

CHAPTER xxi.

An Act for the abandonment of the Tilbury and Gravesend [21st May 1885.] Tunnel Junction Railway.

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WHEREAS by the Tilbury and Gravesend Tunnel Junction 45 & 46 Vict. Railway Act, 1882 (in this Act called "the Act of 1882"), c. ccxx. the Tilbury and Gravesend Tunnel Junction Railway Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated and empowered to make and maintain the railways in the Act of 1882 more fully described and therein called Railways Nos. 1, 2, and 3, extending from Little Thurrock, in the county of Essex, to Gravesend, in the county of Kent, and in this Act collectively referred to as "the railways," and to raise a capital of four hundred and fifty thousand pounds in shares, and to borrow on mortgage any sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand pounds:

And whereas no part of the capital authorised by the Act of 1882 has been raised; and none of the powers of that Act with respect to the purchase of land and the making of the railways have been exercised; and it is expedient that the railways be abandoned, and the affairs of the Company wound up, and the Company dissolved:

And whereas the objects 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:--

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Tilbury and Gravesend Tunnel Short title. Junction Railway (Abandonment) Act, 1885.
- 2. The Company shall abandon the making of the railways, and Abandonon and after the passing of this Act the Company shall, except only as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, be absolutely freed

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and discharged from all obligations with respect to the making and maintaining of the railways.

Compensation for damage to land by entry &c., for purposes of railway abandoned.

3. The abandonment of the railways by the Company, under the authority of this Act, shall not prejudice or affect the right of the owner or occupier of any land to receive compensation for any damage occasioned by the entry of the Company on such land for the purpose of surveying and taking levels, or probing or boring to ascertain the nature of the soil, or setting out the line of railways, and shall not prejudice or affect the right of the owner or occupier of any land, which may have been temporarily occupied by the Company, to receive compensation for such temporary occupation, or for any loss, damage or injury which may have been sustained by such owner or occupier by reason thereof, or of the exercise, as regards such land, of any of the powers contained in the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Act of 1882.

Compensation to be made in respect of railway abandoned.

4. Where, before the passing of this Act, any contract has been entered into or notice given by the Company, for the purchasing of any land for the purposes of or in relation to the railways, or any portion thereof, the Company shall be released from all liability to purchase or to complete the purchase of any such land, but not-withstanding full compensation shall be made by the Company to the owners and occupiers, or other persons interested in such land, for all injury or damage sustained by them respectively by reason of the purchase not being completed pursuant to the contract or notice; and the amount and application of the compensation shall be determined in manner provided by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, as amended by any subsequent Act, for determining the amount and application of compensation paid for lands taken under the provisions thereof.

Providing for release of deposit.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of section 41 of the Act of 1882, with respect to compensation to landowners and other persons injured, and for the protection of creditors, the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice may and shall, at any time after the passing of this Act, on application by the persons or the majority of the persons named in the warrant or order mentioned in section 40 of the Act of 1882, or the survivors or survivor of them, by petition in a summary way, order that the sum of twenty-one thousand eight hundred pounds Consolidated Three per Centum Annuities mentioned in the said section 40 of the Act of 1882, or any other stocks or funds in which the same may have been invested, and the interest and dividends thereon, may be paid or transferred to the person or persons so applying, or to any other

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person or persons whom they or he may appoint in that behalf; and upon such order being made the said sum of twenty-one thousand eight hundred pounds Consolidated Three per Centum Annuities, or any other stocks or funds in which the same may have been invested, and the interest or dividends thereon, shall be paid or transferred to such person or persons accordingly.

- 6. Forthwith after the passing of this Act the Company shall Company to proceed to wind up their affairs, and shall pay, satisfy, and discharge their affairs. all their debts, liabilities, and engagements.
- 7. When all the debts, liabilities, and engagements of the Dissolution Company are paid, satisfied, or discharged, and the affairs of the Company. Company are wound up, the Company shall be by this Act dissolved, and shall thenceforth wholly cease to exist, and the Act of 1882 shall be by this Act repealed.
- 8. All costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the Expenses applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Company.

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