



# Regulation of Railways Act 1871

1871 CHAPTER 78 34 and 35 Vict

*[<sup>F1</sup> Inspection of Railways*

**[<sup>F14</sup> Powers of inspectors of railways.**

Every inspector under this Act shall for the purposes of any inspection or inquiry which he is directed by the Board of Trade to make or conduct have the following powers; (that is to say,)

- [<sup>F2</sup>(1) He may enter and inspect any railway or station and any works, buildings or offices belonging thereto and may inspect any stock, plant or machinery used in connection with any railway or station;]
- (2) He may by summons under his hand require the attendance of any person who is engaged in the management, service, or employment of a company as defined by this Act, and whom he thinks fit to call before him and examine for the said purpose, and may require answers or returns to such inquiries for the said purpose as he thinks fit to make from such person or company:
- (3) He may require and enforce the production of all books, papers, and documents of a company which he considers important for the said purpose.]

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Act repealed (E.W.S.) (10.5.1997) by S.I. 1997/553, reg. 12(1), **Sch. Pt. I**
- F2** S. 4(1) substituted (1.4.1994) by S.I. 1994/857, art. 2, **Sch. para. 4(c)**

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 4 extended by Road and Rail Traffic Act 1933 (c. 53), s. **41(2)** and Transport Act 1968 (c. 73), s. **125(2)**
- C2** Expression “company” extended by Channel Tunnel Act 1987 (c. 53, SIF 102), ss. 43, 45, Sch. 6 para. 3, **Sch. 7 Pt. VI para. 2**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation of Railways Act 1871, Section 4.