



## CHAPTER 40.

An Act to amend the powers of the Board of Trade with respect to inquiries, arbitrations, appointments, and other matters under special Acts, and to amend the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, so far as regards the reference of differences to the Railway Commissioners in lieu of Arbitrators.

A.D. 1874.

[30th July 1874.]

**B**E 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 :

### *Preliminary.*

1. This Act may be cited as the Board of Trade Arbitrations, &c. Act, 1874. Short title.

### PART I.

#### *Board of Trade Inquiries, &c.*

2. Where, under the provisions of any special Act, passed either before or after the passing of this Act, the Board of Trade are required or authorised to sanction, approve, confirm, or determine any appointment, matter, or thing, or to make any order or to do any other act or thing for the purposes of such special Act, the Board of Trade may make such inquiry as they may think necessary for the purpose of enabling them to comply with such requisition or exercise such authority.

Power of Board of Trade as to inquiry.

Where an inquiry is held by the Board of Trade for the purposes of this section, or in pursuance of any general or special Act passed either before or after the passing of this Act, directing or authorising them to hold any inquiry, the Board of Trade may hold such inquiry by any person or persons duly authorised in that behalf by an order of the Board of Trade, and such inquiry if so held shall be deemed to be duly held.

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Expenses  
connected  
with arbitra-  
tion, sanc-  
tion, &c.

**3.** Where application is made in pursuance of any special Act passed either before or after the passing of this Act, to the Board of Trade to be arbitrators, or to appoint any arbitrator, referee, engineer, or other person, or to hold any inquiry, or to sanction, approve, confirm, or determine, any appointment, matter, or thing, or to make any order, or to do any other act or thing for the purposes of such special Act, all expenses incurred by the Board of Trade in relation to such application and the proceedings consequent thereon, shall, to such amount as the Board of Trade may certify by their order to be due, be defrayed by the parties to such application, and (subject to any provision contained in the said special Act) shall be defrayed by such of the parties as the Board of Trade may by order direct, or if so directed by an order of the Board of Trade shall be paid as costs of the arbitration or reference.

The Board of Trade may, if they think fit, on or at any time after the making of the application, by order require the parties to the application, or any of them, to pay to the Board of Trade such sum as the Board of Trade think requisite for or on account of those expenses, or to give security to the satisfaction of the Board of Trade for the payment of those expenses on demand, and if such payment or security is not made or given may refuse to act in pursuance of the application.

All expenses directed by an order of the Board of Trade or an award in pursuance of this section to be paid may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction as a debt, and if payable to the Board of Trade, as a debt to the Crown, and an order of the Board of Trade shall be conclusive evidence of the amount of such expenses.

Meaning of  
"special  
Act."

**4.** In this part of this Act the term "special Act" means a local or local and personal Act, or an Act of a local and personal nature, and includes a provisional order of the Board of Trade confirmed by Act of Parliament and a certificate granted by the Board of Trade under the Railways Construction Facilities Act, 1864.

Order of  
Board of  
Trade may  
be in writing.

An order of the Board of Trade for the purposes of this part of this Act, or of any such special Act as is referred to in this part of this Act, may be made by writing under the hand of the President or of one of the secretaries of the Board.

Repeal of  
35 & 36 Vict.  
c. 18.

**5.** The Act of the session of the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighteen, intituled "An Act for regulating Inquiries by the Board of Trade," is hereby repealed, without prejudice to anything done or suffered under that Act.

PART II.

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*Reference to Railway Commissioners.*

6. Where any difference to which a railway company or canal company is a party is required or authorised under the provisions of any general or special Act passed either before or after the passing of this Act, to be referred to the arbitration of or to be determined or settled by the Board of Trade, or some person or persons appointed by the Board of Trade, the Board of Trade may, if they think fit, by order in writing under the hand of the President or one of the Secretaries of the Board, refer the matter for the decision of the Railway Commissioners, and appoint them arbitrators or umpire, as the case may be, and thereupon the Commissioners for the time being shall have the same powers as if the matter had been referred to their decision in pursuance of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, and also any further powers which the Board of Trade, or an arbitrator or arbitrators, or umpire, appointed by the Board of Trade, would have had for the purpose of the arbitration, if the difference had not been referred to the Commissioners: Provided always, that this section shall not apply to any case in which application is made to the Board of Trade for the appointment of an umpire under the twenty-eighth section of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Power of Board of Trade to appoint Railway Commissioners to be arbitrators or umpire.

7. Where any difference is referred for the decision of the Commissioners in pursuance of the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, as amended by this part of this Act, the Commissioners shall have the same power by their decision of rescinding, varying, or adding to any award or other decision previously made by any arbitrator or arbitrators (including therein the Board of Trade) with reference to the same subject-matter as any arbitrator or arbitrators would have had if the difference had been referred to him or them.

Declaration as to powers of Commissioners in arbitrations.

8. This part of this Act shall be construed as one with the Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, and shall continue in force for the same time as that Act and no longer, but the expiration of this part of this Act shall not affect the validity of anything done before such expiration.

Duration, &c. of part of Act, and construction with 36 & 37 Vict. c. 48.

The Regulation of Railways Act, 1873, together with this part of this Act, may be cited as the Regulation of Railways Acts, 1873 and 1874.