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Cap. ccvii.

An Act to alter the Lines and Levels of the *Stratford-upon-Avon* and *Stourbridge* Branches of the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway; to construct certain Branch Railways and Works connected therewith; to amend the Acts relating to the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway Company; and for other Purposes.

[31st July 1854.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Eighth and Ninth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled “The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway Act, 1845:” And whereas an Act was passed in the Ninth and Tenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled “The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Amendment) Act, 1846,” whereby the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway Company, incorporated by the first-recited Act, were empowered to construct a Branch Railway, commencing at or near to the Town of *Stratford-upon-Avon* in the Parish of *Old Stratford* in the County of *Warwick*, and terminating by a Junction with the Line of the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton*

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hampton Railway in the Hamlet of *Norton* in the Parish of *Weston-sub-Edge* in the County of *Gloucester*, and which Branch Railway, with the Extension thereof herein-after mentioned, is in this Act called "the authorized *Stratford-upon-Avon* Branch:" And whereas by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Branches and Extension) Act, 1853," the said Company were empowered to extend the Line of such Branch Railway in the said Parish of *Old Stratford*, and the Powers for the compulsory Purchase of the Lands authorized to be taken for the said Branch Railway, and the Powers for the Construction thereof, were respectively continued for further Periods: And whereas the Line of the said Branch Railway might be in several respects improved, and the Construction thereof facilitated, if certain Alterations were authorized to be made in the Line and Levels thereof, and if Power were given to substitute a new Line of Railway in lieu of a Portion of such Branch; and it is expedient to enable the Company to make the said Branch Railway in accordance with the Line and Levels shown on the Plans and Sections herein-after mentioned: And whereas by the said Act intituled "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Branches and Extension) Act, 1853," the said Company were empowered to construct a Branch Railway, commencing by a Junction with the Main Line of the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway in the Hamlet of *Amblecote* in that Part of the Parish of *Old Swinford* which is in the County of *Stafford*, and terminating at or near the Turnpike Road from *Stourbridge* to *Dudley* in the said Hamlet or Parish, and which Branch Railway is in this Act called "the authorized *Stourbridge* Branch:" And whereas it would tend to the increased Accommodation of the Town of *Stourbridge* and its Neighbourhood, and be of public and local Advantage, if the said Company were empowered to make certain Alterations in the Line and Levels of the said Branch Railway as authorized by the said Act, and to substitute a new Line of Railway for a Portion of such Branch, and to take additional Lands for the Station, and other Purposes, in the Township of *Stourbridge* South of the River *Stour*, and were also enabled to construct a Branch Railway from and out of the said new Line of Railway, and terminating by a Junction with the Main Line of Railway near the *Stourbridge* Station thereof: And whereas in addition to the Acts before recited, other Acts have been passed relating to the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway Company; namely, "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Amendment) Act, 1848," "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Deviations) Act, 1848," and "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Amendment) Act, 1850," and "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway
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(Extension of Time) Act, 1852:" And whereas by virtue of the recited Acts or some of them the Company were empowered to create and issue further Shares in their Capital Stock, and to attach to such Shares certain Preferences or Priorities in Payment of Dividends over the ordinary Share Capital of the Company, and with such Privileges, and subject to such Powers of Redemption, Diminution, and Conversion, as the Company should resolve and declare at any Meeting held for such Purpose: And whereas the Company may create Preference Shares subject to such Powers of Redemption by the Company, and it is expedient that the Company should be empowered, for the Purposes of paying off and discharging such Preference Shares, to create a new Class of Preference Shares with a lower Rate of Preferential Dividend attached thereto: And whereas the Time granted by the recited Acts or some of them for the Completion of the Main Line of Railway and certain of the Branches and Works will shortly expire, and it is expedient that the Time so limited should be in certain respects extended, and the Powers of the recited Acts amended; but the several 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:

I. That in this Act whenever the Words "the Company" are used, the same shall be held to mean the "*Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Company.*" "The Company."

II. That in citing this Act for any Purpose it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "*The Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway (Stratford and Stourbridge Branches) Act, 1854.*" Short Title.

