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Cap. cxxvii.

An Act to incorporate certain Persons to be called
“The *British Gas Light Company*,” and for
enabling them to light with Gas certain Parishes
and Places in the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex*,
near the Eastern Part of the City of *London*.

[19th June 1829.]

WHEREAS the lighting of Cities, Towns, public Roads,
Parishes, and Places with Gas is attended with great Con-
venience and Advantage to the Public: And whereas for
the Purpose of extending the lighting with Gas, several Persons have
formed themselves into a Society or Partnership under the Name of
“The *British Gas Light Company*,” and have subscribed and raised
considerable Sums of Money as the Capital of the said Company, and
have also expended considerable Sums of Money in erecting Works
in *Schoolhouse Lane* in the Hamlet of *Ratcliff*, and laying down Pipes
for lighting with Gas several Parishes, Places, public Streets, and
Roads in the County of *Middlesex*, near the Eastern Part of the
City of *London*; and the said Persons are desirous to complete and
extend the said Works within the Limits aforesaid: And whereas
Difficulties may from Time to Time arise in bringing and maintaining
Actions and Suits at Law and in Equity for recovering Debts and
enforcing Obligations now or hereafter to become due to or by the
said Persons, and for redressing Injuries to the Property of the said

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Their Style.

Persons, by reason of its being required by Law that all the several Subscribers or Proprietors to and in any such Society or Partnership should, in all or many of the Cases aforesaid, sue or be sued by their several and distinct Names and Descriptions: Wherefore, for obviating the Difficulties aforesaid, and others attendant thereupon, and for enabling the said Persons, with more Advantage to themselves and the Public, to light with Gas the several Parishes, Places, public Roads, and Streets aforesaid, may it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That *Jacob George Wrench, William Thompson, Matthias Attwood, Thomas Hamlet, John Wilkin, George Byron Whittaker, Samuel Eustace Magan, Charles Pearson, Edward Stewart the younger, Thomas Starling Benson, Alexander Milne, Thomas Meux, Charles Pott, the Reverend Charles Burney, Thomas Tringham Smith, Robert Davies, John Addinell, Thomas Wilson, Richard Blanshard, Joseph Tully Cornthwaite, William Curteis, Peter Davey, John Field, William Horne, Thomas Maude, Thomas Oak, John Williams, Robert Foster Reynolds, and John Twells*, and all and every such other Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic or Collegiate, as from Time to Time shall become a Subscriber or Subscribers and be duly admitted a Proprietor or Proprietors as herein-after mentioned, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby declared to be One Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of "*The British Gas Light Company*," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, at Law or in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence indictable by the Laws of this Realm; and the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing Inflammable Air, Carburetted Hydrogen Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, for lighting with Gas the said several Parishes and Places herein-after mentioned, and shall have full Power from Time to Time to make Contracts or agree with any Commissioners, Directors, Trustees, Surveyors of Highways within the said Parishes and Places, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, or with any other Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, or Corporation or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing and desirous to contract or agree with the said Company, for the lighting of the said Parishes and Places, and each or any of them respectively, or of any public Streets, Highways, Roads, Squares, Market Places, Courts, Yards, Passages, Bridges, Lands, or public Buildings, Manufactories, and Shops, Inns, or private Houses, or other Erections or Buildings of whatever Denomination the same may be, or any of them, in the said several Parishes and Places herein-after mentioned, and each or any of them, and to sell and dispose of such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, and other Products as aforesaid.

II. And

II. And be it further enacted, That the Powers and Provisions of this Act shall be deemed and construed to extend to the several Parishes of *West Ham, Bromley Saint Leonard* otherwise *Saint Leonard Bromley, Saint Dunstan Stebonheath* otherwise *Stepney, Saint Anne Limehouse, Saint Mary Stratford Bow* otherwise *Stratford-le-Bow*, such Part of the Parish of *Christ Church Spitalfields* as lies in *Brick Lane*, and to the Westward of the said Lane (but excepting the Liberties of *Norton Folgate* and the *Old Artillery Ground*), the Parish of *Saint Mary Whitechapel*, save and except such Part or Parts of the said Parish as lie to the Southward of a Line commencing at the Denter or Boundary Stone of the City of *London* in *Rosemary Lane*, and running along the Centre of *Rosemary Lane*, or within or extending over the Precinct of *Wellclose*, and shall also extend to such Parts of the Parish of *Saint George in the East* otherwise *Saint George Middlesex*, and the Hamlet of *Mile-end Old Town* respectively, as lie to the Northward of a Line commencing at a Point at the Distance of One hundred Feet from the Centre of the *Commercial Road* at the End of *Back Church Lane* aforesaid, and continuing thence Eastwardly along the South Side of the Houses situate on and forming the South Side of the *Commercial Road* to the Centre of *Cannon Street Road*, thence turning Northward to the Centre of the *Commercial Road* and continuing Eastward along the Centre of the *Commercial Road* to the Eastern End of *Robarts's Terrace*, situate on the South Side of the said Road, the Hamlet of *Ratcliff*, and the several Extra-parochial Places being within the Limits aforesaid, all in the Counties of *Essex* and *Middlesex*, and every of them and every Part thereof, and which said Parishes, Parts of Parishes, Hamlets, Precincts, and Places shall be and be deemed to be the Limits of this Act, and of all the Powers, Authorities, and Privileges by this Act confirmed and allowed to the said Company.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, their or any or either of their Agents, Servants, or Workmen, or any Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, any or either of them, to open or in any Manner break up the Soil, Pitchings, or Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Squares, Courts, Roads, Lanes, or public or private Ways within a Line commencing at *Irongate Stairs* on the River *Thames*, near the Tower of *London*, and continued in a straight Line to *Manor Row, Little Tower Hill*, thence in a north-westwardly Direction to *Union Row, Rosemary Lane*, through the Centre of *Rosemary Lane* to *Church Lane, Cable Street*, in the Parish of *Saint George in the East* otherwise *Saint George Middlesex*, along the Centre of *Church Lane* aforesaid to a Point at the Distance of One hundred Feet from the Centre of the *Commercial Road* at the End of *Church Lane* aforesaid, and thence along the South Side of the Houses situate on and forming the South Side of the *Commercial Road* to the Centre of *Cannon Street Road*, thence turning Northward to the Centre of the *Commercial Road*, and continuing Eastward along the Centre of the *Commercial Road* to the Boundary Line between the Parish of *Saint George in the East* otherwise *Saint George Middlesex*, and the Hamlet of *Ratcliff*, at the East End of *Robart's Terrace* on the South Side of such Road, thence pursuing the Western Boundary Line

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Line of the said Hamlet down to the River *Thames*; that is to say, turning round the Eastern End of *Robart's Terrace* towards the West, and continuing thence through the Middle of *White Horse Place* westwardly to *Vinegar Lane*, and through the Centre of *Vinegar Lane* to the Centre of *Back Lane*, eastwardly to the Centre of *Love Lane*, and thence southwardly through the Centre of *Love Lane* to the River *Thames* at or near *Bell Wharf* (save and except as hereinafter mentioned); or to sink or lay down, put or place, any Main or Mains, Pipes, Tubes, or other Apparatus therein, or in any Part or Parts thereof, within the Line aforesaid, save and except that it shall be lawful for the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, or their Agents, Servants, and Workmen, or any Person or Persons employed by or acting on their Behalf, to sink or lay down, put and place, or continue, any Main or Mains as a Blank Main or Mains, Air Plugs, Syphons, or other Apparatus, from the Western Boundary of the said Hamlet of *Ratcliff*, in and through certain Streets called *Shadwell High Street*, in the Parish of *Saint Paul Shadwell*, and *Ratcliff Highway*, *Denmark Street*, and *Cable Street*, in the Parish of *Saint George in the East* otherwise *Saint George Middlesex*, westwardly to *Church Lane* aforesaid; but nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, their, any or either of their Agents, Servants, or Workmen, or any Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, to light or cause to be lighted, or in any Manner, either directly or indirectly, to supply with Gas any Parts or Places within the Line aforesaid, but they and each and every of them are and is hereby expressly prohibited and restrained from so doing; and if the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, their, any or either of their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, or any other Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, shall offend herein, or in any or either of the Matters aforesaid, the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, and each and every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds for each and every separate and distinct Act or Offence, to be recoverable and recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by any Person who will sue for the same by Action of Debt or on the Case, by Bill, Complaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparance shall be allowed; any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Company not
to light out
of the Limits.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if the said *British Gas Light Company* shall, after the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, supply Gas for any public or private Purpose in any Street, Square, Passage, or Place, or to any House, Manufactory, or Building, without the Limits of this Act, the said *British Gas Light Company* shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Power to
contract for
the Purchase

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company (or the Directors for the Time being to be appointed by this Act) and they are hereby respectively empowered to treat, contract,

tract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said several Parishes and Places, for the Purposes of this Act (not exceeding Twelve Statute Acres in the whole), with any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Trustees, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, or Committees of or for Lunatics or Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, or with any Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or with any other Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be willing to sell the same, or his, her, or their Right and Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for any such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to the Parties or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* in manner by this Act directed, (as the Case may be,) such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments may be taken and used for the Purposes of this Act, and from thenceforth all Parties and Persons whomsoever shall be divested of all Right and Title, Claim, Remainder, or Reversion, to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall vest in the *British Gas Light Company*; and it shall be lawful for the said Company to hold any such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and any Term, Right, and Interest therein so purchased, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever, and also at any Time or Times thereafter to sell or dispose of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, as they shall think proper, and from Time to Time to purchase and hold other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments more suitable for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, and again to sell the same in like Manner, so that such Lands and Grounds do not at any Time exceed Twelve Statute Acres in the whole in Measure.

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VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and for and on behalf of any Person or Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which the said Company are herein enabled to purchase as

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aforesaid for the Use and Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the Sale thereof or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue of this Act shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Inrolment, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on such particular Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons, is and are and shall be hereby indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

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VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted or agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, or any Trustee or Trustees, or Person or Persons who have no Power to give a valid Receipt for the same, or to sell and convey the same Premises, otherwise than by virtue of this Act, or for any Estate of Freehold or Copyhold belonging to Feme Covert, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* the *British Gas Light Company*, pursuant to the Directions of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George the Fourth*, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster, on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward; to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Directions and with the Approbation of the said Court,

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Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing and being settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Wills, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court, upon Application thereto, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in Cases of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, (to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands,) be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, and be placed to the Account aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees to be named by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Three or more of the said Directors, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the

When less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

the nominating or approving Parties,) in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising therefrom may be applied in manner herein-before directed, as far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court.

When not exceeding 20*l*.

IX. And be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid as before mentioned shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Directors, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

In Cases of doubtful Title the Person in Possession to be deemed the Owner.

X. And be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made to appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some other Estate or Interest therein.

The Court may order Expences of Purchases to be paid in certain Cases.

