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[Metropolitan Railway]

At a Meeting of the Board of Directors held the 19th July 1858

Directors present

Mr Wilkinson in the Chair

Mr Lee

Mr Luce

Dr Challice

Mr Gilpin

Mr Williams

Mr Simpson

Captain Bulkeley

Mr Ogilvy

Mr Austin

Mr Parson

also Mr Burchell

The Minutes of the former Meeting were read and confirmed.

Read Resolution of the Great Western Railway Company appointing Thos Luce Esqre M. P. a Director of this Company in the room of R. P. Smith Esqre.

Read letter from the Secretary of the Great Northern Railway Company of date the 14th Inst, enclosing Resolution of his Board in which they decline to subscribe £175,000 on the ground that £1,000,000. is insufficient to construct the undertaking.

Read letter from the Justices of Middlesex of date the 18th Instant, enclosing Copy of Mr Bidders Report, and recommending Company to Deviate their Line.

Read letter from Mr C. Pearson stating his intention to endeavour to induce the Great Northern Railway Co to reconsider their decision.

The expediency of instructing the Solicitor to serve the Land Notices was fully discussed, and the and the importance of not allowing the powers of the Company to lapse was fully admitted, but much anxiety was expressed to see first the pecuniary means of Carrying out the Undertaking.

Resolved, That under these circumstances the further consideration of this Question be adjourned to Tuesday the 27th Inst, Mr Parson being in the mean time requested and empowered to see the Contractors and Messrs Peto, Betts & Brassey or other parties with a view to ascertain and perfect any arrangement which will enable the Board to decide finally upon the expediency of serving the Notices.

W A Wilkinson [signed]