III. That "*The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,*" and "*The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,*" shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act. 8 & 9 Vict. cc. 18. & 20. incorporated.

IV. That it shall be lawful for the Company to make such Alterations in the Lines and Levels of the authorized *Stratford-upon-Avon* Branch and the authorized *Stourbridge* Branch, and to make and maintain such Branch Railways and Works as are herein-after mentioned, with all proper Stations, Works, and Conveniences connected therewith; (that is to say,) Power to make Branch Railways.

A Deviation or Deviations in the authorized Line and Levels of the authorized *Stratford-upon-Avon* Branch, commencing at or near

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near the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Canal in or near a Field belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Stratford-upon-Avon* in the Parish of *Old Stratford*, proceeding thence to a Point in the Parish of *Pebworth* in the County of *Gloucester* at or near a Road in such Parish leading from *Mickleton* to *Long Marston*, and from thence a new Line of Railway in lieu of the Remainder of the said authorized *Stratford-upon-Avon* Branch, such new Line of Railway to terminate in the Main Line of the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway at or near the *Honeybourne* Station on the said Railway, in the Parish of *Church Honeybourne* in the County of *Worcester* :

- A Deviation or Deviations in the Line and Levels of the authorized *Stourbridge* Branch, commencing at or near and on the Eastern Side of the Turnpike Road from *Dudley* to *Stourbridge* in the Hamlet of *Ambercote* in that Part of the Parish of *Old Swinford* which is in the County of *Stafford*, and extending to or near to the Fence shown on the Plans referred to in "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Branches and Extension) Act, 1853," dividing the Field numbered 57 from the Field numbered 58 in the said Hamlet and Parish, and from thence a new Line of Railway in substitution of the Remainder of the authorized Line of such Branch, such new Line of Railway to unite with and terminate in the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway at or about Two hundred Yards South of the crossing of the River *Stour* by the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway in the Townships of *Stourbridge* and *Upper Swinford*, or One of them, in that Part of the said Parish of *Old Swinford* which lies in the County of *Worcester* :
- A Branch Railway commencing from and out of such last-mentioned new Line of Railway in or near a Field numbered on the Plans herein-after mentioned 111, in that Part of the Parish of *Old Swinford* which lies in the County of *Worcester*, and terminating by a Junction with the Main Line of the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway at or near the *Stourbridge* Station of such Railway in the said Township of *Stourbridge* and Parish of *Old Swinford*, or One of them.

Power to
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according to
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V. And whereas Plans and Sections of the Branch Railways to *Stratford-upon-Avon* and *Stourbridge* as now proposed to be made, and of the intended new Branch, describing the Lines and Levels of such Branch Railways respectively, and also the Lands which by virtue of this Act are intended to be or may be taken or used for the Purposes of such respective Branch Railways, and the Stations, Works, and Conveniences to be connected therewith, and also Books of Reference to

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to such Plans, containing the Names of the Owners or reputed Owners, Lessees or reputed Lessees, and Occupiers of such Lands, have been deposited with the Clerks of the Peace for the Counties of *Warwick, Gloucester, Stafford, and Worcester*: Therefore, subject to the Provisions in this Act and in "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," contained, and to the Powers of Deviation in such last-mentioned Act, it shall be lawful for the Company to make and maintain the said Branch Railways and other Works upon the Lands delineated on the said Plans and described in the said Books of Reference, and according to the Levels defined on the said Sections, and to enter upon, take, and use such of the Lands described upon the said Plans and in the said Books of Reference as may be necessary for such Purposes.

VI. That it shall be lawful for the Company and they are hereby required to abandon so much of the authorized *Stratford-upon-Avon* Branch as lies between the said Point of Divergence of the said new Line of Railway in the said Parish of *Pebworth* and the present authorized Junction with the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway in the Hamlet of *Norton* in the Parish of *Weston-sub-Edge* in the County of *Gloucester*; and the Powers of the Company for the compulsory Purchase of Lands for such Branch shall, in respect of such Lands as are not included within the Limits of lateral Deviation shown on the Plans deposited as herein-before mentioned, cease to be exercised in respect of such Lands not so included.

