

of this Act convey such lands to the said Company, and the places : which such extra breadth is to be taken shall be shewn upon the said plan or map ; provided always, that no land shall be taken by the said Company from any public highway, but the right of the Company shall be limited to the laying down, across or along the same, the rails and other contrivances, forming part of the said Rail-road, subject to the limitations mentioned in the fifth section or any other part of this Act.

XII. And be it enacted, That after any lands or grounds shall be set out and ascertained in manner aforesaid, for making and completing the said Rail-road and other works, and other the purposes and conveniences hereinbefore mentioned, it shall and may be lawful for all bodies corporate, politic or collegiate, corporations aggregate or sole, communities, *grevés de substitution*, guardians, curators, executors, administrators, and all other trustees or persons whatsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their heirs and successors, but also for and on behalf of those whom they represent, whether infants, issue unborn, lunatics, idiots, *femes covert*, or other persons or parties, who are or shall be seized, possessed, or interested in any lands or grounds which shall be so set out and ascertained as aforesaid, or any part thereof, to contract for, sell and convey unto the said Company, all or any part of such lands or grounds which shall under this Act be set out and ascertained as aforesaid ; and that all contracts, agreements, sales, conveyances and assurances, so to be made, shall be valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever ; any law, statute, usage or custom to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding ; and that all bodies politic, corporate or collegiate, or communities, and all persons whatsoever, so conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for what he, she or they, or any of them shall respectively do by virtue of or in pursuance of this Act : Provided always, that before the plan or map and book of reference shall be deposited, and before

Company may contract for lands of corporations, &c.

Proviso : certain agreements made valid.