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## Cap. lxxxvii.

An Act to alter and enlarge the Powers of Two Acts of His present Majesty, for granting certain Powers to the Gas Light and Coke Company.

[2d July 1816.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting certain Powers and Authorities to a Company, to be incorporated by Charter, to be called The Gas Light and Coke Company, for making inflammable Air, for lighting of the Streets of the Metropolis, and for procuring Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil from Coal, and for the Purposes relating thereto*: And whereas His Majesty, by His Royal Charter bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of April One thousand eight hundred and twelve, did incorporate the said Company, in pursuance of and subject to the Provisions of the said Act, by the said Name of *The Gas Light and Coke Company*: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Powers of an Act of His present Majesty, for granting certain Powers and Authorities to the Gas Light and Coke Company*: And whereas the said Company have proceeded in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities of the said recited Acts and the said Charter, and have established large and extensive Works, and have afforded a Supply of Gas to a considerable Part of the Cities of London and Westminster: And whereas the Inhabitants of various Parts of the said Cities are desirous to be supplied with Gas for their private Use, and have made Application to the said Company to extend their Works for that Purpose: And whereas, in order to enable the said Company to increase their Works, so as to afford such a Supply of Gas as will enable

50G.3.c.163.

Charter, 30th April 1812.

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them



Company to continue a Corporation for 30 Years after the Expiration of the Charter.

them to comply with the Applications aforesaid, it is necessary and expedient that they should be authorized and empowered to raise a further Sum of Money, and also that the Powers and Authorities of the said Company, and also the Provisions of the said recited Acts, or some of them, should be enlarged, altered, and amended: 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 from and after the passing of this Act, the said Company shall be and continue one Body Politic and Corporate, by their said Name of *The Gas Light and Coke Company*, for and during and unto the full End and Term of Thirty Years, to be computed from the Expiration of the said Charter, and by that Name shall have Succession during the Period herein-before limited, and a common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued.

Power to raise a further Sum of Money, not exceeding 200,000l.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to raise and contribute among themselves, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, in addition to the Money which they were authorized and empowered to raise by and under the Powers of the said first-recited Act for the Purposes thereof, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, in such Proportions as they shall think fit; which said Sum when raised shall be laid out in carrying the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act into Execution, and shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds each; and such new or additional Shares so to be created by virtue of this Act, and the several Shares made or created by virtue of the said recited Acts, or either of them, shall to all Intents and Purposes be, and they are hereby declared to be consolidated, and to be one and the same joint Stock and Property; and all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and Parties who-soever, their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, who have severally subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe for one or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for or demanded under and by virtue of the said recited Acts, or either of them, and who shall severally subscribe for one or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for or demanded under and by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, shall respectively be entitled to and receive the entire and net Distribution of an equal proportionate Part, according to the Money so by them respectively paid, and the Time or Times at which the same shall have been so paid, of the Profits or Advantages that shall or may arise or accrue from the said Undertaking; and every Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and Persons having such Shares as aforesaid, shall bear and pay a proportionable Sum towards carrying on the said Works respectively, in Manner directed by the said recited Acts and this Act.

New Shares to be subject to the Provisions of former Acts as to old Shares.

III. And be it further enacted, That each and every Proprietor of each and every Share, which shall or may be created by virtue of this Act, shall be entitled to such and the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages, and shall be subject to such and the same Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as in and by the said recited Acts, or either



either of them, are expressed and contained of and concerning the Shares created by virtue thereof, and now vested in the several and respective Proprietors of and in the said Undertaking; and the Admission of all and every Person and Persons to any such new Share or Shares, by any Order or Resolution of the said Company, or their Court of Directors, shall be and be deemed to be a good and effectual Title to such Person or Persons, and his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, on his, her, or their paying to the said Company, or their Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, the Sum or Sums of Money required to be paid for such Shares respectively, within the Time limited in such Order or Resolution for that Purpose: Provided always, that no Person shall be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, in respect of any Shares created by virtue of this Act, until he or she shall have been possessed thereof for the Space of Three Calendar Months.

IV. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall be the Property of more than one Person, the Owner or Proprietor whose Name shall have been entered first in Order in the Books of the said Company shall for all the Purposes of the said Company be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required by the said recited Acts and this Act, or either of them, to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company, shall and may be given to or served upon such Person whose Name shall so stand first in Order in the Books of the said Company; and such Service upon such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Service upon all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, for all the Purposes for which such Service is intended to be made upon the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares by the said recited Acts and this Act, or either of them.

Shares standing in the Names of more than one Person, the Person whose Name stands first shall for all the Purposes of this Act be deemed the Owner.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, any Proprietor of Two or more Shares in the said Company's Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Shares at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General or Special Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking: Provided nevertheless, that no Person shall deliver in Proxies for more than Ten Proprietors; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form following; *widelicet*,

Empowering Proprietors of Shares to vote by Proxy.

