

An Act for transferring to a Company the powers vested in the Commissioners under "The North Shields Quay Act, 1851."

An Act for making a railway from the town and royal burgh of Selkirk to the Hawick Branch of the North British Railway, about a mile southwards from the Galashiels station of the said branch, and for other purposes.

An Act for making a railway from the London and North Western Railway, near Stockport, to Disley and Whaley Bridge, all in the county of Chester, and for other purposes.

An Act for authorising the transfer to the London and North Western Railway Company of the Haydon-square Branch of the London and Blackwall Railway, and for other purposes, and of which the short title is "The London and North-Western Railway Act, 1854."

An Act for enabling the Great Western Railway Company to make a branch railway to connect the Berks and Hants Railway with the main line of the Great Western Railway near Reading; for extending the time for completion of parts of the Wilts, Somerset, and Weymouth Railway, and for reviving the powers for purchase of land for; and for completing other portions of, that railway; and for other purposes.

An Act for limiting the liability of the shareholders in the Electric Telegraph Company, and for granting additional powers to such Company.

An Act for determining the existing lease of the West London Railway to the London and North Western Railway Company, and for enabling the last-mentioned Company and the West London Railway Company to enter into fresh arrangements for the sale or lease of the undertaking of the West London Railway Company to the London and North Western Railway Company, and for the settlement of all disputes between the said Companies, and for other purposes.

An Act for making a railway from the parish of Saint John the Evangelist, in the city and liberty of Westminster, to Clapham, in the county of Surrey, with a branch from such railway to join the authorized line of the "West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway," at Long Hedge Farm, in the parish of Saint Mary, Battersea, in the county of Surrey.

An Act to extend the powers of the Cork and Waterford Railway Company, and to enable them to abandon part of their railway to Waterford, and the branch to Tramore; and for other purposes.

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.

An Act for enabling the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Company to construct a branch line of railway to the town of Chipping Norton, in the county of Oxford, and for regulating the working and use of the same by such Company,

An Act to authorise agreements between the direct London and Portsmouth Railway Company and the Portsmouth Railway Company, and for winding up the affairs of the direct London and Portsmouth Railway Company.

An Act to enable the West End of London and Crystal Palace Railway Company to make a railway from Norwood to Bromley and Farnborough, and for other purposes.

An Act to dissolve the York and North Midland and Leeds Northern Railway Companies, and to vest their undertakings in the York, Newcastle and Berwick Railway Company, to be thenceforth called "The North Eastern Railway Company," and to alter the constitution of that Company, and to authorize working arrangements with the Malton and Driffield Junction Railway Company, and the amalgamation of that Company with such united Company, and for other purposes.

An Act for making a railway from the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Carlisle Railway, at or near Hexham, in the county of Northumberland, to or near the Belling, in the parish of Falstone, in the same county, to be called "The Border Counties Railway (North Tyne Section)," and for other purposes.

An Act for relieving the Ratcliffe Gas Light and Coke Company and their servants and agents, from certain penalties and penal actions.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
August 3, 1854.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the enclosed copy (translation) of a Proclamation respecting an alteration in the Lighthouse at Koster, on the coast of Sweden.

(Copy.)

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PROCLAMATION.

THE Royal Administration of Marine announces, for the information and guidance of mariners, that a lens apparatus of the 4th degree, with a fixed light, and giving out sharp flashes at short intervals (*à feu fixé, varié par des éclats et par courtes éclipses*), was put up on the Northern Lighthouse at Koster, instead of the blue light which was there before, and that the lighting of the same began on the evening of the 23rd of June last. According to the trial ordered to be made to obtain information respecting the extent and power of the light of this lighthouse, compared with the lens-light of the 3rd degree, with a fixed light, which is placed beside it, the flashing light was visible at a distance of 3 geographical miles, and the flashes, which only lasted 7 seconds, gave out as much power as the light of the fixed lighthouse.

Stockholm, July 14, 1854.

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August 3, 1854.*

THE Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a translation of a Note, addressed to Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Naples, reporting the decision of the Neapolitan Board of Health, by which vessels arriving from Malta will be subjected to a quarantine of observation of 7 days.

War-Office, 4th August, 1854.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Lieutenant Theophilus John Levett to be Captain, by purchase, vice Andrews, who retires. Dated 4th August, 1854.

Lieutenant George Henry, Earl of Mount Charles, to be Captain, by purchase, vice Sir William Augustus Fraser, Bart., who retires. Dated 4th August, 1854.