

Subject to agreement with the Omnibus Company and the Corporation of Birmingham, to authorise the transfer to, and acquisition by the Company, and the sale and transfer by the Omnibus Company, and to vest in the Company the undertakings, lands, works, estates, property, real and personal, and all rights, powers and privileges conferred (1) upon the Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Company by the Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Act, 1870 (hereinafter called the Act of 1870), and the Birmingham and Staffordshire Tramways Act, 1873 (hereinafter called the Act of 1873), and (2) upon the Birmingham and Staffordshire Extension Tramways Company, under the Birmingham and Staffordshire Extension Tramways Act, 1872 (hereinafter called the Act of 1872), all which powers and privileges were transferred to and vested in the Birmingham and District Tramways Company (Limited and Reduced), as assignees of the said companies respectively, and which by virtue of a certain agreement for the sale of the assets of the said Company (Limited and Reduced) are now vested in the Omnibus Company.

To release and indemnify the Omnibus Company from and against all the conditions and liabilities of and under the Act of 1870, the Act of 1872, and the Act of 1873 respectively, and to confer on the Company all the rights, powers, privileges, and authorities conferred by the Act of 1870, the Act of 1872, and the Act of 1873, and now vested in the Omnibus Company, to the same effect, and under and subject to the same conditions and liabilities as the Omnibus Company are now subject to, and to authorise the Company to exercise all such rights, powers, privileges, and authorities, under and subject to such conditions and liabilities.

To empower the Company to take leases of, or to run over, and use with their engines, carriages, and vehicles of every description, servants, and horses, all or any of the tramways belonging to the Corporation of Birmingham, the Omnibus Company, the South Staffordshire and Birmingham District Steam Tramways Company, Limited, or the Western Districts Company, the Birmingham and Aston Tramways Company, Limited, and all and any other tramways, or parts of tramways, within the borough of Birmingham, or districts of the Manor of Aston, or Handsworth Local Boards, or King's Norton Union Rural Sanitary Authority, or Northfield Highway Board, either belonging to the aforesaid or any other Companies, or to the Corporation of Birmingham, or any other local or road authority, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Company or the respective owners or lessees of, or persons or companies working the tramways, or parts of tramways, to which any such agreement as to running powers relates, or failing agreement as may be settled by arbitration, or otherwise, as may be provided for by the intended Order.

To enable the Company for all or any of the purposes of the intended Order to purchase, acquire, or to take lands, houses, and buildings, or easements over, or in connection with lands, houses, buildings, or other property, and to erect and hold offices, buildings, engine houses, stables, and other conveniences on any such lands, and to sell, lease, or dispose of any such lands, houses, buildings, or other property.

To authorise and require the Omnibus Company, the Company, or the Corporation of Birmingham, to alter and reduce the gauge of or to lay down additional rails upon the existing

tramways of the Omnibus Company or of the Corporation of Birmingham authorised by the Act of 1870, the Act of 1872, and the Act of 1873, or any Act or Order amending or extending the same, or relating to the tramways now worked or leased by the Omnibus Company (which Acts and Orders are hereinafter called the Birmingham Tramways Acts), and to reduce such gauge from 4 feet 8½ inches to a gauge of 3 feet 6 inches, or such other gauge as may be prescribed by the Order or authorised by the Board of Trade, and to enable the Omnibus Company, the Corporation of Birmingham, and the Company, or either of them, to apply their funds to such alteration of gauge, and to the laying down additional rails, and to the payment of the cost thereof by the two Companies, and the Corporation of Birmingham jointly or either of them separately, or for apportioning such cost between them; to alter and vary or reduce the tolls and charges authorised by the Birmingham Tramways Acts, and for any or either of such purposes and any purposes ancillary thereto, to amend, repeal, or extend the provisions of the Birmingham Tramways Acts, and to authorise the Company on every or any such tramways as aforesaid to use engines and carriages or cars of any width not exceeding 6 feet 3 inches.

To enable the Company to employ for moving carriages, trucks, and vehicles of every description on their existing tramways, on the tramways to be authorised by the intended Order, and on any tramways to be acquired, worked, run over, or leased by them under the powers of the intended Order, either animal power or steam, or other mechanical power, and also to enable the Company to work all tramways now belonging to them or to be authorised, acquired, leased, run over, or worked under the powers of the intended Order, by means of ropes, cables, or wires laid below the surface of the ground in connection with stationary engines or otherwise; and for that purpose and any purpose appurtenant or ancillary thereto, to lay down, on, or under the surface of any street, road, or place, such tubes, plates, or apparatus, and to make and maintain such openings, tubes, or ways, in, or under any such surface as may be necessary, either for the actual working of the tramways, or for providing access to or connection with any stationary engines; and to empower the Company for the purpose of so working the tramways, to erect stationary engines and machinery for working such ropes, cables, or wires, and to empower the Company to acquire and hold patent and other rights and licences, and to use patent and other rights and licences in relation to any such mechanical or other power, or any of them.

To enable the Company on the one hand, and the Omnibus Company, the South Staffordshire and Birmingham District Steam Tramways Company, Limited, and the Corporation of Birmingham, or either of them, or any other local or road authority, company, or corporation, on the other hand, to enter into agreements with respect to the working, interchange, accommodation, and conveyance of traffic arising on their respective tramways, and to provide for the division and appropriation of the revenue arising from such traffic.

To authorise, sanction, confirm, or give effect to any agreements already entered into or hereafter to be entered into between the Company, the Corporation of Birmingham, the South Staffordshire and Birmingham District Steam Tramways Company, Limited, the Omnibus