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An Act to authorize the *London, Brighton, and South Coast* Railway Company to run Steam Vessels between *Littlehampton*, Places on the Coast of *France*, and in the *Channel Islands*.

[30th *June* 1864.]

WHEREAS by means of the Railways belonging to the *London, Brighton, and South Coast* Railway Company (herein-after called "the Company") a continuous and direct Line of Communication from the Metropolis and from many other Towns is afforded to *Littlehampton* in the County of *Sussex*, which is a convenient Place for the shipping or landing of Passengers and other Traffic to or from various Places on the Coast of *France* and in the *Channel Islands*: And whereas it would be of public Advantage if the Company were empowered to establish and use Steam Vessels to run between *Littlehampton* and the several Places on the Coast of *France* and in the *Channel Islands* which are specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and it is expedient that the Company should be authorized to establish and use Steam Vessels accordingly, and should have other Powers in reference to Steam Vessels, and Powers to raise Money for such Purposes by the Creation of Shares or Stock in their Undertaking, and by borrowing: And

whereas the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, (as follows):

Short Title.

1. In citing this Act for any Purpose it shall be sufficient to describe it as "The *London, Brighton, and South Coast* Railway Company (Steamboats) Act, 1864."

Power to Company to provide and use Steam Vessels.

2. The Company from Time to Time may build, purchase, or hire, and may use, maintain, and work Steam Vessels for the Purpose of carrying on a convenient and efficient Communication by means thereof between *Littlehampton* and the several Places on the Coast of *France* and in the *Channel Islands* specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed, and may take Tolls in respect of such Steam Vessels, or may contract or arrange with, and subscribe, guarantee, or contribute towards the Funds of any Company or Persons navigating or intending to navigate Steam Vessels between *Littlehampton* and such Places, or any of them.

26 & 27 Vict. cc. 92. & 118. incorporated.

3. The Provisions of "The Railways Clauses Act, 1863," Part IV. (relating to Steam Vessels), and the Provisions of Part I. (relating to Cancellation and Surrender of Shares), and Part II. (relating to additional Capital) of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," shall be incorporated with this Act.

Rates for use of Steam Vessels.

4. The Charges to be made by the Company for the Conveyance of Passengers in such Steam Vessels between the Points of Embarkation and Disembarkation shall not exceed the Charges following, calculated according to the Mileage Distances specified in the said Schedule; (that is to say,)

In respect of Passengers provided with the First Class or Rate of Accommodation on board the said Steam Vessels, Threepence *per* Mile:

In respect of Passengers provided with the Second Class or Rate of Accommodation on board the said Steam Vessels, Twopence *per* Mile:

In respect of Passengers provided with the Third Class or Rate of Accommodation on board the said Steam Vessels, One Penny Farthing *per* Mile.

Passengers Luggage.

5. Every First-class Passenger conveyed by any Steam Vessel of the Company, or partly by a Steam Vessel of the Company and partly by the Railway of the Company, may take with him his ordinary Luggage,

Luggage, not exceeding One hundred and twenty Pounds in Weight, and every Second-class Passenger not exceeding One hundred Pounds in Weight, and every Third-class Passenger not exceeding Sixty Pounds in Weight.

Application of Funds.

6. The Company may apply to the Purposes by this Act authorized any Monies raised or to be raised by them by virtue of any other Act, and not required for the Purposes to which they are by any such other Act made specially applicable.

Power to raise further Money by new Shares.

7. The Company may from Time to Time raise, by the Issue of new ordinary Shares and new ordinary Stock in their Undertaking, or by either of those Means (in addition to such Sums of Money as they now are or by any other Act of the present Session of Parliament may be authorized to raise), any further Sum not exceeding in the whole One hundred thousand Pounds, but no Share shall be issued by the Company, or shall vest in the Person accepting the same, until not less than Twenty *per Centum* on the nominal Amount thereof shall have been paid thereon.

Preference Shares or Stock may be issued.

8. The Company may from Time to Time raise all or any Portion of such further Sum by the Issue of new Preference Shares and of new Preference Stock, or by either of those Means.

Limit of Amount and Number of Calls.

9. The Amount of any One Call to be made in respect of the new Shares created under the Powers of this Act shall not exceed the Rate of Twenty-five Pounds *per Centum* on the Amount of such Shares, and there shall be an Interval of Two Calendar Months at the least between every Two successive Calls, and not more than Three Fourths of the Amount of each Share shall be called up in any One Year.

Dividends on new Shares.

10. Every Person who becomes entitled to any new Share or Stock created under the Powers of this Act shall in respect of the same be a Shareholder or Proprietor in and of the Undertaking of the Company, and (except as otherwise provided by or under the Powers of this Act) shall be entitled to a Dividend with the other Shareholders or Proprietors proportioned to the Amount of such Stock or to the whole Amount for the Time being paid up on such Share, as the Case may be.

Qualifications, &c. for new Shares and Stock.

11. Except as by or under the Powers of this Act otherwise provided, all such new Stock shall, in proportion to the Amount thereof, and all such new Shares shall, in proportion to the Amount for the Time being paid up thereon, confer upon the respective Holders thereof

thereof the ordinary Qualifications, Rights of voting, and other Privileges conferred by other Shares or Stock of the Company.

