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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. lvi.

An Act for lighting with Gas the Town and Neighbourhood of *Leeds* in the Borough of *Leeds* in the West Riding of the County of *York*.

[8th May 1818.]

WHEREAS the Town of *Leeds* in the Borough of *Leeds* in the West Riding of the County of *York* is a large and populous Place, as is also the Neighbourhood or Environs thereof; and it would be highly advantageous to the Public if the Streets and other public Passages and Places were better lighted, the same being now very imperfectly and insufficiently lighted: And whereas Inflammable Air, Carburetted Hydrogen, Coal Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil may be procured from Coal and other Substances: And whereas the said Inflammable Air, Carburetted Hydrogen, or Coal Gas, being conveyed by means of Pipes, may be safely and beneficially used for lighting the several Streets, Highways, Squares, Market Places, and other Places within the said Town and Neighbourhood of *Leeds* in the Borough of *Leeds*, and for lighting Shops, Inns, Taverns, private Houses, and Manufactories, and the said Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil may be used and applied in various other Ways with great Advantage: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named are willing and desirous at their own Costs and Charges to effect the several Purposes aforesaid; but such beneficial Purposes cannot be carried fully and completely into execution without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your

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Power to
contract for
the Purchase
of Lands and
Buildings.

Name.

Power to
make Contracts
for the Purchase
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Buildings.

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 Sir John Beckett, Baronet, William Aldam, James Anderson, Thomas Wade, Appleyard, John Atkinson, Edward Baines, George Banks, John Smith Barlow, Joshua Barrett, Christopher Beckett, Thomas Beckett, William Beckett, George Beecroft, John Beverley, George Bischoff, Ralph Blakelock, John Blayds, Thomas Blayds, Christopher Balland, James Brook the younger, James Brown, Joseph Buckton, Thomas Butler, John Cadman, Anthony Cass, John Carwood, Martin Carwood, John Bedam Charlesworth, Samuel Charlesworth, William Charlesworth, John Charnock, Francis Chorley, Thomas Chorley, John Clapham the younger, William Cockell, William Cockbott, Charles Coupland, Jonathan Dickinson, James Dickinson, Joseph Dickinson, Joseph Fawcett, James Fenton, John Fretwell, Joshua Garsed, John Glover, George Goodman, John Goodman, Henry Hall, Joseph Hallerwell, Thomas Hampshire, William Hargrave, George Heaps, Ambrose Heath, John Heaton, John Hill, Martin Hind, Benjamin Hird, Doctor of Medicine, Benjamin Hirst, John Hives, James Holdforth, Joseph Hoppes, Robert Howitt, Robert Jowitt, Richard Kemplay, Thomas Kirkby, David Kirkman, Philemon Land, William Liddle, Richard Labley, Ralph Markland, John Marshall, Matthew Murray, David Nell, James Nelson, George Oates, Thomas Pape, John Patchett, Jonathan Patchett, Thomas Benson Pease, Samuel Pounder, George Rawson, Richard Richardson, William Richardson, Joseph Ogle Robinson, John Rogers, Thomas Skelton, Joseph Smith, Joshua Pullen Smith, William Smith, Matthew Sowden, William Sykes, Benjamin Taylor, Jonathan Taylor, Thomas Teale, Thomas Tennant, George Thackrey, Michael Thackrey, Robert William Disney, Thorp Doctor of Medicine, Samuel Tinker, Thomas William Tattie, John Wade, William Walker, William Ward, William Westwood, Robert White, John Wilkinson, John William Wilks, Jonathan Wilks, John Wilson the younger, Charles Wood, and William Wrigglesworth, and all and every such other Person or Persons 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 Leeds 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 that the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing inflammable Air, Carburetted Hydrogen, Coal Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, and for lighting with Gas the said Town of Leeds and the Neighbourhood thereof within the Borough of Leeds, and shall have full Power to make Contracts or agree with any Commissioners, Directors, or Trustees having the Control, Direction, or Management of the lighting of the said Town of Leeds and the Neighbourhood thereof within the Borough of Leeds, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively within the said Borough, or with any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Corporation of Corporations, Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing and desirous of contracting or agreeing with the said Company (and who are hereby

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hereby empowered to contract with the said Company for the lighting of the said Town of Leeds and the Neighbourhood thereof within the Borough of Leeds, or of any public Streets, Roads, Squares, or Market Places, or of any Manufactories or Places of public Exhibition, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings, or private Houses, or any of them within the said Town of Leeds and the Neighbourhood thereof within the Borough of Leeds, and to sell and dispose of such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, and other Products as aforesaid.

