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## *Cap. clviii.*

An Act for enabling the *South Wales* Railway Company to acquire additional Land at *Swansea*, and for enlarging the Powers of Lease or Sale to and Contribution by the *Great Western* Railway Company, and for authorizing Arrangements between the *South Wales* Railway Company and the *Vale of Neath* Railway Company, and for other Purposes. [10th July 1854.]

**W**HEREAS the *South Wales* Railway Company was incorporated by "The *South Wales* Railway Act, 1845;" and several other Acts have been also passed conferring Powers on or having reference to the said Company: And whereas it is expedient that the said Company should be enabled to purchase, for the Purposes of their Undertaking, certain Lands in the Parish of *Saint John juxta Swansea* in the County of *Glamorgan* and in the Parish of *Saint Woollos Newport* in the County of *Monmouth*, and that Two public Footways in the last-mentioned Parish crossing the *South Wales* Railway should be diverted: And whereas it is also expedient

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expedient that the Provisions of "The *South Wales* Railway Act, 1845," and of "The *Great Western* Railway Act, 1851," with respect to the leasing or Sale of the Undertaking of the *South Wales* Railway Company to the *Great Western* Railway Company should be extended, and made applicable to all or any Part of the Undertaking of the *South Wales* Railway Company not already authorized to be leased or sold to the *Great Western* Railway Company, and that further Powers should be granted to the *Great Western* Railway Company to take and hold Shares in the *South Wales* Railway and to apply their corporate Funds to such Purpose: And whereas it is also expedient that the *South Wales* Railway Company and the *Vale of Neath* Railway Company should be empowered to make Arrangements for the Passage and Conveyance of the Traffic of the last-mentioned Company over and along the Line of Railway of the *South Wales* Railway Company between the *Briton Ferry* Dock and the *South Wales* Railway Company's Station at *Neath*: 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,)

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porated.

I. That the Provisions of "The *Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845*," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

Short Title.

II. That in citing this Act for any Purpose whatsoever it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "*The South Wales Railway Act, 1854*."

"Company."

III. That in this Act, wherever the Expression "the Company," or "the said Company," is used, the same shall be held to mean the *South Wales* Railway Company, except where there is something in the Context repugnant to such Construction.

Power to  
acquire addi-  
tional Lands.

IV. That, subject to the Provisions in this Act and "The *Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845*," contained, the Company may enter upon, take, and use, for the Purpose of providing additional Station Accommodation in connexion with their Railway, all or any of the Lands in the Parish of *Saint John juxta Swansea* in the County of *Glamorgan*, and for the Purpose of diverting the Footpaths hereinafter mentioned all or any of the Lands in the Parish of *Saint Woollos, Newport*, in the County of *Monmouth*, delineated upon certain Plans of such Lands respectively, and described in certain Books of Reference thereto, which were, on or about the Thirtieth Day of  
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*November* last, deposited with the Clerks of the Peace for the Counties of *Glamorgan* and *Monmouth* respectively.

V. And whereas the *South Wales* Railway as now constructed crosses Two public Footways in the Parish of *Saint Woollos, Newport*, in the County of *Monmouth*, which now pass through the Station at *Newport* of the *South Wales* Railway on the respective Levels thereof; and it is expedient that Provision should be made for giving to the Public Facilities for crossing the said Railway, and also for relieving the Inconvenience which might result from the level Crossings as aforesaid: Be it enacted, That the Company may divert the said Two public Footways so as to carry the Westernmost of such Footways from *Banes Well Road, Newport*, through the Lands in the Parish of *Saint Woollos* shown upon the said deposited Plans or any of them, and over and along a Bridge now in course of Erection across the *South Wales* Railway West of the said Station, and thence for a Distance of about Three hundred Yards to and into the said Footway, and so as to carry the other of the said Two Footways from *Pentonville* by a Bridge over the *South Wales* Railway at or near to the East End of the Passenger Station, and thence into *High Street, Newport*; and the Company shall and are hereby required, within Nine Months from the passing of this Act, to erect and for ever thereafter maintain across the said existing Railway a good and substantial Bridge, of not less than Eight Feet wide, of Timber or such other Material as they shall think fit, for the Passage of Foot Passengers across such Railway from the Road belonging to the Company and leading from *High Street* aforesaid to their Station at *Newport* to a Street at *Newport* called *Pentonville*, and shall at all Times permit all Persons to have free and uninterrupted Passage over such Bridge; and the Company shall also, and they are hereby required, within Nine Months from the passing of this Act, to complete the Bridge now in course of Erection on the Western Side of their Goods Station at *Newport* and the Approaches thereto, and shall for ever thereafter maintain the same, and shall at all Times permit all Persons to have free and uninterrupted Passage over such Bridge and the Approaches thereto leading from *Banes Well* to *Gold Tops*.