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VII. That the said Company shall also abandon so much of the authorized *Stourbridge* Branch as lies between the Point of Divergence of the said new Line herein-before authorized to be made and the Junction of the said Branch as authorized to be made by the said Act passed in the last Session of Parliament with the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway in the said Hamlet of *Amblecote*: Provided always, that the Powers granted to the Company by "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Branches and Extension) Act, 1853," of constructing the said authorized *Stourbridge* Branch and Works across the said Turnpike Road from *Dudley* to *Stourbridge*, and on the Western Side thereof, may be exercised by the Company in the same Manner as if this Act had not been passed, but the Time limited by such Act for the Completion of such Works shall be extended to the Period by this Act granted for the Completion of the Branches and Works hereby authorized, and, except as aforesaid, all the Provisions of such Act applicable to such Part of the said authorized *Stourbridge* Branch, and to the Protection of the said Turnpike Road, and of the Rights and Property of the Company of Proprietors

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of the *Stourbridge* Navigation, shall extend and apply to the Deviation or Deviations in this Act described in the said authorized *Stourbridge* Branch.

Compensation to be made where Contracts have been entered into or Notices given.

VIII. That in any Case where before the passing of this Act any Contract has been entered into or Notice given by the Company for purchasing any Lands which the Company were empowered to purchase for the Purpose of constructing the Portion of Railway in lieu of which the said Deviations or any of them are made, the Company shall make to the Owners or Occupiers of and other Parties interested in such Lands full Compensation for all Injury or Damage sustained by such Owners, Occupiers, and other Parties by reason of such Purchase not being completed pursuant to such Contract or pursuant to such Notice, and the Amount and Application of such Compensation shall be determined in the Manner provided by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," for determining the Amount and Application of the Compensation to be paid for Lands taken under the Provisions thereof: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the Right of the Owner or Occupier of any Lands which the Company were so empowered to purchase as aforesaid to receive from the Company Compensation for any Damage that may have been occasioned by the Entry of the Company upon such Lands for the Purpose of surveying and taking Levels, and of probing or boring to ascertain the Nature of the Soil, or of setting out the Line of the Railway, pursuant to the Provisions for that Purpose in "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," contained.

Period for Completion of Works.

IX. That the said *Stratford-upon-Avon* and *Stourbridge* Branch Railways as authorized to be made by this Act, and the new Branch Railways and Works by this Act authorized to be made and constructed, shall be completed within Five Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of such Period the Powers by this Act or by the Acts incorporated herewith granted to the Company for executing the same shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much of the same as shall then be completed.

Powers of this Act to be in substitution of previous Powers.

X. That (except by this Act otherwise provided) the *Stratford-upon-Avon* Branch and *Stourbridge* Branch, as the same are by this Act authorized to be made, shall be deemed to be in substitution for the authorized *Stratford-upon-Avon* Branch and the authorized *Stourbridge* Branch, and all the Powers and Provisions of such Acts with reference thereto shall cease to be applicable to such Branch Railways.

XI. That

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XI. That in case the Branch Railways by this Act authorized to be constructed or any of them shall not be completed and opened for public Traffic within the Period of Five Years from the passing of this Act, or in case the present authorized Line of the *Stourbridge* Branch Railway, or the Main Line of the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway, in respect of which the Extension of Time is hereby granted, shall not be completed and opened for public Traffic within the respective Periods by this Act limited in that Behalf, then and from thenceforth it shall not be lawful for the Company or the Directors thereof to pay any Dividend to the Shareholders on the ordinary or unguaranteed Capital of the Company until such Branch Railways or such Main Line, as the Case may be, shall have been completed and opened for public Traffic.

If Railway not completed, &c. within a certain Period, Payment of Dividends to be suspended.

XII. Provided always, That it shall not be lawful for the Company to expend any Money upon the Construction of the Branch Railways or either of them in this Act mentioned, or in the Purchase of any Lands on the Branch to *Stourbridge* or of any Lands on the Branch to *Stratford-upon-Avon*, except such as they may have contracted to purchase before the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, until they shall have completed the Main Line throughout with a double Line of Rails.

