

registered address is No. 13, St. Helens-place, Bishopsgate-street Within, in the city of London, or a Company to be hereafter named in the Order (hereinafter called "the Company") in the present month of May under the provisions of the Light Railways Act, 1896, for an Order for effecting the purposes or some of the purposes following (that is to say):—

1. To authorize the Company to make and maintain in the township or parish of Ryhope in the rural district of Sunderland, in the townships or parishes of Seaham, Dalton-le-Dale, East Murton, Cold Hesledon, and Hawthorn, in the rural district of Easington, and in the township or parish of Dawdon and the urban district of Seaham Harbour, all in the county of Durham, the railways hereinafter described or some or one of them or some part or parts thereof respectively, together with all necessary and convenient bridges, culverts, viaducts, rails, plates, sidings, tunnels, junctions, stations, approaches, roads, buildings, yards, and other works and conveniences connected therewith; that is to say:—

(1) A Railway (No. 1) 2 miles 2 furlongs 7·7 chains or thereabouts in length, commencing in the township or parish of Ryhope by a junction with the existing Houghton-le-Spring and District Tramways at a point 24 yards or thereabouts, measured in a north-westerly direction from the north-west corner of the Albion Inn, passing thence under the North-Eastern Railway (Sunderland and Hartlepool Branch), thence along the coast road leading to Seaham Harbour and terminating in North-road at or near the boundary dividing the urban district of Seaham Harbour from the township or parish of Seaham at a point 70 yards or thereabouts measured in a northerly direction from the northern corner of the Masonic Hall.

(2) A Railway (No. 2) 1 mile 6 furlongs 1·1 chain or thereabouts in length, commencing by a junction with Railway (No. 1) at its termination, passing thence into and along North-road, North-terrace, North Railway-street, and Castlereagh-road, passing under the North-Eastern Railway (Seaham and Sunderland Branch) and terminating in the township or parish of Seaham, at a point in the Stockton and Sunderland main road 20 yards or thereabouts south-east of the eastern corner of the Mill Inn.

(3) A Railway (No. 3) 2 miles 2 furlongs 1·3 chains or thereabouts in length commencing in the township or parish of Seaham by a junction with Railway (No. 2) at its termination, passing thence in a southerly direction along the Stockton and Sunderland main road to its junction with the road leading to Murton Colliery, thence in a westerly direction into and along the last-mentioned road and Murton-street and terminating in the township or parish of East Murton at a point in Murton-street 56 yards or thereabouts south-east of the south-east corner of the Colliery Inn.

(4) A Railway (No. 4) 1 mile 5 furlongs 0·6 chain or thereabouts in length commencing in the township or parish of East Murton by a junction with Railway (No. 3) at its termination, passing thence in a southerly direction on the west side of the outhouses belonging to the cottages on the western side of Durham-place, thence through gardens to the disused Murton Branch of the South Hetton Railway, thence along the said disused branch to and crossing the public footpath leading from Cold Hesledon to South Hetton, thence through the fields along the south side of the said footpath to a point 133 yards or thereabouts south-west of

the north-east corner of a field numbered 121 in the township or parish of Cold Hesledon on the 1-2500 Ordnance Map of Durham (Second Edition, 1897), sheet xxi, 10, passing thence in a south-westerly direction through fields to and under the Seaham Branch of the South Hetton Railway at a point 5 yards or thereabouts west of the junction of the Pespool Branch with the Seaham Branch of the said railway, thence along the east side of the said Pespool Branch to the western corner of Hawthorn-terrace, South Letton, and terminating in the township or parish of Hawthorn by a junction with the tramway authorized by the Houghton-le-Spring and District Tramways Order, 1900, at a point 19 yards or thereabouts measured in a westerly direction from the western corner of Hawthorn-terrace.

The gauge of the intended railways will be 4 feet 8½ inches or such other gauge as may be prescribed or sanctioned by the Light Railway Commissioners or the Board of Trade, and it is proposed to work and use the same by means of animal or by electrical or other mechanical power.

2. To authorize the Company to purchase and take by compulsion or agreement for the purposes of road widenings and other works, and in connection with the construction, maintenance, and working of the said railways and the works and conveniences necessary for such purpose, lands, houses, tenements and hereditaments, and easements in or over lands, and hereditaments in the parishes or townships and urban and rural districts aforesaid, or in some or one of them. The lands so proposed to be purchased compulsorily chiefly consist of agricultural and garden and other lands with the buildings thereon, and forecourts, railways, railway sidings, tramways and tramroads, and comprises as regards Railway (No. 1) for the purpose of widening the road leading from Ryhope to Seaham Harbour and the alteration or diversion of roads and other works in connection with the construction of Railway (No. 1) 1¼ acres or thereabouts; for the purpose of widening the road leading from Seaham Harbour to Seaham Colliery, and making a subway under the North-Eastern Railway (Seaham and Sunderland Branch) in connection with the construction of Railway (No. 2) 1 acre or thereabouts; for the purpose of widening the Sunderland and Stockton Main-road, and the road leading from New Hesledon to Murton Colliery in connection with the construction of Railway (No. 3), ½ acre or thereabouts; and for the purpose of the construction of Railway (No. 4), 7 acres or thereabouts.

The lands so to be acquired are delineated on the deposited plan hereinafter mentioned, and are described in the book of reference to such plan.

And notice is hereby given that on or before the 31st day of May instant plans and sections of the proposed railways, and of the lands to be taken, and a book of reference thereto may be seen at all reasonable hours at the office of Messrs. D. Balfour & Son, Civil Engineers, 3, St. Nicholas-buildings, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, or of Messrs. Longden, Mann and Longden, Solicitors, at Easington, County Durham, and copies of the draft Order may on or before that day be obtained at the said offices, or at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents on payment of one shilling per copy.

And notice is also given that every company, corporation or person desirous of making any objection respecting the application for the said Order should do so in writing to the Light Railway Commissioners. Such objections should be on foolscap paper, and written on one side only,