Company
Incorporated

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company (or their Committee of Management) and they are hereby empowered to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Borough which may be requisite for the Purposes of this Act (not exceeding Ten Acres of Land in the whole) with any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, 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 Females Covert who are or shall be seized, 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, or 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 or Reversion, to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall vest in the Leeds Gas Light Company; and it shall and may be lawful to and 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 in all Actions, Suits, Prosecutions, Indictments, Informations, or other Proceedings to be brought, commenced, or prosecuted by or against the said Company, it shall be sufficient to state generally that such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments are or are the Property of the Leeds Gas Light Company, without stating or being obliged to state the Names or Name of the whole or of any or either of the Members of the said Company.

Power to
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III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, 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, Trustees, 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 Custodians respectively, whether

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W by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought necessary by the said Company to be purchased as 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 on 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 and in pursuance of this Act shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Enrolment, 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 Cestui que 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 any such particular Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of such Person and 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, or Collegiate, 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.

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, be paid to the said Person or Persons, 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 Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, as aforesaid, 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 High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there *ex parte* The Leeds Gas Light Company, together with the Name or Names of such Person or Persons as any Three or more of the Committee of Management of the said Company shall by Writing signed by them direct and appoint; to the Intent that such Money shall be applied under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary

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Where less than 200l. and exceed ing 200l.

Application of Purchase Money when amounting to 200l.

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 Incumbrance 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.

Provided always, 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 Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, 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 in the Name and with the Privy of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as 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 by three or more of the said Committee of Management (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating or approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon may be applied in manner herein before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the High Court of Chancery.

Where less than 200l. and exceeding 20l.

Application of Money when exceeding 200l.

When not exceeding 20%.

Form of Conveyance

In case of disputed Titles.

Joint Stock not to exceed 20,100 in Shares of 1000 each and to be Personal Expenses of Purchases may be allowed by the Court.

Commissioners not to set 1000.00 On Payment of Purchase Money, Premises vested in the said Company

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid has last 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 Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them shall think fit, or in any Cases of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, or Committee or Committees, to and for the Use or Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

VII. Provided always, 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 Privy of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, 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 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 appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

VIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation to whom 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 High Court of Chancery, 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 Expenses of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expenses as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes

IX. 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 for Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, upon Payment thereof into the Bank of England, for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner hereinafter directed, the same may be, and upon the Conveyance made hereafter directed of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

And a Copy of every such Security or Assignment, and an Extract of the same, shall be entered in the Memorial of every Transfer thereof respectively, shall be entered in the

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**Subscribers
to share in
proportion
to their Sub-
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**Subscribers
liable to the
Debts of the
Company in
proportion to
their Share in
the Stock.**

Assignment
Instructions
to read

**To compel
Payment of
Subscrip-
tions.**

[Local.]