XI. And be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or the Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Exchequer, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of

of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by such Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

XII. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by the said Company, to the Party or Parties or Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Money, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein-before directed; (as the Case may be,) and upon the Conveyance in manner hereinafter directed of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law or Equity, of the Party and Parties and Person and Persons respectively to whom or for whose Use the same shall be paid, in, to, or out of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company and their Successors for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

On Payment of Purchase Money, Premises to vest in the Company.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be made to the said Company and their Successors shall be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Conveyance.

‘ I [or We, as the Case may be,] of _____ in con-
 ‘ sideration of the Sum of _____ paid to me [or us,
 ‘ or into the Bank of *England*, as the Case may be,] by the *British*
 ‘ Gas Light Company, established under or by virtue of an Act
 ‘ passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth,
 ‘ intituled [here insert the Title of this Act], do hereby grant and
 ‘ release [or assign, as the Case may be,] to the said Company of
 ‘ Proprietors and their Successors all [here describe the Premises to
 ‘ be conveyed], and all my [or our] Right, Title, and Interest in
 ‘ and to the same and every Part thereof, to hold to the said
 ‘ Company of Proprietors and their Successors for ever [or as the
 ‘ Case may be], during all the Remainder of my [or our] Term,
 ‘ Estate, and Interest in the said Premises. In witness whereof I
 ‘ [or we] have hereunto set my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and
 ‘ Seals] this _____ Day of _____ in the Year
 ‘ of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and _____.’

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal to grant and convey, by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple, for a competent Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may have been purchased, and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale or Sales of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; or of any Part or Parts thereof, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer (if only One, or, if more than One, for the Treasurers, who, if engaged in Partnership together,

Power to re-sell Lands not wanted.

together, may sign in their Style or Firm by any One of such Firm,) for the Time being to the said Company to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold, which Receipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge to any Purchaser or Purchasers for the Money therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Purchaser or Purchasers, having *bond fide* paid the same, and obtained such Receipt or Receipts for the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money, or any Part thereof.

Restraining
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chasing more
than Twelve
Statute Acres
of Land from
incapacitated
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XV. And whereas the said Company of Proprietors are enabled to purchase Twelve Statute Acres of Land by virtue of this Act for the Purposes thereof, and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all other Persons whomsoever, are empowered to sell such Quantity or Number of Twelve Statute Acres to the said Company: And whereas it is expedient to restrain the said Company from selling any such Lands so purchased from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for and on behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trusts, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, and again purchasing other Lands from the same or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or on behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, or other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, in lieu or stead of the Lands so sold; be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to purchase from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees or other Trustees for or on behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trusts, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, more than such Twelve Statute Acres; and in case the said Company should afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Twelve Statute Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase of, or for the same or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or on behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement,
and

and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, to sell to the said Company any other Lands in lieu or stead of those Twelve Statute Acres, or any Part thereof, so sold or disposed of by the said Company.

XVI. And whereas the said Company have already raised and expended Seventy thousand Pounds in erecting Works and laying down Pipes for lighting with Gas several Parishes, Places, public Streets, and Roads in the County of *Middlesex*, near the Eastern Part of the City of *London*, but further Sums of Money will be required to light the same, and several other Parishes and Places herein-before mentioned, in a Manner still more advantageous to the Inhabitants thereof; be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves, including the Money already raised and expended as aforesaid, a Sum of Money by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds Sterling, which shall be divided into Shares of Forty Pounds Sterling each: Provided always, that nothing in this Act shall be held to restrain the said Company from raising the additional Capital Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds by the Means and in the Manner herein-after mentioned.

Declaring
what shall be
the Capital
Stock.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Shares in the said Undertaking, and the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Shares to be
Personal
Estate.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Persons and Person by or for whom any Subscription shall be made or accepted, or any Payment made, pursuant to the Orders of any General Meeting or Meetings to be held by the said Company for that Purpose, for or towards raising the said Capital Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds as aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, (no such Subscription being less than Forty Pounds,) shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the said Capital Joint Stock of the said Company in proportion to the Monies which he, she, or they shall have so contributed towards making up the same, and shall have and be entitled to a proportionable Share of the Profits and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted to be a Proprietor or Proprietors of and in the same.

Subscribers
to share the
Stock in pro-
portion to
their Sub-
scriptions.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons comprising the said Company shall severally and respectively stand responsible and answerable for all just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company to the full Amount of their several and respective Shares in the Capital of the said Joint Stock: Provided always, that whenever Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or shall be jointly possessed of any One Share in the said Undertaking, such Persons shall severally and respectively be answerable for the whole Amount of such Share, but no further or otherwise, as aforesaid.

Subscribers
liable to the
Debts of the
Company in
proportion to
their Share
of the Stock.

XX. And

Power to
raise 50,000*l.*
by Loan.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to raise any Sum or Sums of Money for completing the said Undertaking, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds, by way of Loan on Security of the Property and Effects belonging to the said Company; and in case it shall at any Time or Times be deemed advisable by the said Company to raise any Part or Parts of the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds by way of Loan, then it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Directors for the Time being, to borrow and take up the same at Interest for the Use of the said Company, and thereupon to grant, execute, and deliver to or in favour of the Lenders thereof such Mortgages, Bonds, or Assignments, in Writing, as may be required, thereby binding the said Company, and the Estates and Stock in Trade thereof, for the Repayment of the said Sum or Sums of Money so borrowed, with Interest for the same.

Power to
raise the fur-
ther Capital
by Deben-
tures, and to
assign the
Estates and
Effects on
Security,

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, to raise any Part or Parts of the said Sum or Sums of Money which they are herein-before empowered to borrow and take up at Interest on and by the Issue of Debentures charged on the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Company, and secured by the Assignments thereof under the Common Seal of the said Company; and the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, are hereby fully authorized and empowered to assign over the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Company, or any Part thereof, (at the Costs and Charges of the said Company, or otherwise,) as a Security for any such Sum or Sums of Money to be so borrowed or taken up at Interest, to such Persons or Bodies, or their Trustees, as shall advance the same, by the following Words, or any other Words to the same Effect; (that is to say,)

Form of De-
benture or
Assignment.

‘ BY virtue of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the *British*
 ‘ Gas Light Company in and by an Act passed in the Tenth
 ‘ Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, the
 ‘ said Company, in consideration of the Sum of
 ‘ of lawful Money of *Great Britain* to
 ‘ of _____ as Treasurer of the said Company in
 ‘ hand paid by _____ do assign unto the
 ‘ said _____ his, her, or their Executors,
 ‘ Administrators, and Assigns, [*or* Successors and Assigns, *as the*
 ‘ Case may be,] all and singular the Estates and Effects of the said
 ‘ Company, and the Rents and Profits thereof, and all the Estate,
 ‘ Right, Title, and Interest of the said Company, and of their
 ‘ Successors and Assigns, of, in, and unto the same, to hold unto
 ‘ the said _____ his, her, or their Executors,
 ‘ Administrators, and Assigns, [*or* Successors and Assigns,] until
 ‘ the said Sum of _____ together with Interest for
 ‘ the same after the Rate of _____ *per Cent. per Annum,*
 ‘ payable half-yearly, shall be repaid, and the said Interest being to
 ‘ be paid or provided for from Time to Time before any Dividend
 ‘ is or shall be made of the Rents and Profits of the said Under-
 ‘ taking. In witness whereof the said *British Gas Light Company*
 ‘ have

‘ have hereunto affixed their Common Seal this
 ‘ Day of One thousand eight hundred
 ‘ and

And all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, to whom any such Assignment shall be made, shall be equally entitled to their respective Proportion of the said Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits, according to the respective Sums in such Assignment mentioned to be advanced as a Security for the Repayment thereof, with Interest as aforesaid, without any Preference by reason of Priority of Assignment, or any other Account whatsoever.

Persons taking such Debentures to be all equally entitled.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, or the Directors thereof as aforesaid for the Time being, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to grant unto the Treasurer or Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, or any other Persons appointed by the said Directors, any Debentures or Assignments as aforesaid, under the Common Seal of the said Company, each being for a Sum of One hundred Pounds or upwards, and bearing Interest not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*; and it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer or Clerk for the Time being, or other Person so appointed by and under the Order of the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, from Time to Time to make sale and dispose at public Auction, or in such other Manner as the Directors shall authorize and think proper, of all and every or any Debentures or Assignments so granted to him unto any Persons, or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, for the best Price or Prices in Money that in the Judgment of the said Directors can be reasonably had or obtained for the same; and all Monies which shall be from Time to Time received by any such Treasurer or Clerk for the Time being, or other Person so appointed as aforesaid, from such Sale or Sales as aforesaid, after deducting thereout all Costs, Charges, and Expences attendant thereon or by the Issue of Debentures, as aforesaid, shall be applied by the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, to and for the Purposes of this Act, and pursuant to the Provisions in that Behalf therein or herein contained.

Company empowered to grant Debentures to their Treasurer, which may be sold by Auction.

Application of Monies arising from Sale.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Interest of the Money which shall be borrowed or obtained on such Debentures or Assignments as aforesaid, from the Time that the Money therein respectively mentioned shall be advanced or the said Debentures shall be sold and disposed of as aforesaid, shall be paid half-yearly by the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, or the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company, or One of them, or by some Person or Persons appointed for that Purpose from Time to Time by the Directors of the said Company, and without Abatement or Delay.

Interest on Monies borrowed to be paid half-yearly.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Persons or Person, or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole,
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Debentures to be transferable.

to whom any such Debentures or Assignments shall be issued or made as aforesaid, or who shall be entitled to the Money thereby secured, may from Time to Time, personally or by Attorney thereunto lawfully authorized, transfer his, her, or their Right, Title, Interest, or Benefit to the Principal and Interest Money thereby secured to any Person or Persons, or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole whatsoever, and shall and may make such Transfer thereof by an Indorsement on the Back of such Debenture in the following Words, or Words to the same Effect; (that is to say,)

Form of
Transfer by
Indorsement.

‘ I DO transfer this Debenture, with all my Right and Title to the
‘ Estate and Effects thereby assigned, and to the Principal Money
‘ thereby secured, and to all the Interest Money now due or here-
‘ after to become due thereon, unto _____ of
‘ _____ his, her, or their Executors, Administrators,
‘ and Assigns, [or Successors and Assigns, *as the Case may be,*] in
‘ consideration of the Sum of _____ paid by the said
‘ _____ unto me. Dated this
‘ Day of _____ One thousand eight hundred and _____ .’

Transfers to
be registered
by the Clerk.

But that all and every such Transfer so made or intended to be made shall, within Fourteen Days from the making thereof, be produced and notified to the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, or any other Person whom the Directors thereof may appoint, who shall enter the same or cause the same to be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and after such Entry made, but not till then, every such Transfer shall entitle all and every such Assignee or Assignees, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Debenture so transferred, and Payment thereon; and such Assignees respectively may transfer the same again, and so *toties quoties*; and it shall not be in the Power of any Person who shall have made any such Transfer to make void, release, or discharge the same, or any Monies thereby due or to become due, or any Part thereof.

Monies bor-
rowed on
Debentures
may be repaid
upon giving
Notice.