I *A. B.* of \_\_\_\_\_ One of the Proprietors of and  
 in The Gas Light and Coke Company, do hereby nominate, constitute,  
 and appoint *C. D.* of \_\_\_\_\_ to be my Proxy, in my  
 Name and in my Absence to vote or give my Assent to 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, in such Manner as he the said *C. D.* shall think pro-  
 per, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

VI. And



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

Power to em-  
ploy Manu-  
facturers and  
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Materials to  
be used in  
lighting up  
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pany.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, in such Cases as to them shall seem meet and convenient, to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any main Pipe laid in any Street, Highway, Road, Lane, Passage, or Place, by the said Company, by virtue of the said recited Acts or this Act, or any or either of them, in, to, or through 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 such Main, with the Consent of the Owner or Occupier of such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, but not otherwise: Provided always, that the said Company, in carrying into Execution the Power hereby granted, in respect of fitting up any such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, shall employ or appoint such Manufacturers of or Dealers of the Materials to be used, as to the said Company shall seem meet and proper, and such Manufacturers or Dealers shall execute the same under and subject to the Superintendence, Controul, and Direction of the said Company: Provided also, that the said Company shall not, on any Account or upon any Pretence whatever, employ or set to work, in fitting up any such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, any Workman or Servant or any other Person in the Pay or Employ of the said Company; nor shall the said Company themselves manufacture, sell, or vend any of the Materials requisite, except Stop Cocks and Burners, nor directly or indirectly take or derive any Emolument, Advantage, or Profit from such Works, upon pain of forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds, with full Costs of Suit, to the Party who shall sue for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case, Bill, Complaint, Suit, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in which no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Power to lay  
Mains, and to  
erect Machi-  
nery requisite  
for securing a  
competent  
Supply of Gas  
to Dwelling-  
houses, &c.  
and to alter  
or amend  
imperfect  
Work; but  
not to break  
up Pave-  
ments, &c,  
without Con-  
sent of Com-  
missioners or  
Trustees.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority to lay any Main requisite for the Supply of any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, and to erect and set up, by themselves or their Agents, Servants and Workmen, any Machine or other Apparatus necessary or requisite for securing to such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply, and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been placed in such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, any thing in the said recited Acts or this Act, or any or either of them, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to permit or authorize or empower the said Company, or any Officer or Person now or hereafter appointed or employed by the said Company, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, at any Time or Times hereafter to break or take up or remove any Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Streets, Roads, or public Places whatsoever or wheresoever, in order to lay down main Pipe or Pipes to convey Gas, without the Consent of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons having the Superintendence or Controul or Property of or in such Stones, Ground, Soil,  
or



or Pavement in or of any such Streets, Roads, or public Places, or a competent Number of them, from Time to Time in Writing first obtained, but that nothing in this Clause contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to prevent the said Company from repairing such main Pipes after such Consent obtained as aforesaid, or from breaking or taking up or removing any Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Streets, Roads, or public Places whatsoever, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing any Service Pipe or Pipes leading from such main Pipes, after such Consent so obtained as aforesaid.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to or for the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to break or take up, or cause to be broken or taken up, any of the Pavements or Ground in any of the Streets, Roads, or public Places within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Suburbs, Precincts, and Liberties thereof respectively, for the Purpose of making or laying down or repairing any Main or Mains of Pipes, or any Pipe or Pipes, or of altering the Position of or repairing any Pipes, Stop Cocks, Valves, or Syphons, or other Works, or for any other Purpose, unless Notice in Writing of their Intention to break or take up such Pavement or Ground, signed by the Principal Clerk or Secretary, or Inspector or Surveyor to the said Company, specifying the Street, Road, or public Place, and the particular Part of such Street, Road, or public Place in which such Pavement or Ground is intended to be broken or taken up, shall have been given to a Surveyor of the Pavements or Roads for the Time being (duly appointed and notified in pursuance of any Act of Parliament now or hereafter in force for that Purpose), of the parochial or other District or Place wherein such Street, Road, or public 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 Office within such parochial or other District or Place, for the Space of Three Hours at the least before such Pavement or Ground, or any Part thereof, shall be so broken or taken up, except in all Cases of sudden Emergency, in which such Notice as aforesaid shall be given to such Surveyor of Pavements or Roads as soon as possible after such Pavement or Ground, or any Part thereof, shall be broken or taken up; and that the said Company shall not break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken or taken up or disturbed, the Pavement or Ground in any Street, Road, or public Place within the Limits aforesaid, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Pipes, except Service Pipes of a Diameter not exceeding One Inch in the Bore, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners or Trustees or other Persons having the Controul of the Pavements or Roads, Ground, or Soil, in any parochial or other District or Place, signified under the Hand or Hands of their Clerk or Clerks, or other proper Officer or Officers, first obtained; and that if the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, shall break or take up, or cause to be broken or taken up, any of such Pavement or Ground without such Notice being given or left as aforesaid (except as aforesaid), or shall break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any of such Pavement or Ground, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Pipes (except Service Pipes as aforesaid), without such Consent as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay to the Commissioners, or Trustees, or other

Restrictions  
respecting  
breaking up  
Pavements.

