



CHAPTER cxciv.

An Act to extend the time for the completion of the authorised Railways of the Easton and Church Hope Railway Company and for other purposes.

A.D. 1896.

[7th August 1896.]

WHEREAS by the Easton and Church Hope Railway (Portland Extension) Act 1884 (herein-after called "the Act of 1884") the Easton and Church Hope Railway Company (herein-after called "the Company") was authorised to extend its railway by the construction of branch railways in the parish of Portland:

And whereas by the Easton and Church Hope Railway Act 1887 (herein-after called "the Act of 1887") the Company was empowered to abandon a portion of its authorised railways and to construct new railways:

And whereas the powers conferred by the Act of 1887 with respect to the construction of works were extended and enlarged by the Easton and Church Hope Railway Act 1890 the Easton and Church Hope Railway Act 1892 and the Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Act 1894 and it is expedient that those powers should be further extended:

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 (that is to say):—

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Act 1896. Short title.

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

3. In this Act the expression "the railways" means so much of the railways authorised by the Act of 1884 as was not authorised to be abandoned by the Act of 1887 and the railways authorised by the Act of 1887. Interpretation.

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Period for
completion of
railways.

4. The railways shall be completed on or before the 23rd day of August 1898 and on the expiration of that period the powers granted to the Company for making the same shall cease except as to so much thereof as shall then be completed.

Restriction
on taking
houses of
labouring
class.

5. The Company shall not under the powers of any former Act extended by this Act purchase or acquire in any city borough or other urban district or in any parish or part of a parish not being within an urban district ten or more houses which on the 15th day of December next before the passing of the respective former Act by which such purchase or acquisition was originally authorised were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers or except with the consent of the Local Government Board ten or more houses which were not so occupied on the respective 15th day of December aforesaid but have been or shall be subsequently so occupied. For the purposes of this section the expression "labouring class" means and 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 such persons who may be residing with them.

For protec-
tion of the
Secretary of
State for
War.

6. Section 7 of the Easton and Church Hope Railway (Extension of Time) Act 1894 is hereby extended as fully and effectually and in the same manner in all respects as if the said section were repeated in this Act.

Provision as
to general
Railway
Acts.

7. Nothing in this Act contained shall exempt the Company or the railways from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways or 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 or 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.

Costs of Act.

8. 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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