XXV. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, may at all Times pay off and discharge all such Debentures or Assignments, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, when and as they shall think proper, upon giving Two Calendar Months Notice under the Hand of the Clerk of the Company for the Time being, or of such other Person as the Directors thereof from Time to Time may appoint, to the Persons then respectively entitled to the same, such Notice to be left at his, her, or their last known Dwelling House or Place of Abode, or upon giving Two Calendar Months public Notice in the *London Gazette* and One or more public Newspaper or Newspapers published in the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*; and at the Expiration of Two Calendar Months after such Notice given, and if the Principal Monies thereby secured and all Interests then due thereon shall not be claimed at the head or principal Office of the said Company for the Time being, pursuant to such Notice, then and in every such Case all Interest shall cease to be payable on the said Principal Monies to be secured by such Debentures or Assignments under this Act.

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XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, shall call in and pay off any Debentures or Assignments of the Rents and Profits, Estates or Effects of the said Company, issued as hereinbefore mentioned, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, to raise or take up at Interest on similar Debentures or Assignments, or by the Sale or Grant of similar Debentures, other Sum or Sums of Money for the Purposes of this Act, but so that the whole Amount of the Part or Parts of the said Sum of Money to be due and owing by the said Company on Debentures or Assignments shall not at any one Time exceed the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds as herein limited.

If Debentures are paid off, other Debentures may be issued.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not be construed to extend to authorize the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, to raise, either by a Contribution among themselves, or by the borrowing or taking of Money upon Mortgages or Debentures or Assignments of the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Undertaking, or by the Sale of Debentures to be issued to a Treasurer or Clerk or other Person as aforesaid, or by all or any of the aforesaid Ways and Means, a further or additional Capital of more than Fifty thousand Pounds to be existing and outstanding at any one Time for the Purposes of this Act.

Not more than 50,000*l.* to be raised by all the Means aforesaid.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Monies advanced and paid, and all Shares created, and also all Debentures and Assignments issued, given, and granted under and by virtue of this Act, shall be and be deemed Personal Estate, and be transmissible accordingly.

Debentures, &c. to be Personal Estate.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Interest which shall from Time to Time become due half-yearly on and by virtue of any Debentures or Assignments to be issued and sold from Time to Time by the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, by virtue of this Act, shall be from Time to Time duly paid to the Persons respectively entitled thereto, or Monies or Funds for the Payment thereof shall be provided and set apart by the Directors for the Time being of the said Company, out of the Estates and Effects or Rents and Profits of the said Company, before any half-yearly or other Dividends of the Rents and Profits of the said Company shall from Time to Time be paid to the Proprietors in the said Undertaking by virtue of the Provisions of this Act.

Interest on Debentures to be paid or provided for in preference to Dividends.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk for the Time being of the said Company, or such other Person as the Directors for the Time being shall appoint, shall enter or cause to be entered in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose kept at the head or principal Office of the said Company, a Copy or Copies or Extract or Extracts of or from all Debentures or Assignments or other Securities from Time to Time issued by virtue of this Act, and also of all Transfers thereof respectively notified to the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, or other Persons duly appointed pursuant to the Directions hereinbefore contained, expressing in Words at length, the Names,

Securities and Transfers to be entered.

Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and Descriptions of all such Persons who shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Debentures or Assignments, or to whom the same or any of them shall from Time to Time be transferred, and the Days whereon the Interest of the said Debentures shall be respectively payable, pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

Books and
Accounts
may be ex-
amined.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all and every the Persons or Bodies respectively possessing or entitled to any Debentures or other Securities affecting or charged upon the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Company by virtue of this Act, for their greater Security and Satisfaction, at all seasonable and convenient Times to peruse and inspect and to make and take Extracts from all or any of the Book or Books herein-before directed to be provided and kept at the head or principal Office of the said Company for the Purpose of entering Copies or Extracts of or from the Debentures issued as herein-before mentioned, and of all Transfers or Assignments thereof respectively, and also to peruse and inspect, make and take Extracts from any Abstract or Abstracts of the Balance of the Accounts of the said Company, showing the State of the Debts and Credits of the said Company, and which shall have been produced at any General Assembly of the said Company, and which shall be then in the Custody or Power of the said Company or the Directors thereof, or the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being.

Accounts to
be kept of
Receipts and
Disburse-
ments.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company or their Directors shall and they are hereby required, from Time to Time and at all Times, to order and direct a Book or Books to be provided and kept by their Clerk or Treasurer for the Time being, in which Book or Books such Clerk or Treasurer shall enter or cause to be entered true and regular Accounts of all Sums of Money received, paid, laid out, and expended for and on account of this Act, and of the several Articles, Matters, and Things for which any Sums of Money shall have been disbursed, laid out, and paid, which Book or Books shall at all seasonable Times be open to the Inspection of the said Proprietors in the said Undertaking, and all and every the Person or Bodies respectively possessing or entitled to any Debentures or other Securities affecting or charged upon the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Company by virtue of this Act, who may take Copies thereof or Extracts therefrom without Fee or Reward, having first obtained from the said Directors an Order in Writing for that Purpose; and in case the said Clerk or Treasurer shall refuse to permit or shall not permit the said Proprietors or other Persons as aforesaid to inspect the same at all seasonable Times, or take such Copies or Extracts as aforesaid, such Clerk or Treasurer shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

First and
other General
Meetings of
Proprietors.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors shall meet together at some convenient House or Place within the City of *London* or County of *Middlesex* within Six Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, or as soon thereafter as conveniently

conveniently may be, between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, and shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall and may adjourn such Meeting from Time to Time either to the same House or Place, or such other convenient House or Place in the said City of *London* or County of *Middlesex*, as the said Proprietors shall think proper; and the Second General Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors shall be held at such Time and at such Place as the said Company of Proprietors at their First General Assembly shall appoint; and the like General Assemblies shall be held in the Month of *March* and in the Month of *September* in every Year for the future, at which half-yearly General Assemblies the Accounts of the said Company shall be produced for the Inspection of the said Meeting; and also such and so many Special General Meetings of the said Proprietors shall be held as shall be called by the Directors or Proprietors as herein-after provided; of which several General Meetings and Special General Meetings Fourteen Days public Notice at the least shall be given in Two daily Newspapers published in *London* or *Westminster*, or by a circular Letter addressed to each of the Proprietors, (which said Notice shall specify the Purpose for which any such Special General Meetings are called;) and all such General Meetings and Special General Meetings may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place as shall be found expedient; and all such Meetings of the said Proprietors to be held as aforesaid, the Proprietors then present not being fewer than Seven in Number, shall and may proceed to Business, and act in the Execution of the several Powers hereby given to the said Company of Proprietors; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any of the aforesaid Meetings of the said Proprietors a sufficient Number of the said Proprietors to act or to adjourn, (Seven Proprietors being hereby declared sufficient in all Cases to proceed to Business, and Five Proprietors being hereby declared sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment only,) then, and so often as the Case may happen, such Meeting shall stand over and be deemed to be adjourned to the same Day in the following Week, and at the same Place and Hour at which the same ought to have been held as aforesaid.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Twelve or more of the said Proprietors, being jointly possessed of or entitled to Two hundred or more Shares in the said Undertaking, and who shall each of them have been a Proprietor of the said Company for at least Six Calendar Months, shall think that a Special Meeting of the said Proprietors should be holden, then it shall be lawful for them to call a Special Meeting of the said Proprietors, to be held at such Hour and Place within the said City of *London* as they shall think fit, provided Fourteen Days Notice of the Time and Place and Purport of such Special Meeting be given by the Persons calling the same by Advertisement in Two daily Newspapers published in *London* or *Westminster*, and by leaving Notice thereof in Writing at the Office of the said Company for the like Number of Days, such Notice to specify the Reason and Intention of requesting such Special Meeting, and the Time when and the Place where the said Meeting shall be

A certain Number of Proprietors may call a Special Meeting.

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held;

held; and at each Special Meeting it shall be lawful for the Proprietors then present, or the Majority of them, to proceed to transact the Business specified in the Notice for which such Special Meeting shall have been called, and no other.

In case of Difference of Opinion at any General Meeting, a Ballot may be demanded.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That upon any Difference of Opinion at any General Meeting concerning any Business, Matter, or Thing that may be lawfully transacted or agitated at the same, any Six Proprietors or more who shall be present at the Meeting, qualified to vote as herein-after provided, and who shall be Holders in their own Right of not less than One hundred Shares in the Aggregate in the Capital of the Company, may, by Writing under their Hands, demand a Ballot if they think proper; and the same, if demanded at the Meeting by Writing under their Hands, but not otherwise, shall be granted, and the Day for taking the same shall be then fixed by the Chairman of the Meeting; and such a Day shall be fixed as will allow sufficient Time for giving Notice of the same in the Manner herein-after provided; and every Ballot shall commence at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, and shall be kept open for Four Hours.

Regulations as to General Meetings and Manner of voting, &c.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That at every General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Undertaking One of the Directors then present shall preside as Chairman, and in case no Director shall be present, then One of the Proprietors to be elected by the Meeting; and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors present, according to the respective Number of Shares; (that is to say,) One Vote in respect of every Five Shares, except that no Person shall vote in respect of more than Fifty Shares in respect of his or her own Right; but nevertheless it is hereby provided, that no Proprietor shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting or Ballot of the said Company in respect of any Share or Shares which he or she may possess in the said Undertaking, unless such Person shall have fully paid all Arrears due in pursuance of any Call or Calls which shall have been made upon or in respect of such Share or Shares by the said Directors for the Time being, nor shall any Person vote at any Meeting of the said Company upon any Question in which such Person shall be interested in any other Way than as being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking.

Chairman of Meetings to have the casting Vote.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That if at any Assembly or Meeting of the said Company the Number of Votes, including the Vote of the Chairman, shall be equal, then and in every such Case the Chairman for the Time being shall have an additional or casting Vote.

Regulation as to joint Proprietors.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever Two or more Persons shall be jointly possessed of or entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company shall be deemed to be the Proprietor of such Share or Shares, for the Purposes next herein-after mentioned; (that is to say,) such Person shall have the sole and entire
Right

Right of voting at all Meetings and at all Ballots of the said Company in respect of such joint Share or Shares, and when any Notice in pursuance of this Act shall be given to such Person, the same shall be considered as a Notice given to all the Proprietors of such joint Share or Shares.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any of the said Proprietors entitled to vote as aforesaid shall be a Lunatic or Lunatics, or a Minor or Minors, such Lunatic or Lunatics may vote by his, her, or their Committee, and such Minor or Minors shall or may vote by his, her, or their Guardian, or any One of such Guardians.

Lunatics and Minors how to vote.

XL. And be it further enacted, That any Person being a Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company's Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Share or Shares at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, or any Ballot, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General or Special Meetings or at such Ballots as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy (every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and entitled to vote in respect of his, her, or their own Share or Shares,) duly constituted under his, her, or their Hand or Hands, or, in Cases of Infancy or Lunacy, under the Hand or Hands of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Empowering Proprietors of Shares to vote by Proxy.

