

shares of the said Companies, or of the North British Railway Company, or either of the Companies in lieu of existing shares, debentures, and other securities, and the interest thereon.

To enable the said two Companies or either of them, and the North British Railway Company, to enter into and carry into effect contracts, agreements, or arrangements with reference to the vesting, sale, or transfer of the undertakings of the said two Companies, or either of them, to the North British Railway Company, or for the amalgamation of the undertakings of the said two Companies, or either of them, with the North British Railway Company, and to confirm and (738)

give effect to any agreement or agreements for any of those purposes entered into before the passing of the intended Act; for the dissolution in certain events of the said two or one of those Companies, and for other purposes, and to make provisions in respect thereto, and for the purpose of merging in the North British Railway Company all the rights, powers, and privileges of the said two Companies or either of such Companies with reference to their respective undertakings.

To vest or provide for the vesting of the undertakings of the said two Companies, or either of them in, and the amalgamation thereof with the undertaking of the North British Railway Company upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, or as may be provided for or prescribed by the intended Act.

To authorize if need be the exchange or substitution of preferred guaranteed or ordinary shares or stock of the North British Railway Company, for shares or stock of the said two Companies, or either of such Companies, and to enable the North British Railway Company to create, or issue preference, or other shares, or stock for that purpose.

To dissolve or provide for the dissolution of the said two Companies, and to provide for the exercise and fulfilment by the North British Railway Company, in their own name and under their own seal, and in the names and under the hands of their directors, officers, and servants of all the rights, powers, privileges, liabilities, and obligations of the said two Companies, or either of those Companies, whether with reference to the acquisition of lands, the construction or maintenance of works, the levying of tolls, rates, and charges, the granting or issuing of mortgages, or bonds, or otherwise; and for the conversion into shares or stock of the North British Railway Company, of the shares or stock in the capital of the said two Companies or either of them.

To enable the North British Railway Company to apply to the purposes of the intended Act, or some of them, such portion of their corporate funds as they shall think expedient, and to raise for such purposes additional capital by the creation of shares or stock, with or without a preference guarantee or priority in payment of dividends, and by mortgage or borrowing, or by any of such means.

To vary and extinguish all rights and privileges which may interfere with any of the objects and purposes aforesaid, or with the objects and purposes of the intended Act, and to confer other rights and privileges.

To alter, amend, extend, enlarge, or if need be to repeal, so far as may be necessary, all or some of the powers and provisions of the several local and personal Acts of Parliament following, or some of them, that is to say:—The Acts 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 153; 25 and 26 Vic., cap. 45, and all other Acts relating to the Carlisle and Silloth Bay Railway and Dock Company. The Act 16 and 17 Vic., cap. 119, relating to the Port Carlisle Dock and Railway Company. The Act

25 and 26 Vic., cap. 189, and the several Acts relating to the North British Railway Company, and the undertakings connected therewith (that is to say), the Acts passed in the Sessions held respectively in the 49th, the 54th, the 57th, and the 59th years of the reign of King George the 3rd; the 2nd, the 4th, the 5th, the 7th, the 10th, and the 11th years of the reign of King George the 4th; and the 1st, 3rd, and 4th, 5th, and 6th, the 6th and 7th, and the 7th years of the reign of King William the 4th; the 2nd and 3rd, the 4th and 5th, the 6th and 7th, the 7th and 8th, the 9th, the 9th and 10th, the 10th and 11th, the 11th and 12th, the 12th, the 12th and 13th, the 14th, the 14th and 15th, the 15th and 16th, the 17th, the 17th and 18th, the 18th and 19th, 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, the 25th and 26th, the 26th and 27th, the 27th and 28th, the 28th and 29th, the 29th and 30th, the 30th and 31st, the 31st and 32nd, the 32nd and 33rd, the 33rd and 34th, the 34th and 35th, and the 35th and 36th years of the reign of her present Majesty, and all other Acts relating to the Company or the Companies connected therewith.

Printed copies of the said intended Act will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, on or before the 21st day of December next.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1872.

Durnford and Co., Parliament-street,
Westminster.

In Parliament.—Session 1873.

Metropolitan Bridges.

(Freeing of certain Bridges from Toll; Extension of Coal and Wine Duties and other powers; power to lend monies for purposes of Kew and other Bridges Act, 1869; Repeal and Amendment of Acts).

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Metropolitan Board of Works (who are herein referred to as "the Board") intend to apply to Parliament in the next Session for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the freeing from Toll, and throwing open to the public, the following Bridges, or some of them, that is to say:—Hammersmith Suspension Bridge, Fulham otherwise Putney Bridge, Wandsworth Bridge, Battersea Bridge, Albert Bridge, Chelsea Suspension Bridge, Vauxhall Bridge, Lambeth Bridge, Waterloo Bridge, and Deptford Creek Bridge.

To authorise agreements with the several proprietors of the said respective Bridges, and the lessees, mortgagees, trustees, creditors, and other persons interested in the tolls on any of such Bridges, as to the sums of money or compensation to be paid in respect of the said respective Bridges, or any of them, with a view to throwing the said Bridges, or some of them, open to the public free from toll; and where no such agreement is come to, to authorise and require the amount of compensation to be settled in manner provided by "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869" (as amended by "The Regulation of Railways Act, 1868"), with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, and for this purpose to extend to the Bill the compulsory powers of purchase, and the other needful provisions of those Acts.

To provide that on payment of the moneys agreed upon or ascertained in manner before-mentioned, the said respective Bridges shall thenceforth be free, and that toll shall no longer be taken thereat, and that the Bridges so freed shall afterwards be maintained as County Bridges,