Company to lay down double Line of Rails on Main Line before Purchase of Land for new Branches.

XIII. That it shall be lawful for the Company to demand and receive for and in respect of the Extension or Branch Railways and Works hereby authorized the same Tolls and Charges as they are by "*The Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Act, 1845,*" authorized to demand and receive for and in respect of the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway: Provided always, that the maximum Tolls and Charges to be levied and received by the Company in respect of the said Branch Railways and Works shall in no Case exceed the maximum Tolls and Charges authorized by the last-mentioned Act.

Same Tolls as on Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway.

XIV. That, subject to the Provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act and this Act, with respect to the crossing Roads on a Level, it shall be lawful for the Company to cross the following Roads on the Level; (that is to say,)

Certain Roads may be crossed on the Level.

The Roads numbered 11 and 17 in the Parish of *Weston-upon-Avon*, 6 in the Parish of *Long Marston*.

XV. That for the greater Convenience and Security of the Public, the Company shall erect and permanently maintain either a Station or Lodge at the respective Points where the before-mentioned Roads shall

Company to erect Station or Lodge where Roads crossed on the Level.

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shall be crossed on a Level, and the Company shall be subject to and shall abide by all such Rules and Regulations with regard to the crossing of such Roads on the Level, or with regard to the Speed at which Trains shall pass such Roads, as may from Time to Time be made by the Board of Trade; and if the Company shall fail to erect or at all Times maintain any such Station or Lodge, or appoint a proper Person to watch or superintend the Crossing at any such Point or Station, or to observe or abide by any such Rule or Regulation as aforesaid, they shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty of Twenty Pounds, and also to a daily Penalty of Ten Pounds for every Day such Offence shall continue after such Penalty of Twenty Pounds shall have been incurred.

Board of Trade may require Bridges instead of level Crossings.

XVI. Provided always, That it shall be lawful for the Board of Trade, if it shall appear to them necessary for the Public Safety, at any Time either before or after the Works hereby authorized to be made or any of them shall be completed and opened for public Traffic, to require the Company, within such Time as the said Board shall direct, and at the Expense of the Company, to carry any of the herein-before mentioned Roads either under or over the Railway by means of a Bridge or Arch instead of crossing the same on the Level, or to execute such other Works as under the Circumstances of the Case shall appear to the said Board the best adapted for removing or diminishing the Danger arising from any such level Crossings respectively.

Application of existing Capital.

XVII. That the Company may apply to the Construction of the Branch Railways and Works authorized to be made by this Act so much of the Moneys raised or authorized to be raised under the Powers of the several Acts relating to the Company or any of them as may remain unappropriated, and as may be necessary for such Purposes.

Period for Completion of Works extended.

XVIII. That the Time limited by the recited Acts or any of them for the Completion of the Main Line of the Railway and the Works connected therewith thereby respectively authorized, which will expire on or before the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, shall be extended for the Space of Two Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of such extended Periods the Powers of the said recited Act and this Act granted to the Company for making such Railway shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much of such Railway as shall then be completed.

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XIX. That the Twenty-seventh Section of the said recited Act of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and in lieu thereof the said Company shall and they are hereby required to complete the said Railway throughout the whole Extent thereof with a double Line of Rails on the Broad Gauge, and in other respects in accordance with the Acts relating thereto, and with proper Sidings and Conveniences connected therewith, to the Satisfaction of the Board of Trade, within the following Periods; that is to say, so much of the said Railway as is situated between the Northern Terminus thereof and the Town of *Evesham* within Ten Months from the passing of this Act, so much of the said Railway as is situate between the Southern Terminus thereof and *Charlbury* within Ten Months from the passing of this Act, so much of the said Railway as is situate between the said Southern Terminus and *Shipton* within Fourteen Months from the passing of this Act, so much of the said Railway as is situate between the said Southern Terminus and *Moreton* within Sixteen Months from the passing of this Act, and the whole of the Remainder of the said Railway on or before the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six; and if the Company fail to complete the said respective Portions of Railway or any of them within the respective Periods herein-before limited for the Purpose, and to open the same for public Traffic, the Company shall forfeit to Her Majesty the Queen a Sum of Fifty Pounds *per* Day for every Day during which the said Portions of Railway or any of them shall not be completed and opened as aforesaid after the Expiration of the Periods herein-before respectively limited for the Purpose, which Penalty may be recovered by the Attorney General in any Court of competent Jurisdiction: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be held to prevent the Company from proceeding simultaneously with Two or more Portions of the said Line: Provided also, that no greater daily Penalty shall be imposed upon the Company under the Provisions of this Act for Default in completing Two or more such Portions of the Railway than the Company would have been liable to under the Provisions of this Act for Default in Completion of One of such Portions: Provided further, that nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect any Right which the Company now have in reference to the Mode of Construction of the said Railway.