I A. B. of One of the Proprietors of Shares of and in the *British Gas Light Company*, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint C. D. of to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence to vote and give my Assent or Dissent from any Business, Matter, or Thing relating to the said Undertaking that shall be mentioned or proposed at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, or at any Ballot or Ballots, in such Manner as the said C. D. shall think proper, according to his Opinion and Judgment, for the Benefit of the said Undertaking or any thing relating thereto. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand the Day of One thousand eight hundred

Form of Appointment of Proxy.

XLI. Provided always, That no Person shall vote by Proxy or Proxies for more than Five Proprietors, or be entitled to more than Fifty Votes in respect of such Proxy or Proxies upon any One Occasion, but if such Person be a Proprietor, he may also vote in right of his own Shares on the same Occasion, and provided that the Person applying to vote as Proxy do always at the Time of voting produce his Appointment or Appointments.

Regulation as to voting by Proxy.

XLII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That all Notices hereby directed to be given of any General or Special Meetings or Adjournments respectively, or of any Ballot or Ballots, or to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not hereinbefore otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors

The Manner in which Notices are to be given.

Proviso as to
General or
Special Meet-
ings.

Proprietors or such individual Proprietors respectively by Letters from the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company, sent by Post to each and every of the said Proprietors entitled to vote at such Meetings or Ballots respectively, or to the individual Proprietor entitled to such Notice, (as the Case may be,) and such Notice shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Notice: Provided also, that if at such General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors to be held under the Powers herein contained, there shall not be Persons present, either as Principals or Proxies, who shall be possessed of or entitled unto at least Two hundred Shares in the said Undertaking, no Business shall be transacted at any such Meeting, except adjourning the same.

Appointment
of Directors,
Officers, &c.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That *Jacob George Wrench, William Thompson, Matthias Attwood, Thomas Hamlet, John Wilkin, George Byron Whittaker, Edward Stewart* the younger, and *Charles Pearson*, be the first and present Directors of the Company, and that at no future Time there shall be more than Eight Directors of the said Company; and that *Thomas Starling Benson, Alexander Milne,* and *Robert Davies*, be the first and present Auditors of the Company, and that at no future Time there shall be more than Three Auditors of the said Company.

Retirement
of Directors.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That on the said General Meeting which will be held in the Month of *September* next, or at some Adjournment thereof, Two of the present Directors, to be determined amongst themselves, shall go out of Office, and on the Day on which each of the Two next following General Meetings in the said Month of *September* shall be held, or at some Adjournment thereof, Two more of the said present Directors, to be also determined among themselves, shall go out of Office; and at every subsequent General Meeting which shall be held in the Month of *September*, or at some Adjournment thereof, such Two of the Directors as shall have been then longest in Office shall go out.

Annual
Election of
Directors.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That at the said General Meeting which will be held in the Month of *September* next, or at some Adjournment thereof, and at every General Meeting which shall be held afterwards in the said Month of *September*, or at some Adjournment thereof, Two new Directors (being Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking) may be elected in the Place of Two of the former Directors; nevertheless the said former Directors whose Office shall then have expired, or any of them, may (if otherwise eligible) be again immediately rechosen; and in case the Directors, by Death, Resignation, or Disqualification, shall be reduced to the Number of Five, such Vacancy shall from Time to Time be filled up at a Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose within Thirty Days next after such Reduction in Number shall happen, and the Persons so to be chosen to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies shall (being duly qualified) continue in Office upon the same Terms and only for the same Period as the Persons whose Places they shall supply would have continued if their Office had
not

not been vacated before the Time at which they must (according to the Provisions herein-before contained in this Act) have gone out of Office.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That at the said General Meeting which will be held in the Month of *September* next, or at some Adjournment thereof, One of the present Auditors (to be determined among themselves) shall go out of Office, and on the Day on which the next following General Meeting in the said Month of *September* shall be held, or at some Adjournment thereof, another of the said present Auditors, to be also determined among themselves, shall go out of Office; and at every subsequent Meeting which shall be held in the Month of *September*, or at some Adjournment thereof, the Auditor who shall then have been longest in Office shall go out.

Retirement
of Auditors.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That at the said General Meeting which will be held in the Month of *September* next, or at some Adjournment thereof, and at every General Meeting which shall be held afterwards in the said Month of *September*, or at some Adjournment thereof, an Auditor (being a Proprietor of Shares in the said Undertaking) may be elected in the Place of the former Auditor; nevertheless the said former Auditor whose Office shall then have expired may (if otherwise eligible) be again immediately re-chosen; and in case of the Death, Resignation, or Disqualification of One of the Auditors, the Vacancy shall from Time to Time be filled up at a Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose within Three Calendar Months next after such Vacancy shall happen; and the Person so to be chosen to fill such Vacancy shall, being duly qualified, continue in Office upon the same Terms and only for the same Period as the Person whose Place he shall supply would have continued if his Office had not been vacated before the Time at which he must (according to the Provisions herein-before contained in this Act) have gone out of Office.

Annual
Election of
an Auditor.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be eligible to be elected One of the Directors or Auditors of the said Company unless at the Time of his Election he shall be entitled to Twenty Shares at the least in the said Undertaking.

Qualification
of Directors
and Auditors.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Proprietor who shall be elected a Director as aforesaid shall be or become a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any Article to be used or provided by the said Company, or shall offer to take or shall take or participate in any Work to be done for the said Company, every such Proprietor shall be disqualified to vote in any Matters or Questions to be discussed or argued by the said Directors wherein he shall be directly or otherwise interested further than as a Proprietor.

Directors in-
terested not
to vote.

Proprietors
may remove
Directors for
Misconduct.

L. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Proprietors of the said Company, at any General Meeting specially summoned for such Purpose in manner aforesaid, to remove from his Office any Director for Misconduct in Office, or any other reasonable Cause: Provided always, that the Resolution for any such Removal shall be carried in the Affirmative by Three Fourths at least in Number and Value of the Proprietors who shall either in Person or by Proxy vote at such Meeting: Provided also, that if at such Meeting there shall not be Persons present, either as Principals or Proxies, who shall be possessed of or entitled unto at least Five hundred Shares in the said Undertaking, no Business shall be done at such Meeting, but the Meeting shall be adjourned for the same particular Purpose to the same Place from Time to Time until there shall be present, either as Principals or Proxies, Proprietors who shall be possessed of Five hundred Shares as aforesaid; and the same Rules, Regulations, Penalties, and Provisions as are herein prescribed with respect to the General Meetings for choosing Directors shall be applicable to the Meetings to be held for removing them.

General
Meetings
may appoint
a Treasurer
and Clerk.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors shall, at their said First General Meeting, or at some Adjournment thereof, elect and choose a fit and proper Person or Persons to act as Treasurer and a Clerk for transacting the Business of the said Company; and it shall be lawful for the said Company at any subsequent General or Special Meeting to be holden as hereinbefore directed from Time to Time to remove and displace such Treasurer and Clerk, or either of them, or any other Person or Persons who shall be hereafter elected and appointed to their respective Offices, and shall also from Time to Time elect, choose, and appoint in manner aforesaid any other Person or Persons to act as Treasurer or Clerk of the said Company in the Room of such of the said Officers who shall happen to die, or resign, or be removed from their respective Offices; and it shall be lawful for the said Company to allow such Salaries or other Emoluments to the said Officers, or any of them, as at any such General or Special Meeting shall from Time to Time be fixed upon and determined: Provided always, that the said Company of Proprietors shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Person who shall hereafter be appointed Treasurer of the said Company, for the faithful Execution of his Office, before he shall enter thereupon.

Same Person
not to be
Clerk and
Treasurer.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to appoint the Person or Persons who may be appointed their Clerk or Clerks in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks or of his or their Partner or Partners, the Treasurer or Tresurers for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person or Persons who may be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Partner or Partners of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Clerk or other Person or Persons in the Service

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or Employ of such Treasurer or Treasurers or of his or their Partner or Partners, the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company; and if any Person or Persons shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks or of his or their Partner or Partners, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for the Treasurer, or being the Partner or Partners of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or shall act as Deputy of such Clerk, or in any Manner officiate as such Clerk, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under this Act other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or upon the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That no Sum or Sums of Money shall be issued by the Treasurer or Treasurers or other Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Company, on account of the said Company, without an Order or Orders in Writing signed by Three at least of the said Directors.

Treasurer,
&c. not to
issue Money
without an
Order.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That any General Meeting specially called for the Purpose shall have full Power to call for and examine and settle the Accounts of the said Company and of the said Court of Directors; and at One of the said General Meetings, or some Adjournment thereof, in each Year, a Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantage of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of so much *per Centum* for every Share upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the said Subscribers, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, as such Meeting shall think fit to appoint and determine: Provided always, that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall in any Degree be reduced or impaired, nor within Six Calendar Months next after the passing of this Act, nor shall any Dividend be paid in respect of any Share or Shares, after a Day appointed for the Payment of any Call for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid.

General
Meetings
to settle
Accounts
and declare
Dividends.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time, at any of their General Meetings to be held as aforesaid, to make such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws as to them shall seem right and proper for the good Govern-

General
Meetings
may make
Bye Laws.

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ment of the said Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the Court of Directors, and for the Regulation of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in or about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking in all respects whatsoever, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, and to make others; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws so made as aforesaid (being reduced into Writing and the Common Seal of the said Company affixed thereto) shall be binding upon all such Persons, and shall be sufficient in a Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same; provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall not be repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* called *England*, or any of the Directions or Provisions of this Act; provided also, that Copies thereof shall be fixed and continued in the Office of the said Company; and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall be subject to Repeal in manner by this Act directed.

Meetings of
Directors.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall or may hold their First Meeting, within Thirty Days after the passing of this Act, at such Time and Place within the said City of *London* or County of *Middlesex* as they shall think proper, and shall have full Power and Authority to adjourn such First Meeting, and again to meet and adjourn from Time to Time and from Place to Place within the said City or County as they shall think fit; and the said Directors shall appoint One of the Directors to preside as Chairman; and all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Directors at any of their Meetings shall be decided and determined by a Majority in Number of Members present (the Number present not being less than Three); and in case of an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, including the Vote of the Chairman for the Time being, such Chairman shall have the decisive and casting Vote; and if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Directors Two Members qualified to vote shall not attend, then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned till such Time as the Members or Member then present, or, if none be present, as the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his or their Place, shall appoint; and any or either of the Directors may, at any Time when they or he shall think fit, call a Meeting of the Directors by Notice in Writing signed by such Directors or Director, to be sent by the Post or otherwise to the Residence or Address of every Director.

