

**CHAPTER xiv.**

An Act to extend the objects and business of the Railway
Passengers Assurance Company and for other purposes. A.D. 1897.
[3rd June 1897.]

WHEREAS the Railway Passengers Assurance Company (herein-after called "the Company") was originally formed by a deed of settlement dated the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine and is now registered under the provisions of the Companies Act 1862 and by virtue of the Railway Passengers Assurance (Consolidation) Act 1892 continues to exist with such constitution objects and powers as are contained in that Act :

And whereas the business of the Company as defined by section 9 of that Act comprises the insurance of compensation for loss of life or personal injury to persons travelling by reason of accident to the conveyance by which the persons are travelling and for loss of life or personal injury caused by any accident of any other description and in particular insurances of employers and others against liability in respect of accidents as therein mentioned :

And whereas it has become expedient to extend the objects and business of the Company to the extent in this Act mentioned :

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas a copy of the Bill for this Act as introduced into Parliament and an explanatory letter as to the purposes of this Act were sent to all the shareholders of the Company and shareholders representing ninety-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty-three shares out of a total number of one hundred thousand shares have subscribed their names to a formal assent in writing to the promotion of the Bill for this Act :

A.D. 1897.

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
and con-
struction.

1. This Act may be cited as the Railway Passengers Assurance Act 1897 and shall be construed together with the Company's Act of 1892 as one Act.

Extension of
business of
Company.

2. The business of the Company shall comprise in addition to the business described in section 9 of the Company's Act of 1892 the following descriptions of business (namely) :—

(i.) The insurance of compensation for disablement or personal injury or loss caused by illness of any kind ;

(ii.) The insurance of compensation or indemnity in respect of loss or damage occasioned to any person or persons by any act or default of any other person or persons ;

(iii.) Insurance against the loss of or damage to property of any kind by burglary theft seizure violence hail storm tempest flood or accident of any description ;

(iv.) Generally (subject to the proviso herein-after contained which prohibits the Company from undertaking the business of life insurance fire insurance or marine insurance) any other description of insurance :

And the Company may do all such acts and things as are or may be incident or conducive to any of the business of the Company :

Provided nevertheless that nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorise the Company to undertake the business of life insurance fire insurance or marine insurance.

Act to be
registered.

3. A printed copy of this Act shall be deposited by the Company with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies who shall receive and file the same and if such copy shall not be delivered to the registrar within three months from the passing of this Act the Company shall incur a penalty not exceeding ten pounds for every day after the expiration of the said three months during which the Company shall omit to deliver the said copy and every director and manager of the Company who shall knowingly and wilfully authorise or permit such default shall incur the like penalty and every penalty

under this section shall be recoverable at the suit of the Crown and A.D. 1897.
not otherwise.

4. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to preparing Costs of Act.
and obtaining this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid
by the Company.

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