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pealed, and
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sions made
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thereof.

XX. That if the Company shall have created and issued or shall hereafter create and issue, under the Powers of the recited Acts or any of them, any Shares bearing a fixed or preferential Dividend, but subject to the Redemption of such Shares by the Company at a
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future Period, the Company may and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time, for the Purpose of paying off any preferential Shares which have been so issued, subject to the Power of Redemption by the Company, create and issue a new Class of Shares bearing a lower Rate of fixed or preferential Dividend or Interest, or may create for the Purposes of such Redemption a further Amount of Stock in the ordinary Stock of the Company, and the Money arising from all such new Shares or Stock so created and issued shall be applied for the Purpose of paying off the preferential Shares for the Payment of which they were created, and for no other Purpose whatsoever.

Saving existing Priorities and Privileges.

XXI. Provided always, That any Preference or Priority in the Payment of Interest or Dividend which may be granted in respect of any new Shares or Stock raised for the Purposes in this Act mentioned shall not prejudice or affect any Preference or Priority in the Payment of Interest or Dividend on any other Shares or Stock which may have been granted by the Company by or in pursuance of or which may have been confirmed by any Act of Parliament passed prior to the passing of this Act, or which may otherwise be lawfully subsisting.

Candidate for Direction to give Notice.

XXII. That no Person shall be capable of being elected a Director at any of the General Meetings of the Company, unless Notice of his Intention or Consent to become a Candidate for such Office shall have been given to the Secretary of the Company, in Writing, Twenty-one Days at the least prior to the Day of such Meeting.

Company to be at liberty to allow more than 10,000*l.* for the joint Station at Wolverhampton.

XXIII. And whereas by "The *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton* Railway (Deviation) Act, 1848," the Company are authorized to apply the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds to the Purposes of a certain joint Station at *Wolverhampton* therein mentioned: And whereas the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds is wholly inadequate as the Proportion of the Capital required for the said joint Station to be supplied by the Company; and Doubts have arisen whether, under the Powers conferred on the Company by the hereinbefore recited Acts or any of them, the said Company hath Power to apply any further or other Sum than the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds to the Purposes of the said joint Station: Be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to apply to the Purposes of the said joint Station, out of the Capital of the Company already authorized by virtue of the recited Acts or any of them, such further

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or other Sum as the Directors of the Company may from Time to Time deem necessary.