**Names of
Proprietors
to be entered,
and Certifi-
cate of their
Shares de-
livered to
them.**

**The Person
whose Name
stands first
for divided
Shares to be
deemed the
Owner, and
entitled to
vote.**

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shares may

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

and Directors of this Association shall have full power to make such Regulations for the Persons, goods in such Manner, as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management herein after mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay any such Money at such Times and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management as aforesaid at such time lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same together with a full Interest for the same from such Person or Persons, then such Person or Persons, or in Cases where two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or be jointly possessed of any One Share in the said Undertaking, then from any, or each of such Person or Persons, the Interest or Assigns or Successors, shall be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That in and by the said Act, and the further Enactments thereon made, the Committee of Management shall be appointed by and under the authority of this Act, and they are thereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who have subscribed for or taken any Share in the said Undertaking, with the Number of such Share or Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be carefully and distinctly entered in a Book to be kept by the Clerk, and after such Entry a Certificate shall be signed by the Chairman and Clerk, and delivered to every Proprietor upon Demand specifying the Share or Shares to which he or she is entitled in the said Undertaking, and such Certificate shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor to the Share or Shares so specified, but the Want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner of any of the said Shares from selling or disposing thereof, and in Writing Notice in Three Months after the said Certificate has been given by the said Clerk to the Owner or Owners thereof, or left as aforesaid, 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 as Proprietor of such Share or Shares shall, for the Purposes of this Act, be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares, and all Notices hereby required to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company shall and may be given to such Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company, and such Notice to such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Notice to all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares for all the Purposes for which such Notice is intended to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any such Share or Shares, and that such Owners or Proprietors shall be entitled to give their Vote or Votes in respect thereof by the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as Proprietor of such Share or Shares, and his Vote shall on all Occasions be deemed and taken to be the Vote for or in respect of the whole Property in such Share or Shares without Proof of the Concurrence of the other Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares.

XX. And whereas 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

made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk to 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 Proprietors 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 paying to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, the Interest or Dividend to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore further 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 by a Transfer or Conveyance thereof in the Form or Manner herein before specified in 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 a Justice of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Leeds aforesaid, 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 that such Affidavit shall be submitted to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he 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 to the said Company; and that in all or any of the said Cases, after Three Calendar Months Notice in Writing shall have been given by the said Clerk to the Owner or Owners thereof, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, to pay him, her, or their Proportion of Money so to be called for, and such Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall not have paid such his, her, or their Proportion as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Subscribers and Proprietors at any General Meeting after the Expiration of such Notice to declare at any General Meeting the same Share or Shares to be forfeited, and that in such Case the same shall be and become forfeited, and shall and may be sold and disposed of in such Manner as the said Subscribers or Proprietors at any Meeting or Meetings shall direct, or otherwise become consolidated in the General Fund of the said Company, and for which such Notice shall be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any such Share or Shares; and XXIV And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several and respective Proprietors of 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 and to the Effect following: (That is to say) I, _____ of _____ in consideration of _____ paid to me by _____ do hereby bargain, sell, assign, and transfer to the said _____ of _____ the sum of _____ Capital Stock or Shares in the Undertaking called the Leeds Gas Light Company, being my Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, and I shall transfer or shall transfer in the said Undertaking Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made

Names of Proprietors to be entered and Certificate of their Shares delivered to them

The Person whose Name stands first for divided Shares to be deemed the Owner, and entitled to vote

Shares may be transferred.

Form of Transfer.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

shall continue in Office and be respectively Members of the said Committee for the Term of Two Years from the passing of this Act and until others be appointed shall be appointed in their stead and at the Expiration of the said Term, and also at the Expiration of every succeeding Year, a fresh Committee of twenty Members shall in manner herein-after mentioned be elected and appointed out of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking to be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company; who shall continue in their respective Offices for the Space of One Year, to be computed from the Day of Election, and until others or another shall be duly elected into their or any or either of their Places.

Years, and subsequent Committees One Year.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person hereby nominated, or who shall be elected a Member of the said Committee of Management, shall be or become a Dealer either directly or indirectly in any one of the Articles to be provided or manufactured by the said Company, and shall offer to take and succeed in taking, or shall participate in any Manner in any Work to be done for the said Company, every such Person shall be disqualified to vote in any Matters to be discussed and argued by the said Committee of Management; and that if any Person hereby nominated, or to be appointed by virtue of this Act a Member of the said Committee shall at any time cease to be a Proprietor of a Share in the said Undertaking, or shall refuse or neglect to attend any five successive Meetings of the said Committee, every such Person shall be thereby disqualified from acting or voting at such Committee, and shall cease to be a Member thereof.

