

or any of the stocks or shares of the Severn Valley Railway Company, into stocks or shares of the West Midland Railway Company, and for the issue of the mortgages or bonds authorized to be granted by the Severn Valley Railway Company, for raising the sums of money which such Company are authorized to borrow, by and as the mortgages and bonds of the West Midland Railway Company, and the raising of such money by debenture stock of that Company, such mortgages, bonds, and debenture stocks to be charged solely upon the undertaking of the West Midland Railway Company, or primarily on the undertaking of the Severn Valley Railway Company, and as a collateral security upon the undertaking of the West Midland Railway Company, and to authorize the West Midland Railway Company to issue mortgages, bonds, and debenture stock accordingly, and to authorize such Companies to enter into such further or other arrangements with reference to the lease and management of the undertaking and affairs of the Severn Valley Railway Company, as may be authorized or prescribed in the Bill, and to confirm any agreement entered into by the said Companies.

To alter, amend, and enlarge the powers and provisions of "The Severn Valley Railway Leasing Act, 1860;" and "The Severn Valley Railway Act, 1855;" and the other Acts relating to the Severn Valley Railway Company, "The West Midland Railway Act, 1860;" "The Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway Act, 1845;" "The West Midland and Severn Valley Railways Act, 1861;" and any other Acts relating to the West Midland Railway Company, and the undertaking, belonging to that Company.

To vary and extinguish all rights and privileges which will interfere with the objects of the Bill.

Printed copies of the intended Bill will, on or before the 23rd day of December next, be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1861.

Burchells, 5, Broad Sanctuary.

Geo. T. Porter, 4, Victoria-street, Westminster.

Southmolton Corporation.

(Sale of Corporation Property; Application of Proceeds of Sale; Erection of Market Houses and Regulation of Markets; Application of Local Government and other Acts; Repeal and Amendment of Acts and Charters.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application will be made during the ensuing session, by the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of Southmolton, in the county of Devon, hereinafter called "The Corporation," for an Act for all or some of the following objects and purposes (that is to say):—

To empower the Corporation to sell or otherwise alienate all or any portion of their lands and hereditaments, situate within the borough of Southmolton:

To authorize and empower all parties interested in such lands and hereditaments, whether in possession, reversion, or otherwise, to join in any sale or alienation authorized by the Act:

To authorize the Corporation to apply all or part of the principal and interest of all monies arising from any such sale or alienation of their lands and hereditaments in and towards the improvement of the borough of Southmolton, and the purposes of the Act, and to make other provision for the application thereof:

To authorize the Corporation to purchase or otherwise acquire by agreement any lands and

hereditaments which may be necessary for the purposes of the Act; and powers will also be taken to confirm the purchase and conveyance of any lands contracted for or purchased for any of the purposes contemplated by the Act previously to the passing thereof; powers will also be taken to alter, regulate, remove, or abolish the markets and fairs now held within the borough, and the places for holding the same, and to extinguish or vary the rates, tolls, dues, and franchises, and other rights and privileges now payable or existing within the borough in respect to such markets and fairs, and to authorize the owners and lessees thereof to grant and surrender the same to the Corporation, and to prohibit the holding of existing markets or fairs in the streets or highways within the borough, and the hawking of marketable commodities within the same:

To authorize the Corporation to erect, provide, maintain, and regulate market-places, shops, and market-houses, with all requisite buildings, stables, sheds, weighing-machines, slaughter-houses, approaches, and other works and conveniences, and to let the same, and the market tolls and fair tolls:

To continue or establish, provide, maintain, and regulate a market or markets and fairs for the sale of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and other live stock; wool, hay, corn, flour, meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, and other marketable commodities:

To apply to the borough, and with or without modifications thereof, all or some of the provisions of the following Acts of Parliament; that is to say: "The Markets and Fairs Clauses Act, 1847;" "The Towns Improvement Clauses Act; 1847;" "The Public Health Act, 1848;" "The Local Government Act, 1858;" and "Local Government Act (1858) Amendment Act, 1861 (including the provisions relating to markets, fairs, water supply, sewers and drainage, streets, and improvements);" and of the Acts incorporated with those Local Government Acts, including "The Lands Clauses Consolidation, 1845;" and "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860:"

To levy tolls, rates, or duties in respect of markets and fairs (and the conveniences connected therewith), water supply, sewers, drainage, and other improvements authorized or regulated by the Act; to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from the payment of tolls, rates, or duties; to confer, vary, or extinguish other rights and privileges.

General and special powers will be taken by the Act to authorize the Corporation to raise by lease or mortgage of any rates, tolls, or duties authorized by the Act, or the local government Acts, such sums as may be necessary from time to time for the improvement of the borough, and the purposes of the Act.

It is intended by the Act to alter, amend, vary, or repeal all or some of the provisions of the following Charters which have been granted to the town of Southmolton, namely: 32nd Queen Elizabeth (1590); 36th Charles II (1684); and also (so far as regards the borough of Southmolton) of an Act passed in the 6th year William IV, cap. 76, intituled "An Act for the regulation of Municipal Corporations in England and Wales;" and of any other Act or Acts relating to Municipal Corporations.

On or before the 23rd day of December next, copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

Dated this 29th day of October, 1861.

Russell M. Riccard, Town Clerk, Southmolton.

Frederick Gale, 43, Parliament-street, Westminster, Parliamentary Agent.