XXIV. And whereas the Officers, Servants, and Workmen in the Employ of the Company, being unable to be absent from their Employment except at uncertain and irregular Intervals, in a great Degree lose the Benefit of the Public Institutions established for the Investment and Accumulation of small Savings; and the Company being desirous of encouraging Habits of Prudence and Economy amongst their Officers, Servants, and Workmen, and to enable them to make Provision against Accident, Sickness, and old Age by investing and accumulating their Savings, are desirous of establishing a Provident Institution for the Benefit of such Officers, Servants, and Workmen; and it is expedient, and will be advantageous to the Officers, Servants, and Workmen of the Company, that such Provident Institution, and the Establishment and Maintenance thereof, and the Rules and Regulations for the Conduct and Government of the same, should be sanctioned by and receive the Authority of Parliament: Be it enacted, That shall be lawful for the Company to establish a Provident Institution, and to receive therein, by way of Deposit from any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, any Sum or Sums of Money from each Person; and the Company shall allow and pay to any Person or Persons by whom or in whose Name or Names any such Deposit or Deposits shall be made Interest on the Amount of such Deposit or Deposits at a Rate not exceeding Four Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; and all and every such Deposits and Deposit shall be Charges and a Charge upon the Tolls, Undertaking, Lands, and Tenements of the Company, next in Order and Priority after any Rents they may be required to pay under the existing Acts, and any existing Debt or Debts of the Company, or after any Moneys they may be authorized to borrow, and after any Debentures or Annuities given or granted for paying off the Debt of the Company; and it shall be lawful for the Company to make Rules and Regulations for the Conduct and Government of the Provident Institution so to be established by them as aforesaid, and from Time to Time to alter, vary, modify, or re-make such Rules and Regulations or any of them; and all such Rules and Regulations, and Alterations of Rules and Regulations, shall be submitted to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in *England* for the Time being, and approved of by him, and a Certificate of such Approval under his Hand given previous to the same being acted upon; and such Rules and Regulations, and Alterations of Rules and Regulations, so certified, shall be binding on the said Company and the Depositors and their Representatives; and the

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same, or a true Copy thereof, shall be received as Evidence of such Rules respectively in all Cases ; and no Certiorari shall be brought or allowed to remove any such Rules or Regulations into any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record.

As to Dis-
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the Com-
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XXV. That if any Dispute shall arise between the said Company and any Depositor or his Representative, or any Person claiming to be entitled to any Money deposited in such Provident Institution, then and in every such Case the Matter in dispute shall be referred in Writing to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in *England*, who shall have Power to proceed *ex parte* on Notice in Writing to the said Company left or sent by the said Registrar of Friendly Societies in *England* to the Chief Office of the said Company, and whatever Award, Order, or Determination shall be made by the said Registrar of Friendly Societies in *England* shall be binding and conclusive on all Parties, and shall be final to all Intents and Purposes, without any Appeal.

Registrar of
Friendly
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may inspect
Books.

XXVI. That on any such Reference it shall be lawful for the said Registrar of Friendly Societies in *England* and he is hereby authorized to inspect any Book or Books belonging to the said Provident Institution relating to the Matter in dispute, and to administer an Oath or Affirmation to any Witness appearing before him ; and if upon any such Oath or Affirmation any Person making the same shall wilfully and corruptly give any false Evidence, every Person so offending shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of Perjury, and shall be prosecuted and punished accordingly.

Interest not
to be paid on
Calls paid
up.

XXVII. That it shall not be lawful for the said Company, out of any Money by this Act authorized to be raised by Calls in respect of Shares, or by the Exercise of any Power of borrowing, to pay Interest or Dividend to any Shareholder on the Amount of the Calls made in respect of the Shares held by him in the Capital by this Act authorized to be raised : Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained shall be deemed to prevent the said Company from paying to any Shareholder such Interest on Money advanced by him beyond the Amount of the Calls actually made as shall be in conformity with the Provisions in " The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," in that Behalf contained.

Deposits for
future Bills
not to be

XXVIII. That it shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by any Act relating to the said Railway Company authorized

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to be raised for the Purposes of such Act or Acts, 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 an Act authorizing the said Company to construct any other Railway, or to execute any other Work or Undertaking.

paid out of
Company's
Capital.

XXIX. 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 an Act was passed in the Session of Parliament held in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Years of the same Reign, 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 Company or their Railways and Branch Railways from the Provisions of such several Acts respectively, but that such Provisions shall be in force in respect to the said Railways and Branch Railways so far as the same shall be applicable thereto.

Railway and
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to Provi-
sions 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., and
14 & 15 Vict.
c. 64.

XXX. That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the said Railways by this or the said recited Acts authorized to be made, or the Company, 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 future Revision and Alteration under the Authority of Parliament of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges authorized by this Act or by the said recited Acts, or of Rates for small Parcels.

Railways not
exempt from
Provisions
of future
General Acts.

[Local.]

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XXXI. That

*The Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway
(Stratford and Stourbridge Branches) Act, 1854.*

Expenses of
Act.

XXXI. That all Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, or incident thereto, shall be paid by the *Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Company*.

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