

At a Meeting of the Board of Directors  
held the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1858

Directors present

Mr Wilkinson in the Chair

Mr Lee

Mr Luce

Mr Gilpin

also Mr Huxtable

Captain Berkeley

Mr Fowler

Mr Parson

Mr Austin

Dr Chalmers

Mr Williams

Mr Ogilvy

Mr Thompson

The Minutes of the former Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Parson reported that he had seen the Chairman of the Great Northern Railway Company, who declined to reopen the question of the Metropolitan at his Board.

Mr Fowler stated that Mr Lacy was prepared to give up his Contracts with the Company if required to do so, and to accept on behalf of himself and the Messrs Sedgewell, hand up shares for the amount of the deposits paid by them.

The following Resolution was moved by Mr Austin and seconded by Mr Lee "That the Solicitor be instructed to serve Notices to take the Lands between Paddington and the Point at which the proposed deviation in



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would commence near Kings Cross.  
Upon a show of hands the Resolution  
was carried, five voting for and  
three against it.

The following Protest was then  
handed in by the Great Western  
Directors present at the Board.

" To the Metropolitan Railway Company  
and to William Arthur Wilkinson Esq  
the Chairman and John Knuckman Esq  
the Secretary of the said Company.

" London 19<sup>th</sup> July 1850.

" We refer you to the Recital in the  
" Bill which in the present Session of  
" Parliament was on the part of the  
" Metropolitan Railway Company  
" introduced into Parliament for the  
" abandonment of the Metropolitan  
" Railway, and the dissolution of the  
" Company, in which amongst other  
" things it was stated as the fact was  
" that every effort on the part of the  
" Company to raise sufficient funds to  
" justify them in commencing the Works  
" had been defeated. Since that time the  
" difficulty in raising money has not  
" diminished and the Company are  
" still wholly unable to obtain sufficient  
" funds to justify the commencement  
" of the Works. Since that time also the  
" Great Northern Railway Company have  
" refused to become shareholders in the  
" Company or to render any pecuniary  
" assistance towards the undertaking.



" It has been ~~totally~~ impossible to obtain  
 " any satisfactory Contract with parties capable  
 " of providing out of their own means the  
 " very large amount necessary for completing  
 " the Works without having recourse to the  
 " Company for a portion in Cash which the  
 " Company are unable to find in the  
 " present position of their affairs.  
 " We therefore on the part of the Great Western  
 " Railway Company protest against any  
 " of the Works of the Metropolitan Railway  
 " Company being commenced or further  
 " prosecuted and against any Contract  
 " being entered into on the part of that  
 " Company for those Works or any part of  
 " them, and against any notice for entering  
 " upon taking or using any land for the  
 " purposes of the said Metropolitan Railway  
 " being given and against any other step  
 " being taken by which the liabilities of the  
 " Company shall be or may be increased,  
 " until a sufficient bond is deposited  
 " shall have been obtained so as to enable  
 " the Works to be duly proceeded with and  
 " completed. And we hereby require you  
 " to abstain from commencing or prosecuting  
 " any of the Works of the said Metropolitan  
 " Railway Company and from entering into  
 " any Contract on the part of the said  
 " Company for those Works or any part  
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" Thos Williams } Directors of the  
 " Thos Bacheley } Great Western  
 " David Ogilvy } Railway Company

Resolved that the Halfyearly Meeting  
 be held at the London Tavern on  
 Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> August at 1 o'clock p.m.

After the delivery of the above Protest  
 it was arranged on the suggestion of  
 the Great Western Directors that three  
 Directors from this Board should attend  
 at Paddington on Thursday to meet  
 a similar number of the Great Western  
 Directors, and Mr Wilkinson Mr Pown  
 & Mr Austin were requested to attend  
 accordingly.

Wm Wilkinson