

To make provision as to the costs of arbitration in certain cases, and to require in certain circumstances persons claiming compensation in respect of lands taken or injuriously affected or easements or rights acquired under the intended Act to pay the whole or part of the costs incurred by them.

To provide for limiting the amount of compensation and claims in respect thereof in cases of recent improvements, alterations or buildings and recently created interests in lands or property.

To provide for the determination exclusively by a single arbitrator, to be appointed in manner provided by the Bill, of questions of disputed compensation arising under the intended Act either in all cases or in such cases as the Two Companies or either of them may think fit or as may be defined in the Bill, and in those cases to render inapplicable to the settlement of such questions the provisions of the Lands Clauses Acts relating to the settlement of cases of disputed compensation by justices or a jury, and to vary or amend the said Acts accordingly in their application to the Two Companies.

To empower the Two Companies or either of them and any council or local authority and any company, body or person to enter into agreements in relation to the execution of any works and the contributing to the cost thereof, and the construction, repair and maintenance of any streets, roads, footpaths or ways, and to enable any such council, authority or body to provide the necessary funds for the purpose by borrowing and by the levying of rates, and to confirm any such agreement which may already have been, or which at any time hereafter may be entered into in relation to any of the matters aforesaid.

To provide for the working and user of the said intended railway and the user of the said lands by the Two Companies jointly or severally and the provision of rolling stock for the said railway on such terms as may have been or may be agreed or prescribed or provided for by the Bill.

To provide for payment by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Company and the North Western Company respectively of such proportion of the cost of constructing the said intended railway and works, and acquiring the said lands or any part or parts thereof respectively as may be agreed or prescribed or provided for by the Bill.

To empower the Two Companies jointly and severally to demand and recover tolls, rates and other charges for, or in respect of, the intended railway and works and to alter existing tolls, rates and charges, and to grant exemptions from the payment of tolls, rates and charges.

To empower the Two Companies to enter into and carry into effect agreements with respect to all or any of the matters aforesaid, and to confirm and give effect to any such agreements which may have been or may be made prior to the passing of the intended Act and generally to make all such provisions and to confer upon the Two Companies and each of them all such powers as may be deemed necessary or expedient for giving effect to the foregoing objects.

To empower the Two Companies respectively to increase their capital for all or any of the purposes of the intended Act, and of any other Act or Acts of the same Session, and for pur-

poses connected with any other undertaking in which they are jointly interested and for the general purposes of the Two Companies respectively, and to raise further sums of money by the creation and issue of new shares or stock, with or without a guaranteed or preference dividend or other rights or privileges attached thereto, and by the creation and issue of debenture stock, and by borrowing or by any of such means and also to apply to all or any of such purposes any capital or funds belonging to the Two Companies respectively.

To vary or extinguish all rights and privileges which would in any manner impede or interfere with the objects of the intended Act, and to confer other rights and privileges.

The Bill will incorporate with itself or apply either with or without amendment or will render inapplicable to the Two Companies and the intended railway and works all or some of the provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, the Railways Clauses Act 1863, the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, the Companies Clauses Acts 1845 to 1889, and any Act or Acts amending or extending the said Acts or any of them.

For the purposes aforesaid it is intended if need be to alter, amend and extend, or to repeal all or some of the powers and provisions of the several local and personal Acts following, or some of them (that is to say):—

The Act 22 & 23 Vict., cap. 110, and all or any other Acts relating to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Company. The Act 9 & 10 Vict., cap. 204, and all or any other Acts relating to the North Western Company. The Act 5 & 6 Will. IV., cap. 58, and all or any other Acts relating to the Preston and Wyre Railway.

Duplicate plans and sections shewing the lines, situation, and levels of the intended railway and the lands in, through, or over which it will be made, or which may be compulsorily taken or used for the construction thereof, and a book of reference to such plans containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and of the occupiers of such lands, also an Ordnance Map with the lines of the intended railway delineated thereon so as to show its general course and direction, and a copy of this Notice as published in the London Gazette will be deposited for public inspection, on or before the 30th day of November instant, with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Lancaster, at his office at Preston; and on or before the same day a copy of the said plans, sections and book of reference, and a copy of this Notice as published in the London Gazette, will be deposited with the Clerk of the Urban District of Thornton at his office at Thornton.

Printed copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the 17th day of December next.

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