

WEST HARTLEPOOL HARBOUR AND RAILWAY AND NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANIES.

(Amalgamation, Lease, or Sale, and Working Arrangements; Arrangements as to Capital and amongst Shareholders; Amendment of Acts, and other purposes.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that application will be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for an Act for all or some of the following purposes; that is to say,

The union and amalgamation, or lease, or sale, from and after such period and upon such terms and conditions as may have been, or may hereafter be, agreed upon, or as may be provided by the intended Act, of the West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Company, its works, undertaking, and property, with or to the North-Eastern Railway Company, and the purchase or taking on lease of the same by the last-named Company, and for the union and consolidation into one undertaking of the several works and undertakings of such two Companies, so that all the undertakings, property, estate and effects, goods and chattels, rights, powers and privileges, of what nature or kind soever, and whether with reference to the levying of tolls, rates, and duties, or otherwise vested in, and belonging to, or exercised and enjoyed by, the said two Companies, severally or jointly, at the time of such amalgamation, lease, or sale, may be vested in, and belong to, and be exercised and enjoyed by, such one united and consolidated Company, or by the North-Eastern Railway Company.

For the dissolution of the West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Company, and the incorporation of its shareholders with the North-Eastern Railway Company and its shareholders.

For regulating, consolidating, fixing, and increasing the capital and the borrowing powers of the said two Companies, or either of them, or of such united and consolidated Company.

To alter, vary, enlarge, or extinguish the rights and privileges, preferences, and priorities of the shareholders in the said two Companies, or either of them, and to confer on such respective shareholders other rights and privileges, and to create different classes of shares and stock, and additional shares and stock in such two Companies, or either of them, or in such united Company, and to confer different rights and privileges, and different degrees of preference and priority in the payment of dividends on the holders of such different classes of shares and stock as amongst each other, and to allot and appropriate such additional shares and stock to and amongst the shareholders in or creditors of the West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Company as may be agreed upon with them, or otherwise as may be provided by the said intended Act.

For the fulfilment by the said two Companies, or either of them, or by such united Company, of any contracts, agreements, or arrangements which may have been or may hereafter be entered into by or with such two Companies or either of them, and capable of taking effect at or after the period of such union or amalgamation, lease or sale.

To consolidate, capitalise, and provide for the mortgage bond and other debts and liabilities of the said two Companies, or either of them, and the security of the holders of such mortgages and bonds, and of other creditors.

To alter, vary, and increase the tolls, rates, and duties leviable by the said two Companies, or either of them, either before or from and after the date or taking effect of such union or amalgamation, lease or sale, and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemp-

tions from payment of tolls, rates, or duties, and to confer, vary, or extinguish other rights and privileges.

To arrange and provide for the division and apportionment between the said two Companies, and the shareholders thereof respectively, or any of them, prior and subsequent to such amalgamation, lease, or sale, of the income or proceeds of the traffic of all or any part of the railways, works, and property of the said two Companies, or either of them.

For the creation of new shares or stock (either ordinary or preferential) for paying or discharging, capitalising or otherwise satisfying the mortgage bond and other debts and liabilities of both or either of the said two Companies or of such united Company, or such of the ordinary or preference shares or stock in either of the said two Companies as are subject to redemption or payment off, or any part thereof respectively.

For enabling the said two Companies to enter into and carry into effect such contracts, agreements, or arrangements as they may think fit, in reference to the joint or other working and use, maintenance and support, by both or either, of them, of all or any part of their respective railways, works, and property, upon such terms and conditions, and for and in respect of such payments, or such proportion of the tolls, rates, income, and charges of their respective railways, works, and property, or such other consideration as may from time to time be agreed upon between the said two Companies, or as may be fixed by the said intended Act; and during the continuance of such contracts, agreements, or arrangements to enable the said two Companies respectively to exercise all or any of their respective powers, rights, and privileges, and to appoint a joint committee to exercise the same, and such other rights, powers, and privileges as may be necessary or expedient to carry into effect such contracts, agreements, arrangements, or objects aforesaid.

To alter, amend, extend, and enlarge (so far as may be necessary for carrying out the objects and purposes of the said intended Act), or, if need be, to repeal all or any of the powers and provisions of "The West Hartlepool Harbour and Railway Act, 1852," of "The North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Act, 1854," and "The North Yorkshire and Cleveland Railway Act, 1855," of "The Hartlepool Port and Harbour Act, 1855," and of the local and personal Acts, 2 and 3 Vic., cap. 71, and 4 Vic., cap. 26, relating to the West Durham Railway Company, and of the following several Acts relating to the North-Eastern Railway Company, or some of them (that is to say):—Local and Personal Acts 6 Wm. 4, cap. 21; 1 Vic., cap. 68; 4 Vic., cap. 7; 5 Vic., sess. 2, cap. 80; 6 Vic., cap. 8; 7 Vic., caps. 21 and 27; 7 and 8 Vic., cap. 61; 8 and 9 Vic., caps. 34, 57, 58, 84, 92, 104, and 163; 9 Vic., caps. 58, 59, 65, and 66; 9 and 10 Vic., caps. 77, 89, 95, 96, 149, 153, 154, 164, 207, 235, 241, 242, 247, 264, and 330; 10 and 11 Vic., caps. 117, 133, 134, 140, 141, 210, 216, 218, and 219; 11 and 12 Vic., caps. 24, 55, 56, 57, 68, 71, and 81; 12 and 13 Vic., caps. 27, 58, and 60; 13 and 14 Vic., caps. 38 and 53; 14 Vic., cap. 39; 14 and 15 Vic., caps. 47, 84, and 85; 15 Vic., caps. 36, 37, 57, 96, and 114; 15 and 16 Vic., cap. 127; 16 and 17 Vic., caps. 109 and 136; 17 Vic., cap. 73; and 17 and 18 Vic., caps. 164 and 211; and any other Acts of Parliament directly or indirectly relating to the said Companies respectively; and so far as may be requisite, to confirm, alter, vary or annul all deeds, contracts, or agreements entered into by the said Companies respectively, which