

ship or chapelry of Saint Helen's Auckland, in the parishes of Saint Andrew Auckland and Saint Helen's Auckland, or the one of them, thence to pass in, through, or into the several parishes, chapelries, and townships of Saint Helen's Auckland, Shildon, West Auckland, and Saint Andrew Auckland, or some of them, and to terminate by a junction with that part of the Wear Valley Railway, originally called the Bishop Auckland and Weardale Railway, at or near the telegraph-station of that railway, near the north end of the Shildon-tunnel, in the township and parish of Saint Andrew Auckland, all in the county of Durham.

A branch railway to commence by a junction with the Blackboy Branch of the Stockton and Darlington Railway at or near the place where such branch crosses Denburn Beck, in the township and parish of Saint Andrew Auckland, in the county of Durham, thence to pass in, through, or into the several parishes and townships of Saint Andrew Auckland, Saint Helen's Auckland, Bondgate in Auckland, Bishop Auckland, Coundon Grange, and Coundon, or some of them, all in the county of Durham, and to terminate at or near Coundon turnpike-gate, in a field and brick-yard belonging to John Proud, and in the occupation of John Proud and William Featherstone, situate in the township of Coundon, and in the parish of Saint Andrew Auckland aforesaid.

And it is proposed by the said intended Act to authorise the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company to abandon the Brusselton Incline Plane of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, which will become unnecessary by reason of the construction of the branch railway firstly hereinbefore described, or any part thereof.

And it is also proposed by the said intended Act to authorise the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company to purchase lands and houses, by compulsion or otherwise, for the purposes of the railways and works so proposed to be constructed as aforesaid; and also to purchase by compulsion or otherwise, for the general purposes of their undertaking, certain lands in the township of East Thickey, and parish of Saint Andrew Auckland, adjoining or near to that part of the Stockton and Darlington Railway which lies between the east side of the highway leading from Redworth to Eldon, where the same is crossed by the Stockton and Darlington Railway, in the township of East Thickey and parish of Saint Andrew Auckland, in the county of Durham, and the west side of the boundary line which divides the townships of East Thickey and Middridge, in the said parish of Saint Andrew Auckland, where the said Stockton and Darlington Railway crosses such boundary line, and to vary and extinguish all existing rights and privileges connected with any lands, houses, or other property whatsoever proposed to be purchased, taken, used, or interfered with for the purposes aforesaid, or which would in any manner impede or interfere with the purposes of the said intended Act, or any of them, and to confer other rights and privileges; and also to enable the said Company to levy tolls, rates, or duties, for or in respect of the said intended branch railways respectively and works, and to grant exemptions from the payment of such tolls, rates, and duties.

And it is also proposed by the said intended Act to take power to stop up, alter, or divert, whether temporarily or permanently, all turnpike-roads, highways, railways, tramways, canals, streams, and rivers, within or adjoining to the aforesaid parishes and townships, which it may be necessary to stop up, alter, or divert, in executing the several purposes of the said intended Act.

And notice is hereby further given, that plans defining the lines of the proposed branch railways respectively, and the lands so proposed to be pur-

chased, and sections showing the levels of the intended branch railways, together with a published map, whereon will be defined the general course or direction of such branch railways respectively, and a book of reference to such plans, and a copy of this notice, as published in the London Gazette, will, on or before the thirtieth day of November in this present year, be deposited for public inspection with the Clerk of the Peace for the county of Durham, at his office in Durham; and that on or before the said thirtieth day of November a copy of so much of the said plans, sections, and book of reference as relates to the several parishes within which the said intended branch railways and works respectively are proposed to be made, or within which the said lands are situate, together with a copy of this notice, will be deposited for public inspection with the parish clerk of each such parish, at his residence.

And it is also proposed by the said intended Act to empower the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company to purchase or take upon lease for any term or number of years, compulsorily or by agreement, all or any part of the lands upon which those portions of the railways belonging to the Wear Valley Railway Company, and now under lease to the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company, which were formerly called the Wear and Derwent Railway and the Weardale Extension Railway respectively, and the works and appurtenances thereof, are situate, and all estates, terms, and interests therein; and to vary and extinguish all rights and privileges connected with such lands or which would or might impede or interfere with the object last aforesaid.

And it is also proposed by the said intended Act to empower the Stockton and Darlington Railway Company to raise a further sum of money for all or any of the purposes thereof, and for the general purposes of their railway, by the creation of new shares, subject to the payment of dividends on any now existing preference or guaranteed shares in the Company, and of all rents for the time being payable by the Company, or by mortgage, or by both those means, or by some other means to be provided by the said intended Act, or otherwise to apply any part of their corporate funds for all or any of such purposes.

And it is further proposed by the said intended Act to alter, amend, extend, and enlarge the powers and provisions of the several Acts following, or some of them (that is to say): "The Stockton and Darlington Railway (Consolidation of Acts, Increase of Capital, and Purchase of the Middlesbrough Dock) Act, 1849;" "The Stockton and Darlington Railway Act, 1851;" "The Stockton and Darlington Railway Act, 1852;" "The Wear Valley Railway Act, 1845;" and an Act passed in the session of Parliament, held in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for enabling the Wear Valley Railway Company to purchase or lease the Bishop Auckland and Weardale Railway; the Wear and Derwent Railway; the Weardale Extension Railway; and the Shildon Tunnel; and to raise an additional sum of money, and for other purposes;" or otherwise to repeal all or some of the said Acts, and consolidate the powers and provisions thereof, and of the intended Act, or some of them, into one Act.

And notice is hereby also given, that on or before the thirty-first day of December next, printed copies of the intended Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

Dated this tenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

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