Receipt for Persons under Disability.

12. The Receipt of the Guardian of any Shareholder being a Minor, or the Committee of any Shareholder being an Idiot, Lunatic, or Person *non compos mentis*, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Company for any Money payable to such Shareholder.

Power to borrow on Mortgage.

13. The Company may from Time to Time raise any additional Sum, not exceeding in the whole Twenty-five thousand Pounds, by borrowing on Mortgage; but no Money shall be so borrowed until under the Powers of this Act the said additional Capital of One hundred thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for or taken, and One Half of that Amount shall have been paid up, and until the Company shall have proved to the Justice who is to certify under the Fortieth Section of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," before he so certifies, that Shares for the whole of the said additional Capital of One hundred thousand Pounds have been issued and accepted *bonâ fide*, and that not less than Twenty *per Centum* has been paid up on account of each separate Share before or at the Time of the Issue and Acceptance thereof, and that such Shares were taken *bonâ fide*, and are held by the Subscribers or their Assigns, and that such Subscribers or their Assigns are legally liable for the same (of which Facts the Certificate of such Justice under that Section shall be sufficient Evidence).

Priority of existing Mortgages.

14. All Mortgages granted by the Company before the passing of this Act, and which shall be in force at the Time of the passing of this Act, shall as regards the Undertaking comprised in and assigned by such Mortgages have Priority over all Mortgages granted by virtue of this Act.

Extending Powers for Conversion of Shares into Stock.

15. The Powers of the Company for the Conversion of Shares into Stock shall extend to all Shares when the nominal Value thereof is or shall be fully paid up, whether paid up in pursuance of Calls, or wholly or partly in anticipation of Calls.

Extending to Money borrowed under this Act certain Powers of the Company under other Acts for Conversion of Debt

16. Subject and without Prejudice to any Mortgages or Bonds granted by the Company under any Act of Parliament, and for the Time being in force, the Powers and Provisions of "The *London, Brighton, and South Coast* Railway Act, 1853," "The *London, Brighton, and South Coast* Railway Act, 1854," and "The *London, Brighton, and South Coast* Railway Company's Act, 1859," respectively, with respect to the Conversion of borrowed Capital into Debenture Stock and Perpetual Annuities, the Creation and Issue of Debenture

Debenture Stock, and the Grant and Sale of Debenture Stock and of Perpetual Annuities, in lieu of or in substitution for borrowing or reborrowing and providing Funds for paying off Mortgages or Bonds, and otherwise relating to such Debenture Stock and Annuities, and the Application and Investment of the Money to arise from the Grant, Sale, and Issue of any Debenture Stock and Perpetual Annuities, shall extend and apply to all Monies which the Company are by this Act authorized to borrow as fully and effectually as if all those Monies had been at the Date of the passing of "The *London, Brighton, and South Coast* Railway Act, 1853," authorized to be borrowed.

into Debenture Stock and Annuities.

17. The Company shall keep accurate and separate Accounts of the Amount of Debenture Stock and Annuities from Time to Time created and disposed of by them, and of the Application of such Debenture Stock and Annuities, and the Monies raised by the Disposal thereof, separate from the Accounts of other Stocks and Shares.

Separate Accounts of Application of Debenture Stock and Annuities to be kept.

18. All Money raised under the Powers of this Act by the Creation of new Shares or Stock, or on Mortgage, shall be applied only to the Purposes by this Act authorized.

Application of Money raised under this Act.

19. It shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by this Act or any other Acts relating to the Company authorized to be raised by Calls in respect of Shares, or by the Exercise of any Power of borrowing, to pay to any Shareholder any Interest or Dividend on the Amount of the Calls made in respect of the Shares held by him in the Capital by this Act authorized to be raised: Provided that nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to prevent the Company from paying to any Shareholder such Interest on Money advanced by him beyond the Amount of the Calls actually made as shall be in conformity with the Provisions in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," in that Behalf contained.

Interest not to be paid on Calls paid up.

20. It shall not be lawful for the Company, out of any Money by this Act or any other Acts relating to the Company authorized to be raised for the Purposes of such Act or Acts, to pay or deposit any Sum of Money which, by any Standing Order of either House of Parliament in force for the Time being, may be required to be deposited in respect of any Application to Parliament for the Purpose of obtaining an Act authorizing the Company to construct any Railway, or execute any other Work or Undertaking.

Deposits for future Bills not to be paid out of Capital.

21. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Railways of the Company or the Company from the Provisions

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of present and future General Acts.

Provisions of any General Act relating to Railways, or to the better or more impartial Audit of the Accounts of Railway Companies, for the Time being in force, or from any future Revision and Alteration, under the Authority of Parliament, of the maximum Rates of Fares and Charges and of the Rates for small Parcels authorized by any Act relating to the Company.

Expenses of Act.

22. The Costs and Charges of applying for and obtaining this Act and incidental thereto shall be paid by the Company.

The SCHEDULE to which this Act refers.

Names of Places.	Computed Distances in Miles of such Places from Littlehampton.
Havre - - - -	95 Miles.
Honfleur - - - -	100 Miles.
St. Malo - - - -	180 Miles.
Caen - - - -	110 Miles.
St. Peter's (Guernsey) - -	125 Miles.
St. Helier (Jersey) - -	150 Miles.

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