



CHAPTER xl.

An Act to authorise the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company to provide and work steam and other vessels between Newhaven and certain continental ports and places and for other purposes. A.D. 1911.

[29th June 1911.]

WHEREAS by the London Brighton and South Coast Railway (Stations &c.) Act 1862 the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company (herein-after called "the Company") were empowered to build or buy or hire and to use maintain and work steam vessels for the purpose of carrying on a communication by means thereof between the Ports of Newhaven and Dieppe : 25 & 26 Vict. c. lxxviii.

And whereas by the London Brighton and South Coast Railway Company (Steamboats) Act 1864 the Company were empowered to build purchase or hire and to use maintain and work steam vessels for the purpose of carrying on a communication by means thereof between Littlehampton and Havre Honfleur St. Malo Caen St. Peter's (Guernsey) and St. Helier (Jersey) : 27 & 28 Vict. c. cliv.

And whereas by the London Brighton and South Coast Railway (Steam Vessels) Act 1894 the powers conferred on the Company by the said Act of 1864 were extended and the Company were empowered to carry on a communication by means of steam vessels between Newhaven and Caen and Honfleur or either of those places : 57 & 58 Vict. c. vi.

And whereas it would be of public advantage that the Company should be authorised to provide work and use vessels for the conveyance of traffic between the ports herein-after mentioned and should be empowered to apply their funds to those purposes :

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions in this Act contained should be made :

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And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the King'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 London Brighton and South Coast Railway (Steam Vessels) Act 1911.

Incorporation of Part IV. of Railways Clauses Act 1863.

2. Part IV. (relating to steam vessels) of the Railways Clauses Act 1863 is incorporated with this Act.

Interpretation.

3. In this Act the term "merchandise" includes minerals goods animals luggage and things of every description.

Power to provide and use vessels between certain ports.

4. It shall be lawful for the Company to provide purchase build hire and charter and to use maintain and work steam and other vessels for the conveyance of and to convey therein passengers and merchandise between Newhaven on the one hand and Ostend Dieppe Cherbourg and any ports or places between Ostend and Cherbourg on the other hand:

Provided that except in the case of any temporary hiring or chartering all such vessels shall be registered at a British port.

Powers as to quays &c.

5. The Company may enter into and carry into effect agreements for and with respect to the acquisition leasing occupation or use by the Company for the purposes of this Act of quays landing places wharves warehouses and stores and for and with respect to the carrying on of the business of the Company at all or any of the ports or places referred to in this Act and may for those purposes maintain and use such quays landing places wharves warehouses and stores and make byelaws enforceable by penalty or otherwise for the regulation thereof:

Provided that no byelaw made by the Company under the provisions of this section shall come into operation until it has received the allowance and confirmation of the Board of Trade and such allowance and confirmation shall be sufficient for all purposes.

Power to charge for use of

6.—(1) The Company may demand take and recover such reasonable rates dues rents and charges as they shall think fit

for and in respect of steam or other vessels provided or used by them under the powers of this Act and the conveyance of traffic thereon and for and in respect of any quays landing places wharves warehouses and stores belonging or leased to or in the occupation or use of the Company and of any services to be performed by them at any such quays landing places wharves warehouses or stores.

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(2) Section 28 of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 shall be deemed to be incorporated with and form part of this section in respect of any quays landing places and wharves belonging or leased to the Company under the provisions of this Act and for the purposes of this section the expressions "packet boat" and "Post Office packet" mean respectively a vessel employed by or under the Post Office or the Admiralty for the conveyance under contract of postal packets as defined by the Post Office Act 1908 and the expression "Post Office bag of letters" means a mail bag as defined by the same Act. Provided that nothing in the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 or in this Act shall extend to exempt from rates or duties any such vessel as aforesaid if she also conveys passengers or goods for hire.

7. It shall be lawful for the Company to supply or provide for the supply of refreshments on any vessels employed in any service of steam or other vessels established by the Company or in which they may obtain any interest under the powers of this Act. Provided that the supply or sale of any tobacco or intoxicating liquors under the powers of this section shall within the limits to which the operation of any Act relating to such supply or sale extends be subject to the provisions of such Act.

Power to
provide re-
freshments
on vessels.

8. The Company may apply to the purposes of this Act to which capital is properly applicable any of the moneys which they now have in their hands or which they from time to time have power to raise by virtue of any Acts relating to the Company and which may not be required for the purposes to which they are by any such Acts made specially applicable.

Power to
Company to
apply funds
to purposes
of Act.

9. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to extend to or affect any Act of Parliament relating to His Majesty's duties of customs or to exempt the Company or their railways from the provisions of any general Act relating to railways or the better or more impartial audit of the accounts of railway

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A.D. 1911. companies passed before or after the commencement of this Act 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 to be taken by the Company.

Costs 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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