Power of
Directors.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That the Court of Directors for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and shall have full Power and Authority to meet and adjourn from Time to Time and from Place to Place within the said City of *London* and County of *Middlesex*, and also at any Time to call Special Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and to appoint the Times and Places in the said City and County of holding General and Special Meetings, and to direct the

the Affairs and Business of the said Company as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out or disposed of, for the Purposes of the same Company, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into any Agreements or Contracts for lighting with Gas the said Streets, Highways, Squares, Market Places, or Shops, Inns, Manufactories, Warehouses, private Houses, Buildings, or private Places as aforesaid, and in nominating, electing, appointing, placing, or displacing any Officer, Agent, or Servant of the said Company, (not being a Treasurer or Clerk of the said Company, who are to be elected and appointed at a General Meeting of the Company herein-before mentioned,) and with such Salaries, Gratuities, or other Recompence as to the said Court of Directors shall seem proper, and in ordering, directing, and employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid, and in making, enforcing, and rescinding, compounding, and compromising all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, subject to such Orders, Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company in Restraint, Control, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted; and the said Court of Directors may require such Security to be given to the said Company of Proprietors from any Officer or Officers (not being a Treasurer or Clerk of the said Company), or other Person, for the faithful Execution of their respective Offices or Duties, as they may think proper or reasonable.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the said Company, and of the Court of Directors for the Time being, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and such Orders and Proceedings shall be signed by the Chairman for the Time being of each respective Meeting, or, for the Purposes of Adjournment only, by the Clerk of the said Company, and shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever.

Orders to be entered in a Book.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That the Directors for the Time being of the said Company shall have full Power and Authority to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Proprietors or Subscribers of Shares in the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as the said Directors shall from Time to Time find expedient for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, so that no One such Call do exceed Five Pounds upon each Share of Forty Pounds, and so that no Call shall be made but at the Interval of Three Calendar Months at least from each other, and so that the total Amount of such Calls shall not exceed the Sum subscribed for by the several Proprietors; and the several Sums of Money which shall be so called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Company for the Time being at such Times and Places as shall be appointed by the said Directors, of which

Directors may make Calls.

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Times and Places Thirty Days Notice at least in Writing shall be given by the Clerk of the said Company to the several Persons liable to pay such Calls, which Notice may be sent by the Post, or in such other Manner as the said Directors shall direct in that Behalf.

For enforcing
Payment of
Calls.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have already subscribed for and towards the said Undertaking, and who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they are hereby respectively required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed and to be subscribed for, or such Parts or Portions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for pursuant to the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the said Directors for the Time being; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay any such Money at such Time or Times and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the said Directors as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same, by Action of Debt or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same from the appointed Time or Times of Payment, and full Costs of Suit, from such Person or Persons respectively; and in like Cases of Neglect or Refusal, where Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or be jointly possessed of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, then in like Manner to sue for and recover the same from all or any of such joint Subscribers.

Calls for-
feited on
Nonpayment.

LXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Proportion of any Money to be called for by virtue of the Powers of this Act, during the Space of Two Calendar Months next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then and in every such Case such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, or Interest in the said Undertaking and Capital Stock, and all Profit and Advantage thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them on account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the rest of the said Company; and all Shares which shall be so forfeited shall or may be sold at a public Sale for the most Money than can be gotten for the same, and the Produce thereof shall be applied and disposed of in manner by this Act directed.

No Advan-
tage to be
taken of For-
feiture of
Shares until
after Four-
teen Days
Notice in
Writing.

LXII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Advantage shall be taken of any such Forfeiture of any Share or Shares until after Fourteen Days Notice in Writing shall have been given by the Clerk of the said Company to the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, and in case such Proprietor or Proprietors shall have no fixed Place of Residence, then public Notice shall be given by Advertisement Twice at least in the *London Gazette*, nor unless the same Share or Shares shall be declared to be forfeited at some Special Meeting of the said Directors; and every such Forfeiture, when so declared, shall be an absolute Indemnification

fication and Discharge to and for the Proprietor or Proprietors who shall have incurred such Forfeiture, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, against all Actions, Suits, and Proceedings whatsoever, in Law or in Equity, for any Breach of Contract between such Proprietor so forfeiting and the said Company, in regard to the future Proceedings of the said Undertaking.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Money produced by the Sale of any such Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Calls as aforesaid and legal Interest thereon, and the Expences attending the Sale or Sales thereof, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid, on Demand, to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged: Provided also, that the said Company or the Court of Directors shall not by virtue of this Act sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred, any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be deemed sufficient, as near as may be, at the Time of such Sale, to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters for or on account of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after Payment of all such Calls, and the Interest and Expences attending the same, any Share or Shares vested in the same Company as aforesaid, which shall remain in their Hands unsold, shall revert to and again become the Property of the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

If the Purchase Money for such Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay the Arrears of Calls, and Interest and Expences thereon, the Surplus to be paid to the Owner, on Demand.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors or the Court of Directors for the Time being shall cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who are at present and shall be hereafter Subscribers to or Proprietors of the said Undertaking, with the Number of Shares possessed by each of the Subscribers and Proprietors, and also the proper Number by which every Share is to be distinguished, to be distinctly entered in a Register Book to be kept by the Clerk to the said Company, to be appointed as herein mentioned.

Proprietors Names to be registered.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to sell and transfer any Share or Shares of which they shall respectively be possessed; and every such Transfer shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Shares may be transferred.

‘ I [or We] of in consideration of
 ‘ paid to me [or us] by do hereby bargain, sell,
 ‘ and transfer to the said the Sum of Capital
 ‘ Stock of and in the Undertaking called the *British Gas Light*
 ‘ Company, being my [or our] Share [or Shares], Number
 ‘ in the said Undertaking, to hold to the said Executors,
 ‘ Administrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules, Orders, and
 ‘ Restrictions,

Form of Transfer.

‘ Restrictions, and on the same Conditions, that I [*or we*] held the
 ‘ same immediately before the Execution hereof; and I [*or we*] the
 ‘ said do hereby agree to take and accept the said Share
 ‘ [*or Shares*], subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and
 ‘ Conditions. As witness my Hand and Seal [*or our Hands and*
 ‘ Seals], this Day of in the Year of our
 ‘ Lord One thousand eight hundred and .’

Transfers to
be registered.

And every such Transfer shall be produced and notified to the Clerk of the said Company, and shall be entered and registered in the Books of the said Company, and the Entry or Registry thereof shall specify the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred; and until such Transfer shall be entered or registered in the Books of the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser of any Share or Shares, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have any Part or Share in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages thereof, nor shall receive any Interest or Dividend for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to any Vote at any Meeting or Meetings as Proprietor or Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking.

No Shares to
be sold after
a Call until
the Money is
paid.

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after a Call for Money shall be made by virtue of this Act no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, after the Day appointed for Payment of the said Call, until the Money so called for or in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares intended to be sold, shall be paid; and until such Money so called for shall be paid any such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void; and all and every Person or Persons making Default herein shall be subject and liable to forfeit such his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, unless he, she, or they shall at the Time of such Sale or Sales or Transfer pay to the Treasurer of the said Company the full Sum of Money called for upon every Share so to be sold or transferred; such Forfeitures nevertheless to be first notified and declared in manner directed by this Act with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for not answering the Calls to be made thereon.

For ascer-
taining the
Proprietor-
ship of
Shares in
certain Cases.

LXVII. And whereás in case any original Holder or Proprietor of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, become insolvent or bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company, it may not be in the Power of the said Company, or any Officer acting for the said Company, to learn who is or are the Owner or Proprietor or Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, in order to give him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, Notice or Notices of Calls to be made on such Share or Shares, and to maintain any Action or Actions, Suit, or other Proceeding against him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely
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paying to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore enacted, That in all Cases where the Right and Property in One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers, or any Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, to any other Person or Persons by any other legal Means than a Transfer or Conveyance thereof in the Form and Manner herein specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons before a Master or Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such other Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, and such Affidavit shall be transmitted to the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company, to the Intent that he or they may enter and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book or List of Subscribers and Proprietors to the said Undertaking to be kept in the Office of the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered (subject to the Provisions and Restrictions herein mentioned), by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make and erect or maintain such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, and other Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Apparatus and Works, upon any of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which the said Company may purchase for that Purpose, in such Manner as the said Company shall think necessary or proper for carrying the Purposes of this Act into execution, and also to break up the Soil and Pavement of any Streets, Squares, Highways, Bridges, Roads, Ways, Lanes, Passages, Closes of Land, and other Places, or any Part of them, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Main or other Pipes, and put Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes, from the Gasometers or other Works, in, under, across, and along such Places as aforesaid, or any of them, and in such Manner as shall be necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution, or supplying any such Light as aforesaid, and from Time to Time to alter the Position of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stopcocks, Syphons, and Plugs or Branches, also to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe laid in any Street, Road, Highway, Lane, Passage, or other Place, by the said Company by virtue of this Act, into or through or against any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any public or private Lamp, from any of such Main or other Pipes, and to erect and set up any Machine or Apparatus necessary or requisite for securing to any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, a proper and complete Supply of Gas, and for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply, and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been

Power to make and erect Retorts, &c. and to break up the Soil and Pavement of Streets, &c. for laying Pipes.

placed or which shall be injured or damaged in such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things as the said Company and their Successors shall from Time to Time think necessary for completing, amending, repairing, improving, supplying, and using the same: Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to affix, carry, or lay any Pipe or Pipes through or against any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or Yards, for the Purpose of lighting the same or any other Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or Yards, or any Place or Places, or to continue the same, without the Consent of the Owner and Occupier of every such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings, Yards, Lands, or other Premises through or against which any such Pipe or Pipes may be carried or laid for the Purposes aforesaid.

Restrictions
as to break-
ing up of
Pavements,
Roads, &c.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company, to break or take up or disturb the Pavement or Ground in any Road, Street, Square, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, for the Purpose of laying down any Main Pipe or Main Pipes, (except Service Pipes of a Diameter not exceeding One Inch in the Bore,) without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Surveyors, Trustees, or other Persons having the Control of such Pavement, Ground, Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place respectively, first had and obtained; but nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent the said Company from laying down, repairing, or altering such Main Pipes, (after such Consent as aforesaid,) or from opening, taking up, or removing any of the Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement, or otherwise, in or of any Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place whatsoever, for the laying down, repairing, or altering of any such Service Pipes, or of any Apparatus leading from such Main Pipes, after such Consent as aforesaid.