Power to  
divert Foot-  
ways at  
Newport.

VI. That it shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by any Act authorized to be raised for the Purposes of such Act, to pay or deposit any Sum of Money which, by any Standing Order of either House of Parliament now in force or hereafter to be in force, may be required to be deposited in respect of any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining any Act authorizing the said Company to construct any other Railway or execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Deposits for  
future Bills  
not to be  
paid out of  
the Com-  
pany's  
Capital.

VII. And



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Extending Provisions of existing Acts as to Lease, &c. of South Wales Railway to Great Western Railway.

VII. And whereas by "The *South Wales* Railway Act, 1845," the *South Wales* Railway Company was empowered, with such Consent as is therein provided, to lease and also to sell the Railway, Branch Railway, and Works thereby authorized to be constructed, to the *Great Western* Railway Company; and the *Great Western* Railway Company was thereby empowered, with such Consent as is therein also provided, to accept such Lease, and also to purchase the said Railway, Branch Railway, and Works: And whereas by "The *Great Western* Railway Act, 1851," it was enacted that a certain Agreement entered into between the Directors of the *South Wales* Railway Company of the One Part, and certain Directors of the *Great Western* Railway Company of the other Part, for a Lease of a Portion of the Undertaking of the *South Wales* Railway Company to the *Great Western* Railway Company, and any Lease which might either before or after the passing of that Act be granted and made in pursuance thereof and in conformity therewith, should be binding upon the said Two Companies: And whereas it is expedient that the *South Wales* Railway Company should be empowered to lease or sell to the *Great Western* Railway Company all or any Part or Parts of their Undertaking which they are not already authorized to sell or lease to the *Great Western* Railway Company, and that the *Great Western* Railway Company should be empowered to accept such Lease of or to purchase the same: Be it therefore enacted, That the Powers and Provisions contained in the Sections of the "*South Wales* Railway Act, 1845," numbered respectively 55, 56, 57, and 58, shall extend to and may from Time to Time be exercised in respect of all or any Part or Parts of the Undertaking of the *South Wales* Railway Company which are not already authorized to be sold or leased to the *Great Western* Railway Company.

Power for Great Western Railway Company to hold additional Shares in the South Wales Railway.

VIII. And whereas by "The *South Wales* Railway Act, 1845," the *Great Western* Railway Company were empowered to subscribe towards and become Shareholders in the Undertaking of the *South Wales* Railway Company thereby authorized, to the Extent of Six hundred thousand Pounds, and to raise Capital for such Purpose; and the *Great Western* Railway Company accordingly subscribed towards and became Shareholders in the Undertaking of the *South Wales* Railway Company to the Extent authorized by the said Act, and raised the necessary Capital for such Purpose: And whereas the *Great Western* Railway Company have no Power to take or hold the Proportion of new Shares in the *South Wales* Railway Company to which they may be entitled as Holders of original Shares therein: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the *Great Western* Railway Company, and they are hereby authorized, to take and hold in the Capital of the *South Wales* Railway Company any additional Shares or Stock

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to which they may be entitled as Holders of original Shares in that Company.

IX. That it shall be lawful for the *Great Western* Railway Company to appropriate for or towards the Acquisition of Shares in the Undertaking of the *South Wales* Railway Company, as by this Act authorized, any Part of their corporate Funds which may not be required for the Purposes to which they are by the Act or Acts by which the same are authorized to be raised made specially applicable.

