That famous Act of Parliament:
One hundred and eighty seven years ago today in 1832 – The day it all began...

An Act for making and maintaining a Railway or Tramroad from a certain Quay at Portmadock, in the Parish of Ynys-cynhaearn in the County of Carnarvon, to certain Slate Quarries called Rhivbrysider and Duffies, in the Parish of Festiniog in the County of Merioneth. [23d May 1832.]

WHEREAS the making and maintaining a Railway or Tramroad or Railways or Tramroads, for the Passage of Wagons, Engines, and other Carriages, commencing at or near a certain Quay at or near to Portmadock, situate in the Parish of Ynys-cynhaearn in the County of Carnarvon, and in and through the several Parishes or Places herein-after mentioned, and terminating at or near a certain Slate Quarry or Slate Quarries called Rhivbrysider and Duffies Slate Quarries, in the Parish of Festiniog in the County of Merioneth, will be the Means of opening a more direct, easy, cheap, and commodious Communication between the Interior of the principal District of Slate and other Quarries of the County of Merioneth and the various Shipping Places at and within the said several Counties of Carnarvon and Merioneth, and will greatly facilitate the Conveyance of Coals and other heavy Articles to the several Slate and other Quarries and Mines in the said District, and the Conveyance of the Slates, Copper and other Ores,

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