Notice to be
given of
breaking up
Pavements,
Roads, &c.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That (after such Consent as aforesaid) it shall not be lawful for the said Company to break, take up, or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any of the Pavements or Ground in any Road, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing any Main Pipe or Pipes, (except Service Pipes as aforesaid,) or of altering the Position of any such Main Pipe or Pipes, (except as aforesaid,) unless Notice in Writing of their Intention to break or take up such Pavement or Ground, signed by the Clerk to the said Company, specifying the Road, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, and the particular Part thereof, intended to be broken or taken up, shall have been given to the Surveyor or Superintendent of such Road, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place for the Time being, or to the Surveyor of the District or Place wherein such Road, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place (the Pavement, Ground, or Soil whereof is so intended to be broken or taken up) shall be situate, or shall have

been left for him at his Dwelling House or last Place of Abode, for the Space of Twenty-four Hours at the least before such Pavement or Ground or any Part thereof shall be so broken up, except in Cases of sudden Emergency, when such Notice shall be given as soon as possible after such Pavements or Ground or any Part thereof shall be broken or taken up; and if the said Company shall break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed; any such Pavements or Ground without such Consent as aforesaid, and without such Notice being given or left as aforesaid, (except as aforesaid,) or shall break or take up or disturb any such Pavement or Ground for the Purpose of laying down any such Main or Mains without such Consent as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay to the Commissioners or Trustees, Surveyors or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements or Road, Ground or Soil, which shall be so broken or taken up or disturbed, the Sum of Forty Shillings for every Square Yard of Pavement or Ground which shall be so broken or taken up without such Notice as aforesaid, (except as aforesaid,) to be recovered and levied, in case of Non-payment, in such Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed are directed to be recovered and levied.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners or Trustees, Surveyors or other Person or Persons having the Control, Direction, or Superintendence of the said Roads, Squares, Streets, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places respectively, to require the said Company to raise or sink or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, within Ten Days next after being required so to do by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners, Trustees, Surveyors, or other Person or Persons respectively, raise or sink such Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches, according to such Notice; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, Trustees, Surveyors, or other Person or Persons aforesaid to cause such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised or sunk; and the reasonable Costs and Charges of doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company; and if the same be not paid within Ten Days next after the Demand shall be made by the said Commissioners, Trustees, Surveyors, or other Person or Persons aforesaid, by Writing left at the Office of the said Company, (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace,) all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Commissioners, Trustees, Surveyors, or other Person or Persons as aforesaid.

LXXII. Pro-

Pavements
to be made
good when
Pipes are laid.

LXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing any such Main Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, or Branches, shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill up the Trenches, and make good the Pavement and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned thereby, and repair any Damage arising from any Drains, Sewers, or Cuts which may be made for carrying off any Washings or Waste Liquids, without any Delay, and shall in the meantime fence or guard the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, and place and set up Lights during the Night in such Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages: Provided always, that if there shall be any wilful or negligent Delay in the said Company of Proprietors, or in any of their Agents or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, in filling any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads, or in fencing or guarding the Ground which shall be opened, or in placing and setting up such Lights during the Night, so as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways within the said Parishes and Places, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, or any Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Surveyors, to fill up such Ground, and remove such Rubbish, and to repair and make good the Pavement of any Street, Highway, Lane, Passage, or Place so broken up; and the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors or their Treasurer; and in default of Payment thereof within Ten Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or Surveyors, or other Person acting by or under his or their Authority, (Proof of such Demand being made upon Oath of Two or more credible Witnesses before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace,) all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company of Proprietors or such other Person or Persons, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs, Charges, and Penalty shall be paid to such Surveyor or Surveyors,

Damages to
any public
Sewer or
Drain to be
made good.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company, or their Successors, Servants, Agents, Workmen, or others, shall not, by any Work to be done by virtue of this Act, damage or injure any public Sewer or Drain within the said several Parishes and Places within the Limits of this Act; and if any Damage or Injury shall unavoidably be done to any such Sewer or Drain, the said Company or their Successors shall forthwith well and sufficiently repair and make good every such Damage or Injury; and on default thereof the Amount of such Damage shall be recoverable by the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Commissioners of Sewers for the Time being wherein such Damage or Injury shall have been sustained by
Distress

Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, or by Action of Debt or on the Case in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as the said Company, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall dig or sink any Trench or Trenches for laying any Main Pipe or Pipes or other Apparatus, or shall open any Ground for the Purposes of this Act, or any of them, in, upon, or near to which any Water Pipe or Water Pipes shall have been laid or placed for the Purpose of conveying Water into or about any of the said Parishes or Places within the Limits of this Act, or any Branch of any such Water Pipe for the Service or Supply of any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, the said Company, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall and they are hereby required to give previous Notice thereof to the Proprietor or Proprietors or Person or Persons having the Control of such Water Pipes for the Time being, or to the Occupier of such Dwelling House, Manufactory, public or private Building supplied by such Branch or Service Pipe (as the Case may be); and on every such Occasion the said Company, their Servants, Agents, and Workmen, shall, under the Direction and Inspection of such Proprietors or Persons or Occupiers, or their, his, or her Surveyor or Agent (as the Case may be), protect and secure such Pipe or Pipes from any Injury or Damage, and shall also repair and make good any Damage that shall or may be done to any such Water Pipe or Pipes on any such Occasion; and on default being made in any of the Matters aforesaid the said Company shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and shall also pay to such Proprietors or Persons or Occupiers (as the Case may be) the Costs and Expences which shall have been incurred by them, him, or her in the securing and protecting or in repairing and making good any Injury or Damage that shall or may be done to such Pipe or Pipes by the Means aforesaid; such Costs and Expences to be ascertained by any Justice of the Peace, and to be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant.

For the Protection of Water Pipes.

LXXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the Commissioners of Sewers, at any Time or Times in the Day-time, to enter into any Manufactory, Gasometer, Receiver, or other Building belonging to the said Gas Company, in order to inspect and examine if there be any Escape of Gas, or any Washings, or other waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the said Gas Works, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring such Gas, into any public Sewer or Drain; and if such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners of Sewers shall at

Power for the Surveyor of the Commissioners of Sewers to enter into the Gas Works, to see if there be any Escape of Gas, &c.

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any such Time or Times be refused Admittance or Entrance into any such Manufactory, Gasometer, Receiver, or other Building, for the Purpose of making such Inspection and Examination as aforesaid, or on being admitted shall be obstructed in or prevented from making such Inspection and Examination as aforesaid, the said Gas Company so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Directions as
to laying the
Pipes.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round any Street, Square, Market Place, Lane, Alley, Passage, Court, or other Places aforesaid, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance, and whenever the Width of the Carriageway in such Street or Place will allow thereof at the Distance of Four Feet at least from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe already laid down or hereafter to be laid down by or by the Order of any Company of Proprietors for the Time being of any Waterworks hereafter to be established for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Squares, Market Places, Lanes, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places adjacent, in the said several Parishes, Hamlets, Districts, or other Places adjacent, or within the Limits aforesaid, or the Neighbourhood or Precincts thereof, unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Main Pipes across any of the Pipes of the said Company of Proprietors, in which Cases the said Gas Main Pipes so crossing the said Company's Water Pipes shall be at least Six Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the Gas Main Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of the said Company's Water Pipes than Three Feet at least; and in laying down the said Pipes the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, shall in no Case join Two or more Gas Pipes together previous to their being laid in the Trench, but shall lay each Pipe as near as may be in its Place in the Trench, and shall in such Trench form the Jointing with the other Pipes to be added thereto, with proper and sufficient Materials, and shall also make and keep all and every such Pipes, and all Pipes connected or communicating therewith, and all the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively, air-tight, and in every respect prevent the Gas from escaping therefrom, upon pain of forfeiting for any such Offence, if the said Company shall neglect or refuse to make such Gas Pipes air-tight within Twenty-four Hours after Notice thereof given to them in Writing, the Sum of Fifty Pounds.

For prevent-
ing the
Escape of
Gas.

LXXVII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down in any Road, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the said respective Parishes and other Places, the said Company, or the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or the Person or Persons, being the Owner or Owners of such Pipe or Pipes so laying down or causing the same to be laid down in any such Road, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Place or Passage, shall, immediately after Notice given to them or him, by Parol or in Writing, of any such Escape of Gas by any Inhabitant or Inhabitants
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of the said Parishes and Places respectively, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company, or the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice given, effectually stop and prevent any future Escape, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case the said Company, or the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for each Day, after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid; which Penalty or Penalties shall from Time to Time be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Information to be laid before some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, and shall and may be recoverable and levied, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Treasurer of the said Company, or of the Goods and Chattels of the Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or of the Person or Persons so contracting to light or lighting as aforesaid.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Water of any Owner or Company of Proprietors of Waterworks shall be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Company, or of any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or any Person or Persons as aforesaid, such Company, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person or Persons aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as any Penalty is hereby directed to be sued for and recovered, and shall be applied to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Owner or Company of Proprietors of the Waterworks affected thereby; and in case any such Water shall be contaminated or affected by Gas in any Way whatsoever, then and in every such Case and Cases the said Company, or Body or Bodies Politic, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice thereof in Writing signed by the Clerk or Surveyor to the said Owner or Company, or by any Person or Persons consuming the Water, to be left at the usual Office or Place of transacting Business of the said Company, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, cause the most proper and effectual Measures to be taken effectually to stop and prevent Gas from escaping from their Works, Mains, or Pipes, or contaminating or affecting the Water of the said Company of Proprietors; and in case the said Company, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after each and every such Notice so left as aforesaid, effectually stop and prevent Gas from so escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of every such Complaint, and prevent all and every such Contamination whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall, on each and every Complaint whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, forfeit and

Gas Com-
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and pay to the Treasurer for the Time being or to any One of the Directors for the Time being of the said Owner or Water Company, for the Use and Benefit of the same Proprietors, over and above the before-mentioned Penalty of Twenty Pounds to be recovered as aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds for each and every Day during which the said Water shall be and remain contaminated, tainted, or affected by the Gas of the said Company, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid; and in default of Payment thereof as aforesaid such Penalty or Penalties shall and may be recovered by Information to be exhibited on the Oath of One credible Witness, by and in the Name of any One or more of the Directors of any such Water Company prosecuting such Information against the said Company, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, before any Justice of the Peace, with Costs, to be assessed by such Justice, and to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant; and such Penalty or Penalties and Costs, when so levied, shall be paid to the Treasurer or to One of the Directors for the Time being of the said Company which shall be contaminated or affected by Gas.

For ascer-
taining if the
Water is con-
taminated.

LXXIX. And whereas it may be or become a Question, upon such Complaint as aforesaid, whether the said Water be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Company; be it therefore enacted, That in every such Case it shall be lawful for any such Company of Proprietors for supplying with Water to dig to and about and search and examine the Mains, Pipes, Conduits, and Apparatus of the said *British Gas Light Company*, for the Purpose of ascertaining whether such Contamination proceed or be occasioned by the Gas of the said Company; and if it shall appear that the said Water has been contaminated by any Escape of Gas of the said *British Gas Light Company*, the Costs and Expences of the said Digging, Search, and Examination and Repair of the Pavement of the Street or Streets which shall be taken up or disturbed, shall be borne and paid by the said *British Gas Light Company*; which Costs and Expences shall be ascertained and determined, if necessary, by such Justice as aforesaid, and be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty may be recovered by virtue of this Act: Provided always, that if upon such Examination it shall appear that such Contamination has not arisen from any such Escape of Gas from any of the Mains, Pipes, or Conduits of the said *British Gas Light Company*, then and in such Case such Company of Proprietors for the supplying with Water shall bear and pay all the Expences of such Examination, Repair, and Search, and also shall make good to the said *British Gas Light Company* any Loss, Injury, or Damage which may be occasioned to the said Mains, Pipes, Conduits, or Apparatus of the said *British Gas Light Company* in and by such Search and Examination, and also to the Pavement of the said Streets so broken or disturbed in such Search or Examination; the Amount of such Injury, Loss, or Damage to be ascertained and determined

determined (if necessary) by such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and recoverable in like Manner as any Penalty may be recovered by virtue of this Act.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company of Proprietors, or any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons making, furnishing, or supplying any Gas burnt or consumed within the said several Parishes and Places, shall at any Time empty, drain, or convey, or cause or suffer to be emptied, drained, or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings, or other waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of any Gas Works, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring Gas, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, Springhead, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or Running Stream, Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead, Well, Drain, Sewer, or Ditch, whereby the said Water or any Part thereof shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Complaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and the whole thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time that such Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing shall have ceased and determined: Provided also, that over and above and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, (and whether such Penalty shall have been sued for or recovered or not,) in case any of the said Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow, in manner aforesaid, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, or any Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, Springhead, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any Person or Persons to whom the same shall belong, or by any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to the said Company of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons as aforesaid, and the said Company of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons, as shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after, such Notice shall have been given to them or him as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, from being

Penalty on Washings draining into Rivers, Wells, &c.

emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, waste Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by this Act directed to be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who in the Judgment of the Justice or Justices before whom the Conviction shall take place shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage by any such Act so done or committed.