Power for Great Western Railway Company to apply their Funds towards Acquisition of Shares in South Wales Company.

X. That it shall be lawful for the *South Wales* Railway Company and the *Vale of Neath* Railway Company from Time to Time to enter into and to carry into effect such Agreements as they may think fit, for or in respect of the Passage of the Traffic of the last-mentioned Company over and along the Line of Railway of the *South Wales* Railway Company between the *Briton Ferry* Dock and the *South Wales* Railway Company's Station at *Neath*, and also for or in respect of the Conveyance or Carriage of such Traffic by the *South Wales* Railway Company, upon Payment in either Case by the *Vale of Neath* Railway Company of such Sum or Sums of Money, in gross or otherwise, for such Period and upon such Terms and Conditions as the said Two Companies may mutually agree upon: Provided always, that if at the Expiration of Ten Years from the making of any such Agreement the Board of Trade shall be of opinion that the public Interests are injuriously affected by any of the Terms or Conditions thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Board to require the said Companies to modify the Terms and Conditions of such Agreement in such Manner as the said Board shall think necessary for removing such public Injury: Provided also, that no such Agreement shall in any Manner alter, affect, increase, or diminish any of the Tolls which the said Companies respectively shall, for the Time being, be authorized and entitled to demand and receive from any Person or any other Company, but that all other Persons and Companies shall, notwithstanding any such Agreement, be entitled to the Use and Benefit of the said Portion of Railway upon the same Terms and Conditions and on Payment of the same Tolls as they would have been in case no such Agreement had been entered into.

Power to make certain Arrangements with the Vale of Neath Railway Company, as to Traffic on certain Parts of South Wales Railway.

XI. That none of the Powers and Provisions of this Act with respect to Agreements between the Company and the *Vale of Neath* Railway Company shall have any Operation or Effect unless and until the Agreement intended to be made for such Purposes shall have been submitted to and approved by a Majority of not less than Three Fifths of the Votes of the Shareholders present personally or by Proxy at a

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Meeting



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Meeting of the Company specially convened for that Purpose, either before or after the passing of this Act.

Meeting,  
how to be  
convened.

XII. That such Meeting shall be called by Advertisements inserted for Two successive Weeks in a Morning Newspaper published in *London* and in some Newspaper of the County in which the principal Office of the Company is situate; the last of such Advertisements shall be published not less than Seven Days before such Meeting; and also by a Circular addressed to each Shareholder entitled to vote at Meetings of the Company, to be served in the Manner prescribed by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to Notices requiring to be served by the Company upon the Shareholders.

Railways to  
be subject to  
Provisions of  
1 & 2 Vict.  
c. 98.  
3 & 4 Vict.  
c. 97.  
5 & 6 Vict.  
c. 55.  
7 & 8 Vict.  
c. 85.  
9 & 10 Vict.  
c. 57.  
14 & 15 Vict.  
c. 64.

XIII. And whereas an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled *An Act to provide for the Conveyance of the Mails by Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Regulation of Railways, and for the Conveyance of Troops*; and another Act was passed in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act to attach certain Conditions to the Construction of future Railways authorized or to be authorized by any Act of the present or succeeding Sessions of Parliament, and for other Purposes in relation to Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act for regulating the Gauge of Railways*; and another Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled *An Act to repeal the Act for constituting Commissioners of Railways*: Be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall be held to exempt the said Railways and Works, or the said Company, from the Provisions of the said several Acts respectively, but that such Provisions shall be in force in respect to the said Railways and Works and Company so far as the same are applicable.

Railways to  
be subject to  
Provisions of  
future General  
Acts.

XIV. That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Undertakings of the Companies as authorized by the several Acts relating thereto, or the said Companies, from the Provisions of any General Act relating to such Acts, or of any General Act relating to Railways, or to 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  
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future Revision and Alteration, under the Authority of Parliament, of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges, and of the Rates for small Parcels, authorized by the said recited Acts.

XV. That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incidental to the obtaining of this Act, and preparatory thereto, shall be paid by the Company. Expenses of Act.

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