passes over and upon the level of the Company's railway between the properties numbered 612 and 615 on the ordnance map on the scale of 25 inches to a mile and the book of reference thereto in the parish of Beckenham in the county of Kent:

Power to stop up a certain footpath in the parish of Beckenham.

Provided always that if the Beckenham and Bromley Local Boards shall at any time within six months after the passing of this Act resolve to erect a bridge for the free passage and use of foot passengers in lieu of the said level crossing such bridge being in continuation of the said footpath over the Company's railway and across the same as proposed to be widened between Shortlands and Bromley stations under the powers conferred upon the Company by the London Chatham and Dover Railway Act 1879 and extended by this Act the Company shall upon requisition being made to them to that effect by the said local boards and on receipt from the local boards of two-thirds of the estimated cost of such bridge construct the same in accordance with a plan to be agreed on between the Company and the said local boards any difference between such estimated cost and the actual expenditure on such bridge to be returned to or paid by the said local boards in the proportions aforesaid:

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Provided also that the said bridge when constructed and opened for use shall vest in the Company and shall at all times thereafter be maintained and kept by them in good condition and repair at the cost of the said local boards and shall be used in accordance with such bye-laws and regulations as may from time to time be made by the Company and approved by the Board of Trade Provided further that the said local boards or either of them may at any time compound for their or its share of the annual cost of repairing such bridge by a payment to the Company of such a sum as may be agreed on.

Provision as
to general
railway
Acts.

9. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Company or their railway 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 or from any future revision or alteration under the authority of Parliament of the maximum rates of fares and charges or of the rates for small parcels.

Expenses of
Act.

10. 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 Company.

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