For pre-
venting
Nuisances
by the Works.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That when any Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, inhabitant Householder of the said Parishes and Places as aforesaid, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, shall be aggrieved by any public or private Nuisance to be committed by the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Means which shall be employed by them in manufacturing the said Gas and using the same, or furnishing such Light as aforesaid, or from any other Cause whatsoever, and shall give Notice in Writing to the said Company of the Existence of any such public or private Nuisance, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to remove and abate such public or private Nuisance from continuing; and in case the said Company shall not proceed, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice in Writing being given as aforesaid of any such public or private Nuisance, to remove and shall not abate the same to the Satisfaction of any Two Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Two Pounds for each and every Day during which such public or private Nuisance shall be permitted or suffered to exist after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of receiving such Notice; which Penalty shall and may from Time to Time, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Information to be laid and exhibited before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, be recoverable and recovered, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, by Warrant of any such Justice or Justices as aforesaid, to be granted in like Manner, and subject to the like Provisions, and go to and be paid as herein directed touching other Penalties to be recovered from the said Company.

The Com-
pany may be
indicted for
Injury done
by their
Works.

LXXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding by Indictment or otherwise against any of the Officers, Servants, or Workmen of the said Company,

in respect of any Works, or the Means which shall be employed by them in making the said Gas or using the same, or furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any Action or Actions against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works, or the Use of the said Gas, or the Method of lighting therewith, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Preparation or the Use of the same Gas or Method of lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of any of the Persons employed therein, or from any other Cause whatsoever.

LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to contract with the Commissioners, Trustees, Surveyors, Persons, or Bodies having the Control, Direction, or Management of the Highways, or any of them, within the Limits of this Act, for lighting or supplying the same with Gas, and also to contract with any Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, for the lighting or supplying with Gas any such Persons or Bodies, or any Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, or Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, public or private Houses or Buildings belonging to them or any of them, or in which they or any of them are interested, or over which they or any of them have the Direction or Control, and also to contract with any Person or Persons whomsoever for lighting or supplying with Gas any Shops, Warehouses, public or private Buildings or Places whatsoever within the Limits of this Act, in such Manner and under such Stipulations as the said Company shall think proper, consistent with the Powers and Authorities hereby granted.

Company empowered to contract for the lighting of Streets and Houses.

LXXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall at any Time hereafter contract with any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, for lighting any of the public Lamps in any of the public Streets, Roads, Highways, Squares, or Market Places, or other public Places within the Limits aforesaid, the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply such public Lamps which they shall so contract to light with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light, in proportion to the Quality and Intensity thereof, than could be obtained from Oil Lamps; and whenever the said Company shall fail so to do, the Power and Authority hereby given to the said Company further to break up the Soil or Pavement of any such public Street, Road, Square, or Market Place, or any other public Place within the Limits aforesaid, where such public Lamps shall be situated, shall from thenceforth during such Refusal cease and determine; and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for lighting with Gas such public Lamps by the said Company shall contain a Clause providing it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such Lamps shall at all Times be better and cheaper lighted by the said Company than could be done by Oil Lamps, in proportion to the Quality and Intensity of the Light.

Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil.

LXXXV. And

Report of
Works to be
sent to the
Secretary of
State for the
Home De-
partment
half-yearly
at least.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company shall and they are hereby required, within Three Calendar Months after every Half-yearly General Meeting of the said Company, or oftener if required by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being, to transmit to the said Secretary of State a Report in Writing, signed by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman or One of the said Directors, of the State of the said Company and of their Works, and the Means possessed by the said Company for securing the Continuance of their Operations, and such other Matters relating to the Works and Proceedings of the said Company as the said Secretary of State shall from Time to Time require; and in case the said Directors shall not, within the said Period of Three Calendar Months after every such General Meeting as aforesaid, or within the like Period after being required by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, transmit to the said Secretary of State such Report in Writing, the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every such Offence, to be recovered by His Majesty's Attorney General by Information in the Court of Exchequer, or by Action of Debt in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, for the Use of His Majesty.

Stations and
Works to be
open at all
Times to the
Inspection of
Persons
appointed
by the
Secretary of
State.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Stations and Works of the said Company shall be open at all convenient Times for the Inspection and Examination of such Person or Persons as the said Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being shall appoint from Time to Time for that Purpose; and the said Company shall and they are hereby required to conform to such Regulations and Proceedings in the several Parts of their Works and Operations hereafter to be erected and executed as the said Secretary of State shall consider necessary and proper, and shall direct to be adopted, for the better and more effectual lighting the several Parishes and Places within the Limits of this Act, where the Mains and Pipes of the said Company shall lie, and for more effectually securing a proper and permanent Supply of Gas for lighting the public Lamps therein, and for assisting and advancing the Benefits to be derived from an active and efficient Police, and for such other Purposes as to the said Secretary of State shall seem meet and proper for the Advantage of the Public.

Power to
light Houses,
&c. from
the Mains.

LXXXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main Pipe or Pipes in any Road, Square, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, laid by or belonging to the said Company, in or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings within the Limits of this Act, for the Purpose of lighting the same or any public or private Lamp from any such Main Pipe or Main Pipes, with the Consent of the Owner and Occupier of such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings.

LXXXVIII. Pro-

LXXXVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall, at their own Expence, on the Expiration or Determination of the Tenancy or Tenancies of any Occupier or Occupiers whose Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings or Yards shall be supplied with Gas in pursuance of this Act, or within Ten Days next after the Expiration or Determination of such Tenancy or Tenancies, upon receiving Two Days Notice in Writing for that Purpose for or on behalf of the Owner or Owners or the succeeding Occupier or Occupiers of any such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or Yards as aforesaid, remove, take, and carry away, or cause to be removed, taken, and carried away, any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches from any Main or Pipes which shall have been introduced or laid by the said Company in or against any such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or Yards, as aforesaid, pursuant to the Power for that Purpose herein-before contained, and shall repair and make good any such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or Yards, where the same shall have been so introduced or be placed, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for such Owner or Owners, or such new or succeeding Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require, or any other Person or Persons acting under their, his, or her respective Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, or Branches to be removed, taken, and carried away, (without being thereby subjected to any Penalty or Penalties or Costs for thereby unavoidably damaging the Works of the said Company,) and the Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or Yards where the same shall have been introduced or placed, to be repaired and made good; and the reasonable Costs and Charges for so doing the same shall be immediately paid by the said Company, or their Treasurer for the Time being, to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within Twenty Days next after Demand shall be made by such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace,) all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, (which Warrants such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant,) and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require.

Company
to remove
Pipes, &c.
when Tenants
quit, if re-
quired.

LXXXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put up by the said Company for lighting the Streets and other public Passages and Places within the Limits of this Act, under any Contract or Agreement, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks shall be so fully formed and turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being

Service Pipes
to be kept
fully charged
with Gas.

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being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted.

Gas may be taken off from Houses of Persons who are in arrear for Rent.

Xc. And be it further enacted, That in every Case of Nonpayment of Rent to the said Company within the Time which shall be duly appointed for that Purpose, and for every Offence created or declared by this Act which shall be committed against the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Directors, over and above the Remedies and Penalties provided in each respective Case, and notwithstanding any existing Contract, to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of every Person who, using Gas supplied by the said Company, shall so be in arrear for Rent or offend, and such Person shall notwithstanding be liable to pay all such his or her Arrears of Rent.

Penalty on Persons laying down Pipes, or using Burners of larger Dimensions than they contract for.

Xci. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Lead, or other Pipe to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, nor use any Burners of larger Dimensions nor more in Number than he, she, or they shall respectively contract or pay for, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus, after such Penalties or Forfeitures, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale, are deducted, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Penalties or Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to one of the Common Gaols of the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalties or Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges, shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalty on Persons supplied with Gas supplying any other Persons.

Xcii. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever supplied with Gas by virtue of this Act shall supply any other Person or Persons whomsoever with any Part of such Gas, then and in every such Case every Person or Persons so offending in that respect shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and it shall be lawful for the Clerk, Engineer, or other Officer duly appointed for that Purpose by the said Company, between the Hours of Nine in the Morning and Ten of the Clock in the Evening of any Day, to inspect all and every Buildings and Places lighted with Gas supplied by the said Company; and if in any Building or Buildings, Place or Places, a greater Number of Jets or Lights of Gas supplied by the said Company shall be used than shall have been agreed for with the said Company, or if any Aperture or Apertures shall be wider than agreed for with the said Company, or if the Meter or
Meters

Meters which may be used for ascertaining the Quantity of Gas consumed or supplied shall be in any ways injured or destroyed, the Occupier or Occupiers of such Building or Buildings, Place or Places, so injuring or destroying such Meter or Meters, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

XCIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall place or cause to be placed any Pipe or Burner to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company without the Consent of the said Company by means of their Clerk or other Officer for that Purpose appointed first had and obtained, or use any Burner or Burners of larger Dimensions, or of a different Form, or more in Number, or for a greater Space of Time than he, she, or they shall respectively contract or pay for, so as to waste or improperly increase the Consumption of Gas, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe or Burner shall so communicate, or such Burner or Burners of larger Dimensions, or of a different Form, or more in Number than contracted for, shall be used, or such Excess be so committed.

No Pipes of Communication to be laid without the Consent of the Company.

XCIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously remove, take away, destroy, damage, or injure any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or any Part thereof respectively, or shall wilfully or maliciously extinguish or put out any One or more of the public Lamps or Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or shall neglect to extinguish or put out any Burner or Burners which shall be by the said Company supplied with such Air or Gas within Half an Hour after the Time contracted for, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath or Affirmation of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, shall forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, and the Amount of the Damage to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices to be done, such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or if it shall appear to the said Justice or Justices, either by Confession or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath or have not any Goods or Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture or Damage aforesaid, such Offender shall and may be committed to One of the Common Gaols of the said County, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or until such Forfeiture, Damages, and Costs shall be paid or tendered to the Keeper of such Common Gaol for the Use of the said Company.

