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Forth and Clyde Junction and Caledonian Railway Companies.

(Amalgamation, Purchase, or Lease; Running Powers over portions of undertaking of North British Railway Company; Amendment or Repeal of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing session, for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the Caledonian Railway Company, or to authorize or provide for the vesting in that Company, by amalgamation, purchase, or lease, from and after such date, and on such terms and conditions as may be fixed by or under the provisions of the said Bill, of the undertaking of the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company, together with the lands, works, property, monies, and effects and powers, rights and privileges of the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company, of whatsoever kind, whether constituted by statute, agreement, or otherwise, and whether with reference to the raising and borrowing of money, the purchase, compulsorily or otherwise, of lands and houses, the construction of works, the fixing and levying of tolls, rates, and charges, the management, maintenance, working, and use of the said undertaking, or otherwise, which shall have been or shall be vested in, or held or enjoyed by, the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company, at the time of the said amalgamation, purchase, or lease.

And it is intended by the said Bill to provide, if thought expedient, for the dissolution of the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company, and for the incorporation of the shareholders therein, or some of them, with the Caledonian Railway Company and the shareholders in that Company; and also to provide for varying, regulating, and fixing the capital of the said two Companies, or of the Caledonian Railway Company, and the rights, privileges, preferences, and priorities in and against the Caledonian Railway Company and the respective undertakings of the said two Companies, or the united undertaking, and the respective portions thereof, of the several classes of shareholders in the said two Companies, and of the holders of debenture stock in, and of annuities, mortgages, bonds, and funded and other debts due by the said two Companies respectively, or either of them; and for the fulfilment and discharge by the Caledonian Railway Company of all or some of the obligations entered into, and debts and liabilities incurred by the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company.

And it is intended by the said Bill to authorize the Caledonian Railway Company to redeem the preference and ordinary shares which have been issued by the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company, by payment of such price or substitution of such shares or stock (ordinary, preference, or guaranteed) in the Caledonian Railway Company, as may be provided by the said Bill; and to authorize the Caledonian Railway Company to guarantee a fixed or fluctuating dividend upon each of the said classes of shares in the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company; and to create and issue new stock or shares in the Caledonian Railway

Company, with or without preference or guarantee of dividend; and to borrow additional money on mortgage, or on bond or cash credit; and to create and issue debenture stock in lieu of the sums so borrowed, or authorized to be borrowed; as also to levy tolls, rates, and charges in respect of the use of the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway and works connected therewith, and the conveyance of traffic thereon; and to authorize the alteration of existing tolls, rates, and charges, the conferring, varying, and extinguishing of exemptions from payment of such existing, altered, or new tolls, rates, and charges, and other rights and privileges; and to make provision for cancelling forfeited and unissued shares in each of the said Companies; and to enact or provide for all such powers, provisions, matters, and things as may be necessary, convenient, or proper for effecting such amalgamation, purchase, or lease as aforesaid, or in relation thereto; and to authorize the said Companies to enter into and execute all conveyances, leases, and agreements which may be necessary for effecting the objects aforesaid; and to confirm any such agreement or agreements which may have been or may be entered into between them prior to the passing of the said Bill.

And it is intended by the said Bill to empower the Caledonian Railway Company, for the purposes of mineral and goods traffic, to run over and use with their engines, waggons, and trucks, and to use with their clerks, officers, and servants, the portions after mentioned of the undertaking of the North British Railway Company, viz.:—the railway now or formerly called the Stirling and Dunfermline Railway, together with the branch railways, stations, sidings, watering-places, water, and other works and conveniences connected therewith; and that part of the railway now or formerly called the Caledonian and Dumfriesshire Junction Railway, lying between the junction therewith of the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway and Bowling, together with the station at Bowling, and the station accommodation, watering-places, water, and other works and conveniences connected therewith, upon the terms and conditions, and on payment of the tolls and rent agreed upon between the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company and the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company, to whom the said Stirling and Dunfermline Railway and Caledonian and Dumfriesshire Junction Railway formerly belonged; and for that purpose to alter the statutory tolls, rates, and charges leviable by the North British Railway Company, in respect of the said portions of their undertaking; to confer, vary, and extinguish exemptions from the payment of such tolls, rates, and charges, and to enable the Caledonian Railway Company to levy tolls, rates, and charges in respect of traffic conveyed by them over the said portions of the undertaking of the North British Railway Company; as also to confirm all agreements made between the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company and the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company, with respect to the several matters aforesaid, and to vest in the Caledonian Railway Company all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by such agreements on the Forth and Clyde Junction Railway Company.

And for these and other purposes it is intended by the said Bill to amend "The Caledonian Railway Act, 1845," and the several other Acts relating to the Caledonian Railway Company, and to the undertakings belonging to and held in lease by them, passed in the sessions of Parliament held respectively in the ninth and tenth, the tenth and eleventh, the eleventh and twelfth, the twelfth and thirteenth, the fourteenth and fifteenth, the sixteenth and seventeenth, the seventeenth and