

Harbour Improvement Railway and Works Act, 1874, and any other Acts relating to or affecting the Brading Harbour Improvement and Railway Company, and all Acts relating to or affecting the London and South Western and London Brighton and South Coast Railway Companies respectively, and also any schemes of arrangement sanctioned by the High Court of Justice in relation to the said Companies or any of them.

Printed copies of the Bill for the 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 19th day of November, 1886.

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Channel Tunnel.

(Experimental Works.)

(Powers to the South Eastern Railway Company and the Submarine Continental Railway Company, Limited, or one of them, either alone or jointly with any other Company, Government, body, or person, to maintain, vary, and enlarge existing works, and execute further experimental and other works for a tunnel beneath the Straits of Dover; Appropriation of soil and bed of the Straits of Dover; Provision for vesting in the Lords of the Treasury the right of determining the expediency of prosecuting the permanent works and for the transfer of the same to the Lords of the Treasury; Provision for the admission of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway; Application of capital of South Eastern Railway Company to purposes of Bill; Amendment of Section 14 of "South Eastern Railway Act, 1874;" Amendment or repeal of Section 17 of "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845;" Amendment and repeal of Acts, Memorandum of Association, and other purposes.)

APPPLICATION will be made to Parliament next session by the South Eastern Railway Company (hereinafter called "the Railway Company") and the Submarine Continental Railway Company, Limited (hereinafter called "the Tunnel Company"), which Companies together are hereinafter referred to as the "Two Companies," or by one of those Companies, for leave to bring in a Bill for all or some of the following purposes (that is to say):—

To enable the two Companies or one of them, either alone or jointly with any other Company, Government, body, or person as may be provided by the Bill, to maintain, alter, enlarge, and extend for experimental purposes the existing shafts, borings, headways, driftways, and other workings already executed by them or one of them upon the foreshore in the parish of Hougham, in the county of Kent, and in, through, and under the bed of the Straits of Dover above and below low water mark, at or near the Shakespeare Tunnel, near Dover, in the said parish of Hougham, and adjacent thereto, with the object of ascertaining and determining the practicability of making and maintaining a tunnel for railway purposes beneath the Straits of Dover between England and France.

To enable the two Companies, or either of them, either alone or jointly with any other Company, Government, body, or person as aforesaid, to use and appropriate so much of the soil

and bed of the Straits of Dover as may be required for the works and purposes aforesaid, and for any of the purposes of the intended Act, and to acquire such other rights, powers, and privileges as may be necessary or convenient for or in connection with all or any of the purposes of the intended Act.

To make provision (in the event of the said experimental Channel Tunnel Works proving successful, and the practicability of constructing and making the said Channel Tunnel being demonstrated) for vesting in the Lords of the Treasury, or as the intended Bill may prescribe, the sole right of determining the expediency of continuing or prosecuting the permanent works of the Channel Tunnel, and to empower the Lords of the Treasury to sanction and authorise the prosecution, continuance, and execution of the said permanent Channel Tunnel Works, subject to such conditions, restrictions, and requirements as the said Lords of the Treasury or as the Bill may prescribe, and to enable the two Companies, or either of them, either alone or jointly with any other Company, Government, body, or person to prosecute, continue, and execute such permanent works.

To provide that in the event of the said experimental works proving successful as aforesaid, the two Companies, or either of them, either alone or jointly with any other Company, Government, body, or person executing or having executed the same, or any permanent Channel Tunnel works, may within ten years from the passing of the said intended Act, or within such other period as may be provided by the Bill, or Parliament may prescribe, be required to sell and transfer the same to the Lords of the Treasury, or as the Bill may prescribe, upon such terms as may be agreed upon, or failing agreement as may be settled by arbitration.

To make provision for admitting the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company to join and participate in the execution of the said experimental and permanent tunnel works or either of them, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon between the two Companies or either of them, and any other Company, Government, body, or person associated with them in the same undertaking, upon the one hand, and the London, Chatham and Dover Railway Company on the other hand, or as failing agreement may be settled by arbitration.

To enable the Railway Company to apply to and raise for the purposes of the Bill, any money or funds now under their control, or which they are authorised to raise by any other Act, and which may not be required for the purposes to which by that Act such money or funds are authorised to be applied.

To alter and amend Section 14 of the "South Eastern Railway Act, 1874," by increasing the amount thereby authorised to be expended for the purposes therein mentioned.

To alter, and amend and if need be to exempt the proposed works from the operation of Section 17 of the "Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.

To vary or extinguish all rights and privileges connected with the land and soil beneath the Straits of Dover and the bed of the English Channel, and all other rights and privileges which would in any manner interfere with the objects of the Bill, and to confer all such other rights and privileges as would be conducive to the attainment of all or any of the purposes of the intended Act.

It is proposed by the intended Act to alter,