

In Parliament.—Session 1876.

Great Eastern Railway.

(Consolidation of Stocks; Arrangements as to Capital; Provisions respecting East Anglian Stocks; Additional Capital; Further Powers as to redemption of 6½ per Cent. Preference Stock, and as to redemption Fund for B Debenture Stock; Amendment of Borrowing Powers under the Company's Act of 1874; Application of Compensation Money for Telegraphs; Further Powers as to erection of Houses, &c.; Subscriptions to other lines and arrangements as to Borrowing Powers of Leased and Worked Lines; Conversion of Bishopsgate Station into a Goods Station; New Junction Railway to connect the Ely and Norwich Line with the Ipswich and Norwich Line; Improvement of Line from Wymondham to Dereham and Dereham Station; Construction of Branch Line from Lynn and Ely Line to Stoke Ferry; Branch from North Woolwich Line to Works of Imperial Gas Company; Vesting in the Company of Ely and Newmarket Railway, and Powers of Contribution and Construction; Powers of Arrangement with the Gas Light and Coke and other Gas Companies as to Branch Line; Widening, Alterations and Improvements of Railways and Railway Bridges and acquisition of Lands for Station and other purposes in various Counties; Abandonment of certain Lines; New Wharves on the River Lea; Power to take Water from the River Nene and Works at Fletton; Extension of Time for Sale of Surplus Lands; Extension of Time for Compulsory Purchase of Lands, and for Completion of Works; As to Regulations on Stowmarket and Ipswich Navigation; Confirmation of Agreement with London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company; Amendment of Acts, &c.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the next Session by the Great Eastern Railway Company (hereinafter called "the Company") for leave to bring in a Bill for all or some of the following purposes (that is to say):—

1. To authorise and provide for the consolidation or conversion of all or some of the Company's guaranteed and preference stocks into one or more class or classes of rent charge stock, guaranteed stock, or preference stock, and for the Great Eastern Metropolitan undertaking becoming part of the general undertaking in the event of the holders of the Great Eastern Metropolitan Stock agreeing to any such consolidation or conversion.

2. To authorise and provide for the consolidation and conversion into one or more class or classes of debenture stock of the East Anglian A B C and No. 1 Stocks, or some of them, and for the consolidation of any two or more of such debenture stocks into one class of debenture stock, and for the conversion of East Anglian No 2 (Ordinary) Stock into Great Eastern Ordinary Stock, and to authorise arrangements between the Company and the proprietors of all or any of the said East Anglian Stocks for effecting any such consolidation or conversion, and to give effect to any arrangements with the holders of the East Anglian Stocks as to the cesser of their powers of appointing directors or otherwise.

3. To repeal or amend all or some of the provisions of the Company's Acts in reference to all or any of the stocks to be consolidated or converted as hereinbefore mentioned, or to the consolidation or conversion into debenture stock or otherwise of all or any of such stocks, and to vary or extinguish rights and privileges and

confer other rights and privileges, and to prescribe the mode of carrying any such consolidation or conversion into effect, and the consent to be given by the holders of the various classes of stocks in relation thereto.

4. To authorise the Company to raise additional capital by the creation of new ordinary or preference shares or stock in their undertaking, and by mortgage, debenture stock or otherwise, and to regulate and prescribe the manner, times, and amounts in which the capital so authorised shall be created, raised, and issued, and the standing or priority of different portions of such capital inter se, and of the whole or some portion or portions of such capital with reference to capital which the Company may hereafter be authorised to raise.

5. To alter and amend the provisions of section 75 of the Great Eastern Railway Act, 1874, and of any other Act with regard to the redemption of the 6½ per cent. preference stock, 1866, and to authorise the Company to pay the proportion of interest due at the time of redemption, and to provide for the cesser of interest on the day fixed for redemption, and to authorise the Company to pay the amount of any unclaimed money in respect of such redemption into the Court of Chancery.

6. To make further provision with reference to the time and mode of setting apart the redemption fund of the B debenture stock provided for by the Great Eastern Railway Finance Act, 1867.

7. To amend and extend the provisions of section 58 of the Great Eastern Railway Act, 1874, with reference to the powers of borrowing under that section.

8. To authorise the application of a portion of the money received from the Postmaster-General in respect of the telegraphs to improvements of the plant, stations, and works of the Company.

9. To increase the amount which the Company are by the 72nd section of the Great Eastern Railway Act, 1874, authorised to expend in the erection of buildings connected with or dependent on the structure of their Metropolitan stations and railways, and to extend and enlarge the powers conferred by that section, and to authorise the appropriation of land by the Company for hotels and other buildings, and the granting by them of building or other leases with special conditions and powers of surrender of leases.

10. To authorise the Company to enter into arrangements with the Gas Light and Coke Company, and the Imperial Gas Company, and the Amalgamated Company as to the construction of the branch line and works hereinafter described and otherwise.

11. To authorise the Company to subscribe or further subscribe to the capitals of the following companies, that is to say, the Ely and Newmarket Railway Company; Ely, Haddenham and Sutton Railway Company, and East Norfolk Railway Company, and to agree with those Companies as to the application of the subscription, and to authorise the Company to agree with those or any of those Companies as to the exercise of their respective borrowing powers, and to enable the Company, if so agreed, to exercise those powers and to advance the money to the respective Company on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon.

12. To authorise the Company to apply their capital to the conversion of the Company's Bishopsgate (high level) passenger station into a goods station, and for the erection of arches and buildings, and the construction of approaches