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[Metropolitan Railway Company]

At a Meeting of the Board of Directors held the 27th July 1858

Directors present

Mr. Wilkinson in the Chair

Mr Lee

Mr Luce

Mr Gilpin

Captain Bulkeley

Mr Parson

Mr Austin

Dr Challice

Mr Williams

Mr Ogilvy

Mr Simpson

also Mr Burchell

Mr Fowler

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 Jay 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 Tredwell, paid 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 lake the Lands between

Paddington and the Point at which the proposed Deviation [illegible] 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 Esqre [Esquire] the Chairman and John Henchman Esqre the Secretary of the said Company.

London 19th July 1858.

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 have refused to become Shareholders in the Company or to render any pecuniary assistance towards the Undertaking.

It has been [crossed out - wholly] impossible to obtain any satisfactory Contract with parties capable of providing out of their own monies 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 bonâ fide subscription 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 of them and from giving any Notice for entering upon taking or using any land for the purposes of the said Railway Company and from taking any other step by which the liabilities of the said Company shall or may be increased until a sufficient bonâ fide subscription shall have been obtained so as to enable the Works to be duly proceeded with and completed.

Thos Williams

Thos Bulkeley

David Ogilvy

Directors of the Great Western Railway Company”

Resolved that the Halfyearly [half-yearly] Meeting be held at the London Tavern on Tuesday the 17th August at 1 o'clock [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 Parson & Mr Austin were requested to attend accordingly.

W A Wilkinson [signed]