

and stations, sidings, and conveniences of the West Lancashire Railway Company.

To authorise the Company for the purposes of their undertaking to purchase by compulsion or agreement, or to confirm the purchase and acquisition by or on behalf of the Company, or any contract or agreement entered into by the Company for the purchase or acquisition of the following properties—

Certain lands, houses, and buildings situate in the parish of Frodingham, in the Parts of Lindsey, in the county of Lincoln, lying and abutting on the south side of the railway of the Company, at or near a point on that railway distant 12 chains or thereabouts measured in an easterly direction from the centre of the station at Frodingham on the railway of the Company.

Certain other lands, houses, and buildings situate in the township of Newton, in the parish of Mottram-in-Longdendale, in the county of Chester, lying on the southerly side of a street called Railway-brow, and on the easterly side of a street called Sheffield-street.

Certain other houses, lands, and buildings situate in the township and parish of Manchester, lying and abutting on the southerly side of the Ashton Canal belonging to the Company, and on the north-westerly side of a street called Store-street.

Certain other lands, houses, and buildings situate in the borough of Stalybridge, in the township of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the county of Lancaster, bounded by Hulley-street on the west, Crossley-street on the south, Harrop-street on the east, and Market-street on the north.

To extend the time for the sale of all or any lands belonging to or vested in the Company, which are not or eventually may not be required for the purposes for which those lands were respectively purchased or acquired, and to confer further powers on the Company in relation to those lands. To enable the Company to sell or dispose of the lands which have been acquired by them, or some part or parts thereof, for building or other purposes, or to grant building or other leases of those lands or any part or parts thereof, or to dispose of, lease or let those lands, or any part or parts thereof, on ground rents, chief rents, or otherwise, and at such rent and upon such terms and conditions as they may think proper, and so far as necessary to alter, amend, and extend the provisions of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with reference to the sale of superfluous lands, and to enable them to retain portions of land which may be deemed superfluous, notwithstanding anything in that Act or any other Act or Acts to the contrary.

To authorise and empower the Company to extinguish certain annuities created and made payable under and by virtue of the following local and personal Acts, or some of them, that is to say:—9 and 10 Vic., cap. 267; 11 and 12 Vic., cap. 86; 11 and 12 Vic., cap. 94; and 12 and 13 Vic., cap. 75; and to convert the said annuities so intended to be extinguished into debenture stock of the Company to such an amount as shall produce an annual interest or dividend equal to the said annuities intended to be extinguished, and for the purpose aforesaid, to alter, amend, and repeal the whole or part of the last-mentioned Acts, or some of them, and all other Acts in any way affecting those annuities or any of them, and to enable the Company to create and issue such an additional

amount of debenture stock as shall be necessary to carry out and effect the purposes aforesaid. And also to dissolve and extinguish the following Companies or Corporations, namely, the Company of Proprietors of the Peak Forest Canal, the Company of Proprietors of the Macclesfield Canal, the Company of Proprietors of the Canal Navigation from Manchester to or near Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham, and the Company of Proprietors of the Sheffield Canal, and the stocks and shares in those canals, and the rights and interests of the owners or proprietors of those stocks and shares.

To authorise the Midland Railway Company jointly with the Company or the Sheffield and Midland Railway Companies' Committee to construct or to contribute towards the cost of constructing the intended Railway No. 4, and works connected therewith, such contribution to be out of their corporate funds, and if necessary out of capital to be raised by them under the powers of the Bill by shares or stock, and by loan, and with or without any priority of dividend or interest, or other advantages over their respective existing and authorised capital, and to confer on the Midland Company and the Company or the Sheffield and Midland Railway Companies' Committee all and singular the powers proposed to be conferred on the Company with regard to the construction of that railway, the compulsory purchase of land and other matters connected therewith.

To enable the Company to subscribe for and take and hold shares in the undertaking authorised by "The Isle of Axholme and Marshland Tramways Order, 1882," confirmed by The Tramways Orders Confirmation (No. 2) Act, 1882, and to raise and apply such capital as may be necessary for that purpose.

To empower the Company for all or any of the purposes of the intended Act, and for other the general purposes of the Company, to increase their capital, and to raise further sums of money by the creation and issue of new shares and stock, with or without a guaranteed or preference dividend or other rights and 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 Company.

To enable the Company to apply any moneys belonging to them or under their control, and to subscribe towards the cost of any soundings and of any borings, shafts, driftways, or other works or experiments in connection with or for testing the practicability or otherwise of making a tunnel under the River Humber; and, if thought expedient, to incorporate or constitute a committee or other body to represent the Company and any other companies, corporations, or persons willing to join in and to take charge of or subscribe, or contribute towards the cost of the execution of such works and experiments; and for all or any of those purposes to enable the Company or committee to be so formed to enter into agreements with landowners and others for the purchase, leasing, occupation, or user of any lands and hereditaments that may be necessary for carrying into effect those works and experiments.

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

To alter, amend, extend, and enlarge, and if