Penalty on wilfully damaging Pipes, &c.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure

Satisfaction for Damages of Lamps, &c.

injure any Lamp or Lamps hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their own or private Expence, or any Pipe or Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto or to the said Company, or waste any Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or keep the Light or Lights burning for a longer Time than he, she, or they shall contract to pay for, and shall not upon Demand by the said Company or their Clerk or Superintendent, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, or the Excess of Gas obtained and used, or keeping the Lights burning longer than they shall have contracted for as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County of *Middlesex*; and he and they is and are hereby empowered and required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him or them the Party or Parties against whom the Complaint shall be preferred, and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or on Nonappearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to proceed *ex parte*, and to award such Sum or Sums of Money by way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons (as the Case may require), for such Damages or Excess, as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded within Ten Days next after Demand, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, or any One of them, and he and they is and are hereby required, to cause the same to be raised and levied in such and the like Manner as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeitures by this Act directed to be raised and levied.

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen.

XCVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall hinder or interrupt the said Company, or their Deputies, Agents, Workmen, or Servants, or any of them, in doing or performing any of the Works, or in exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or shall in anywise cause or procure such Interruption or Hindrance to take place, and shall be thereof convicted before any Justice or Justices of the Peace acting for the said County of *Middlesex*, either on Evidence or on Confession, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum to be adjudged by such Justice or Justices, not exceeding Five Pounds, and such Sum so adjudged shall be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may be recovered by virtue of this Act; or the said Company may, at their own Option, sue for Damages sustained by them for such Hindrance or Interruption.

Power vested in the Company not to be alienable.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company at any Time hereafter to sell or dispose of any of the Powers and Authorities vested in them by this Act to any other Gas Light Company, or to any other Person or Persons whomsoever.

Directing what shall be deemed a

XCVIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be requisite or necessary for any Person or Persons or Party or Parties

Parties to serve any Notice or Notices upon the said Company, or any Writ or Writs or other Proceedings either at Law or in Equity, the Service thereof upon the Clerk of the said Company, or at any of the Offices of the said Company, or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Clerk of the said Company, or Service upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, or upon any One of the said Directors, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

Service of Notices, &c. on the Company.

XCIX. And be it further enacted, That when by this Act any Damages or Charges are directed or authorized to be paid or recovered in addition to any Penalty or Penalties for any Offence or Offences, the Amount of such Damages or Charges, in case of Dispute respecting the same, shall be settled, ascertained, and determined by the Justice or Justices of the Peace by or before whom any Offender shall be convicted of any such Offence or Offences, who is hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment thereof, to levy such Damages or Charges by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels in manner directed by this Act for the levying of any Penalties or Forfeitures.

Damages and Charges, in case of Dispute, to be settled by Justice.

C. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Sum or Sums of Money shall be directed or ordered to be paid by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of the Directions of this Act, or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any Materials or Costs, or for any Damage, Spoil, or Injury of any Nature or Kind whatsoever done or committed by the said Company or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, and if such Sum or Sums of Money shall not be paid by the said Company to the Party or Parties entitled to receive the same within Ten Days after Demand in Writing shall have been made from the Clerk to the said Company, or their Treasurer, in pursuance of the Directions or Order made by such Justice or Justices, and in which Demand the Order of such Justice or Justices shall be stated, then and in such Case the Amount of such Compensation shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels vested in the said Company by virtue of this Act, or of the Goods and Chattels of their Treasurer for the Time being, under a Warrant to be issued for that Purpose by any such Justice or Justices, which Warrant any such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to grant under his Hand and Seal or their Hands and Seals, on Application made to him or them for that Purpose by the Party or Parties entitled to receive such Sum or Sums of Money as or by way of Compensation or Satisfaction for any such Materials, Costs, Damages, Spoil, or Injury as aforesaid; and in case any Surplus shall remain after Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money, and the Costs and Expences of hearing and determining the Matter in dispute, and also the Costs and Expences of such Distress and Sale, then and in every such Case such Overplus shall be returned, on Demand, to the said Company or their Treasurer for the Time being, as the Case may be: Provided always, that it shall be lawful for such Treasurer to retain, out

In case of Nonpayment of Compensation for Damages, &c. by the Company.

of any Monies which he shall have received or shall receive in pursuance of this Act, all such Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences as he shall have sustained or be put unto by virtue of any such Warrant as aforesaid.

Recovery and
Application
of Penalties.

CI. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, or by any Rule, Order, or Bye Law inflicted or imposed, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders or applying the Penalties is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and be recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, in and by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending (which Oath the said Justice is hereby authorized to administer); and in default of Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; and one Half of the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained, the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale being deducted, shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Half thereof to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish, Hamlet, or Place where the Offence upon which any Conviction shall take place shall have been committed, for the Use and Benefit thereof; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justice to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, unless the said Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice for his or their Appearance before him on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant or Warrants of Distress; such Day or Days not being more than Ten Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice is hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant or Warrants it shall appear that no such Distress can be had thereupon, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice, either by the Confession of the Offender or Offenders, or otherwise, that he, she, or they hath or have not sufficient Goods and Chattels whereon such Penalties, Forfeitures, Fines, and Charges can be levied if a Warrant of Distress were issued, such Justice shall not be required to issue such Warrant of Distress, and thereupon it shall be lawful for any such Justice of the Peace, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County, District, or Place wherein such Offence shall arise for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months.

Information
to be lodged
within Six
Months.

CII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any Penalty, Fine, or Forfeiture imposed by this Act for any
Offence

Offence or Offences against the same, or any Order or Bye Law made in pursuance thereof, herein-before made cognizable before a Justice or Justices of the Peace, unless Information respecting such Offence or Offences shall have been lodged before such Justice or Justices within Six Calendar Months next after committing such Offence or Offences.

CIII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases in which by this Act any Penalty or Forfeiture is made recoverable by Information before a Justice, it shall be lawful for any Justice of the Peace to whom Complaint shall be made of any Offence against this Act to summon the Party complained against before him, and on such Summons to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way, and on Proof of the Offence to convict the Offender, and to adjudge him to pay the Penalty or Forfeiture incurred, and to proceed to recover the same, although no Information in Writing shall have been exhibited or taken by or before such Justice; and all such Proceedings by Summons without any Information shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes as if an Information in Writing had been exhibited.

Justices may proceed by Summons in the Recovery of Penalties.

CIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses before any Justice or Justices of the Peace touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on behalf of the Prosecutor or on behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and shall refuse or neglect (without a reasonable Excuse) to appear from Time to Time at the Place to be for that Purpose appointed, and after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum of Money for his, her, or their Costs and Expences, or appearing shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, or, in case of a Quaker or Quakers, on solemn Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer,) and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

Compelling Attendance of Witnesses.

CV. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses who shall be examined by or before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, or otherwise, under this Act, upon Oath, (or, in case of a Quaker or Quakers, on solemn Affirmation,) shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, and shall be thereof lawfully convicted, he, she, or they so giving false Evidence shall be subject to the same Penalty as Persons guilty of Perjury are by the Laws in being subject and liable to.

Penalty on corruptly swearing.

CVI. And for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That a Conviction in the Form or to the Effect following shall be good, without alleging more than the Substance of the Offence; (that is to say,)

Form of Conviction.

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' to wit. } **BE** it remembered, That on the _____ Day of
 ' _____ in the Year of our Lord
 ' is [or are] convicted before me [or us, as the Case may be,]
 ' of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for
 ' by virtue of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of King
 ' George the Fourth, intituled *An Act, &c.* [here insert the Title of
 ' this Act], of having [specifying the Offence, and the Time and Place
 ' where the same was committed, as the Case shall be], contrary to the
 ' said Act; and for which Offence I [or we, as the Case shall be,] do
 ' adjudge the said _____ to have forfeited
 ' the Sum of _____ Given under my Hand
 ' and Seal [or, as the Case may be, our Hands and Seals,] the Day
 ' and Year first above written.'

Distress not
unlawful for
Want of
Form.

CVII. And be it further enacted, That when any Distress shall be
 made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied under the Autho-
 rity of this Act, or any Order or Bye Law made in pursuance
 thereof, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall the
 Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Tres-
 passers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in any Pro-
 ceeding relating thereto, nor a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*
 on account of any subsequent Irregularity in the prosecuting of
 such Distress; but the Person or Persons aggrieved by such Irre-
 gularity may recover Satisfaction for special Damages in any Action
 on the Case.

Power of
Appeal.

CVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body
 or Bodies Politic or Corporate or Collegiate, or any Person or Per-
 sons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved
 by any Order or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any Rule,
 Bye Law, or Order of the said Company, or by the Order or Deter-
 mination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this
 Act, may, within Six Calendar Months next after Cause of Complaint
 shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at their next
 General or Quarter Sessions to be holden for the County in which
 such Conviction shall have taken place, or any Adjournment thereof,
 the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten Days
 Notice of such Appeal and of the Nature and Matter thereof to the
 Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Clerk or Clerks of the
 said Company, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recog-
 nizance before some Justice of the Peace, with Two sufficient Sureties,
 conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award
 of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices at such Sessions,
 upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given
 and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such
 Complaint at such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace or Ad-
 journment thereof, or, if they think proper, may adjourn the hearing
 thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be
 held for the same County, and if they see Cause may mitigate any
 Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which
 shall have been levied in pursuance of such Rule, Bye Law, Order,
 or

or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, or such Costs to either of the Parties, as they shall judge reasonable and proper; and all such Determinations of the Justices at such Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

CIX. And be it further enacted, That no Proceeding to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender against this Act, or against any Order or Bye Law made in pursuance thereof, nor any Judgment or Determination to be made or any other Matter or Thing to be done or transacted in or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for Want of Form only, or be removed by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form, or removed by Certiorari.

CX. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in any Commissioners, Trustees, Vestries, Persons, or Bodies whatsoever, under or by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for better paving, improving, and regulating the Streets of the Metropolis, and removing and preventing Nuisances and Obstructions therein*, or under or by virtue of any Act or Acts for lighting, watching, cleansing, or paving any Road, Square, Street, or other Place whatsoever; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them respectively shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Saving the Rights of all local Authorities for lighting, &c.

57G. 3. c. 29.

CXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company to break up or disturb any of the Roads or Branches of Roads under the Care and Management of the Trustees for executing an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for more effectually repairing and improving the several Roads called the Cannon Street Roads, the Commercial Road, the Horseferry Branch of Road, the East India Dock Road, the Barking Road, and the Shadwell and Mile-End Branch of Road, in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex, and for laying down a Stoneway on the said Commercial, East India Dock, and Barking Roads*, without the Consent in Writing of the said Trustees; nor shall any thing in this Act contained extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the said Trustees by virtue of the said Act of the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been passed.

Saving the Rights of the Trustees of the Commercial Road.

9 G. 4. c. 112.

CXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, *[Local.]* *36 K* *to* Saving the Rights of the

Commis-
sioners of
Sewers.

to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in any Commissioners of Sewers; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Expences of
the Act how
to be paid.

CXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act shall be paid and discharged by the said Company out of the Monies already subscribed by virtue of this Act, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Public Act.

CXIV. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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