intended Act, or by means of an annual payment. In Parliament—Session 1869. or payments, rent charge or rent charges, either terminable or perpetual, or such other means as may have been or may be agreed upon, or as may be fixed or provided by or under the powers of the Amendment of Deed of Settlement and of Acts; intended Act.

To alter, so far as may be necessary or expedient, the tolls, rates, water rents and charges now leviable or levied by the Canal Company, and to enable the Company to fix, levy and recover the same, or higher or lower tolls, rates, water rents or charges, and to confer, vary or extinguish exemptions from the payment of tolls, rates, water rents or charges, and to confer, vary or extinguish other rights and privileges.

To confirm any agreements which may have been or may be entered into between the Company and the Canal Company or their Shareholders or Creditors or any of them, and to empower the Company, and the Canal Company and their Shareholders and Creditors or any of them, to enter into, and carry into effect, arrangements and agreements with reference to all or any of the matters aforesaid.

To authorise the Company to guarantee the payment out of their Ordinary Revenues of dividend upon all or any part of the capital of £150,000, which the Greenock and Ayrshire Railway Company are authorised to raise under the provisions of the Greenock and Ayrshire Railway (Amendment) Act, 1868, and so far as may be necessary to alter or repeal some of the provisions of that Act, and of the Greenock and Ayrshire Railway Act, 1865.

To authorise the Company to apply to all or any of the purposes of the intended Act, any capital, or funds, or revenues now belonging to the Company, or hereafter to belong to them, or under the control of their Directors.

And it is intended by the said Act, to repeal, vary, alter, amend, and extend, so far as may be necessary or desirable for all or any of the purposes aforesaid, the several local and personal Acts following, that is to say-"The Glasgow and South-Western Railway Consolidation Act, 1855,' and the several other Acts relating to the Company and their undertaking, passed respectively in the 19th and 20th, the 20th and 21st, the 21st and 22nd, the 22nd and 23rd, the 23rd and 24th, the 24th and 25th, the 25th and 26th, the 26th, the 26th and 27th, the 27th and 28th, the 28th, the 28th and 29th, the 29th and 30th, and the 31st and 32nd years of the reign of Her present Majesty, and the Acts relating to the said Canal Company and their undertaking, viz.—the 46th George III., cap. 75, the 7th and 8th George IV., cap. 87, the 3rd and 4th Victoria, cap. 104, the 10th and 11th Victoria, cap. 168, and all other Acts relating to the Canal Company or their undertaking.

And notice is hereby further given, that on or before the 23rd day of December, 1868, printed copies of the intended Act will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

Dated the 6th day of November, 1868.

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IMPERIAL (FIRE) INSURANCE COMPANI

Sub division of Shares; Appropriation of Sums added to Capital Stock Account to credit of Shares; Election of Directors, Trustees, and Auditors; and other Powers.

THE Imperial Insurance Company intend to apply to Parliament, in the next Session thereof, for leave to introduce a Bill for the following, or some of the following, among other purposes :-

- (1.) To sub-divide each original share of £500 into five shares of £100 each, and to credit each share of £100 with a proportionate part of the payment already made on account of the original share, and also with a proportionate part of the sums transferred to capital stock account from profit and loss or rest account.
- (2.) To prescribe that transfers of money or securities already made, or which may hereafter be made, from profit and loss or rest account to capital stock account, shall be deemed to be payments made by the Subscribers on account of their respective shares, and shall, to the extent of the sums so transferred or to be transferred, exonerate the Subscribers from liability to payments in respect of their shares.
- (3.) To increase or reduce the number of Directors of the Company; and to alter their qualification, their rotation, and their duration in office, and to provide that Directors going out of office by rotation shall be immediately re-eligible, and that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Company going out of those offices respectively, shall be immediately re-eligible to the same offices.
- (4.) To reduce the number of Auditors of the Company; and to alter the qualification of Trustees and Auditors, their rotation, and their duration in office, and to provide that Trustees and Auditors going out of office by rotation shall be immediately re-eligible.
- (5.) To provide for the periodical enrolment of the names of new proprietors of the Company in lieu of the enrolment of transfers of shares; to enforce the transfer of shares standing in the names of deceased proprietors; to facilitate legal proceedings by the Company against proprietors; to introduce the word "Fire," into the title of the Company; to provide for the execution of policies of insurance either in the United Kingdom or Abroad, by such means as the Directors shall from time to time prescribe, or as the Bill shall direct; and in other respects to amend the constitution of the Company, and to provide for the more easy transaction of its business.
- (6.) For the foregoing and for other purposes to amend, repeal, rescind, vary, or suspend the provisions of the deed of settlement of the Company bearing date the 12th day of February 1803, and also the provisions of the Acts (Local and Personal) 54 Geo. III., cap. 12, intituled, "An Act to enable the Imperial Insurance Com-"pany to sue and be sued in the name of the "Chairman for the time being, or of any other "Member of the Company," and 5 Vic., sess. 2, cap. 66, intituled, "An Act to enable the "Imperial Insurance Company to alter some of "the provisions of their deed of settlement, and