An Act for regulating the Gauge of Railways.

Whereas it is expedient to define the Gauge on which Railways shall be constructed: 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, That after the passing of this Act it shall not be lawful (except as herein-after excepted) to construct any Railway for the Conveyance of Passengers on any Gauge other than Four Feet Eight Inches and Half an Inch in Great Britain, and Five Feet Three Inches in Ireland: Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained shall be deemed to forbid the Maintenance and Repair of any Railway constructed before the passing of this Act on any Gauge other than those herein-before specified, or to forbid the laying of new Rails on the same Gauge on which such Railway is constructed within the Limits of Deviation authorized by the several Acts under the Authority of which such Railways are severally constructed.

If, And be it enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall apply to any Railway constructed or to be constructed under the Provisions of any present or future Act containing any special Enactment defining the Gauge or Gauges of such Railway, or any Part thereof, or to any Railway which is in its whole Length Southward of the Great Western Railway, or to any Railway in any of the Counties of Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, or Somerset, for which any Act has been or shall be passed in this Session of Parliament, or to any Railway in any of the last-mentioned Counties now in course of Construction, or to the Two Railways severally to be constructed under the Authority of Two Acts passed in this Session of Parliament, severally intituled An Act for making a Railway from the Great Western Railway at West Drayton to Uxbridge in Middlesex, and An Act for making a Railway from the Great Western Railway at Maidenhead in Berkshire to the Town of High Wycombe in the County of Buckingham; or to so much of an Act passed in this Session, intituled An Act to authorize

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authorize certain Extensions of the Line of the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway, and to amend the Act relating thereto, as authorizes the Construction of a Branch Railway from the Oxford, Worcester, and Wolverhampton Railway to the Town of Witney in the County of Oxford; or to an Act passed or which may be passed in this Session of Parliament, "to authorize the Construction of a Railway from Melin-y-Manack to Rhodydefydd in the County of Glamorgan."

III. And be it enacted, That the several Railways authorized to be constructed by an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled An Act for making a Railway, to be called "The South Wales Railway," and by an Act also passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled An Act for making a Railway from Monmouth to Hereford, with Branches therefrom to Westbury and to join the Forest of Dean Railway, and by Two Acts passed in this Session of Parliament, severally intituled An Act for completing the Line of the South Wales Railway, and to authorize the Construction of an Extension and certain Alterations of the said Railway, and certain Branch Railways in connexion therewith, and An Act for making a Railway Communication between the City of Bristol and the proposed South Wales Railway in the County of Monmouth, with a Branch Railway therefrom, shall be constructed on the Gauge of Seven Feet.

IV. And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful after the passing of this Act to alter the Gauge of any Railway used for the Conveyance of Passengers.

V. And be it enacted, That nothing herein-before contained shall be deemed to affect the Provisions of Two Acts passed in the last Session of Parliament, respectively intituled An Act for making a Railway from the City of Oxford to the Town of Rugby, and An Act for making a Railway from Oxford to Worcester and Wolverhampton, with respect to the Gauge on which they are to be formed, or the additional Rails which according to the several Provisions of the last Two recited Acts are to be or may be laid down and maintained on the Railways thereby authorized, or with respect to the Powers thereby conferred on the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations concerning the Construction and Use of the Railways thereby authorized.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any Railway used for the Conveyance of Passengers shall be constructed or altered contrary to the Provisions of this Act, the Company authorized to construct the Railway, or, in the Case of any Demise or Lease of such Railway, the Company for the Time being having the Control of the Works of such Railway, shall forfeit Ten Pounds for every Mile of such Railway which shall be so unlawfully constructed or altered, during every Day that the same shall continue so unlawfully constructed or altered; and in estimating the Amount of any such Penalty any Distance less than One Mile shall be estimated as a Mile.

VII. And be it enacted, That, over and above the Penalty herein-before provided, if any Railway used for the Conveyance of Passengers shall be constructed or altered contrary to the Provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Woods, Forests, Land Revenues, Works, and Buildings, or for the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, to abate and remove the same or any Part thereof so constructed or altered contrary to the Provisions of this Act, and to restore the Site thereof to its former Condition.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all Penalties under this Act may be recovered from the Company liable to pay and make good the same, as, under the Provisions of an Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, intituled An Act for consolidating in One Act certain Provisions usually inserted in Acts authorizing the making of Railways, a Penalty for any Infringement of the last-recited Act is recoverable against a Company authorized to construct a Railway.

IX. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in this Session of Parliament.

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An Act to amend an Act of the Seventh and Eighth Years of Her present Majesty, for reducing, under certain Circumstances, the Duties payable upon Books and Engravings.

[18th August 1846.]

W H E R E A S by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the Seventh and Eighth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled An Act to reduce, under certain Circumstances, the Duties payable upon Books and Engravings, it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, to declare that Books and Engravings published in certain Foreign Countries shall be liable only to the Duties set forth in the Schedule to the said Act annexed: And whereas a Treaty has been concluded between Her Majesty and the King of Prussia for the Purpose of securing to the Authors and Publishers of the United Kingdom and of the Dominions of Prussia respectively a reciprocal Protection in their Rights of Property in their Productions; And whereas by the said Treaty it is agreed that Books and Engravings published in the Dominions of Prussia shall upon their Importation into the United Kingdom be subject to such Duties only as are set forth in the said Treaty: And whereas such Duties do not in all respects correspond with the Duties set forth in the said Schedule to the said Act herein-before referred to; and it is expedient that Authority should be given to Her Majesty to carry the Provisions of the said Treaty into effect, and to conclude similar Treaties with other Foreign Powers: Be it therefore 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, That the said Act herein-before referred to shall be repealed.

II. And be it enacted, That whenever Her Majesty has, by virtue of any Authority vested in Her for that Purpose, declared that the Authors, Inventors, Designers, Engravers, or Makers of any Recited Act repealed. Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, reduce Duties on