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Persons



Persons having the Controul of the Pavements or Roads within the parochial or other District or Place in which such Pavement or Ground so broken or taken up or disturbed shall be situate, or to their Treasurer, Clerk, or Surveyor, or to such other Person as they may appoint, the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every square Foot of Pavement or Ground which shall be so broken or taken up without such Notice or Consent as aforesaid, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed: Provided always, that the said Company shall not be subject or liable to the Payment of more than one Penalty, or to more than one Action, Suit, or other Proceeding, in respect of any one Offence committed, whether by virtue of this Act, or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, now or hereafter in force; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Requiring  
Company to  
reinstate  
Pavements,  
&c. after  
Pipes, &c,  
have been laid  
down.

IX. And be it further enacted, That whenever and so often as the said Company shall have lawfully broken up or removed the Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Street, Road, Highway, or public Place, or any Part thereof, the said Company shall and they are hereby required, immediately thereafter to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement, in as good sound State and Condition as the same was or were in at the Time of being so broken up, to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor of the Commissioners or Trustees of such Pavement, Soil, or Ground respectively; and the said Company shall carry away all surplus Earth, Filth, and Rubbish occasioned thereby, at their own Costs and Charges; and that during the Works of the said Company, and reinstating such Ground, Soil, or Pavement as aforesaid, the said Company shall provide proper Watchmen, with necessary Lamps, and otherwise secure and guard the said Works, so as to prevent any Damage or Inconvenience happening to Passengers, Cattle, or Carriages; and in case the said Company shall neglect and make Default in making good and reinstating such Ground, Soil, or Pavement as aforesaid, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice given to or left for the said Company at their House or Office, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement; and the Charges and Expences thereof shall be reimbursed and repaid by the said Company, or their Treasurer, to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Treasurer; and in Default of Payment thereof within Seven Days next after Demand thereof in Writing shall have been made by the Clerk of the said Commissioners or Trustees, such Sum or Sums of Money so paid by them shall and may be recovered of and from the said Company or their Treasurer, Clerk, or Agent, by Action of Debt, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*; and in which Action or Actions no Essoign, Protection, or Wager at Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Punishment  
for destroying  
Works.

X. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully and maliciously, and to the Prejudice of the said Company or of their Undertaking, break, throw down, destroy, take away, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Trunk, Valve, Syphon, Machine, Erection, or Building, laid, placed, erected, or set up by the said Company, by virtue of the said recited Acts and this Act, or either of them,



for the Purpose of carrying into Execution the several Powers and Authorities given to and vested in the said Company, every such Person shall be adjudged guilty of Felony; and every such Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be subject to the like Punishment and Penalties as in Cases of Grand Larceny; and the Court by or before whom such Person shall be tried and convicted shall have Power and Authority to cause such Person to be punished in like Manner as Felons are directed to be punished by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; or, in mitigation of such Punishment, such Court may award such Sentence as the Law directs in Cases of Petty Larceny.

XI. And be it further enacted, That the Court of Directors of the said Company shall, and they are hereby required, within One Calendar Month after every Half-yearly General Meeting of the said Company, or oftener if required by the Right Honourable the 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 Governor, Deputy Governor, or One of the Directors of the said Company, 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.

Report of Works to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Home Department Half-yearly at least.

XII. 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, as well in respect of those already erected or executed as of such as shall hereafter 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 effectually lighting the several Parts of the Metropolis, and the Suburbs, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, 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.

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

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Regulations, Directions, Privileges, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Restrictions, Matters, and Things whatsoever contained in the said recited Acts, so far as the same were in force at the Time of passing this Act, and so far as the same are not expressly altered or repealed by this Act, shall extend and be construed to extend and operate, and be in force with respect to the Sum of Money allowed to be raised, and to the additional Shares to be made or created under this Act, and also with respect to all Matters and Things whatsoever which may happen or arise in the Execution of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same and every Part thereof were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and were made Part thereof; and the said recited Acts and this Act shall

50G. 3. c. 163. and 54G. 3. c. 116. and this Act to be construed as one Act.

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as to all Matters and Things whatsoever, except as aforesaid, be construed as one Act.

Public Act.

XIV. 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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