Committee-men contracting for Work cease to have a Voice in the Committee.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall be made by virtue of this Act no Person or Persons shall in any Manner possess or hold their First Meeting on the First or Second Friday after the passing of this Act at such Place within the said Borough of Leeds 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 as they shall think fit; and that all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management at any of their Meetings shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of Members present (the Number present not being less than Five); 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 that if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee Five Members qualified to vote shall not attend, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned till the next Day by the Members or Member then present, or, if none be present, by the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and that any two or more Members of the Committee may at any Time when they shall think fit call a Meeting of the Committee, by Notice in Writing, signed by such Two or more Members, to be sent by the Post or otherwise to the Residence or Address of every Member of the said Committee.

No Share in the said Company shall be sold, or the Committee and Regulations for their Proceedings.

First Committee of Management

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management 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 as aforesaid, and

Power of Committee &c.

also at any time to call Special General Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper and to appoint the Time and Place of the said General Meetings, and generally to conduct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, 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, as in the Purchase of the Shares, as in contracting for and purchasing all Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into Contracts and Agreements for the lighting of the said Town of Leeds and the Neighborhood thereof within the Borough of Leeds or any of such Streets, Market Places, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or Buildings as aforesaid, and in ordering, directing, and employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid, and in appointing or placing and displacing any Treasurer, Clerk, Engineer, Agent, or Servant of the Company, with such Salaries, Gratuities, or other Remuneration as to such Committee shall from Time to Time seem meet, and making, enforcing, or rescinding all Contracts and Bargains touching or in any wise 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 Restraining, Controlling, or Regulating the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted; and that the said Committee shall also have full Power and Authority to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as such Committee of Management shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, so that no Call or Calls shall exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for or in respect of any One Share of One hundred Pounds, and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of One Calendar Month at least from each other; and that the Sums or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Company for the Time being at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place thirty Days Notice at least shall be given in such Manner as the said Committee of Management shall direct or appoint in that Behalf; and that if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his or their Proportions of the Money so or so called for during the Space of Three Calendar Months next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, together with a lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, then and in such Cases such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall absolutely forfeit all his or their Share, Part, or Interest in the said Undertaking and Capital Stock, and all Profit and Advantages thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him or her, or by any Person on account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the rest of the said Company; and all such Shares which shall or may be so forfeited shall or may be sold at a public Sale for the most Money that can be gotten for the same, and the Proceeds thereof shall go to and make Part of the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company; but that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, until after Twenty-one Days Notice shall be given by the Clerk to the said Company to the Owner or Owners thereof, to the effect that, when or where his or their last usual Place of Abode, or unless the same shall be ascertained to be forfeited at some General or Special Meeting of the said Proprietors which shall be held not earlier than Two Months next after the said Forfeiture shall happen; and that every such Forfeiture

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son or be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to said
 for their Proprietor and of Proprietors, or their Executors,
 Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, against all Actions,
 Suits, and Prosecutions for any Breach of Contract or other Agreement
 between, or such Proprietor or Proprietors, his, their, or their Executors,
 Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, and the said Company, with regard
 to the future carrying on and Management of the said Undertaking, and
 entering into the Use of the said Undertaking, and Charters for the Use of
 to XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons,
 Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking,
 shall die before Payment shall have been made by him or her of the full
 Sum to be called for in respect thereof as herein-after mentioned without
 having made any sufficient Provision by Will or otherwise how such Share
 or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof
 shall be answered; that then and in such Case the Executors or Adminis-
 trators of such Proprietor, and in the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or
 Guardians of any Infant or other Persons entitled to the Estate and Effects
 of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such Infant
 and all other Persons whomsoever for paying any Money which shall be
 called for as aforesaid in respect of the Share or Shares of such deceased
 Proprietor or Proprietors, and that the said Committee have full Power and
 Authority by this Act granted; and that the said Committee have full Power
 and Authority to make such Call or Calls or to make such Call or Calls for
 in XXIX. 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 the Chairman of the
 Committee of Management for the Time being and Two Members at
 least of the said Committee present at some Meeting of the said Committee
 of Management, and that the said Committee shall meet at least once in
 Calendar Month at least from each other; and that the said Committee
 shall have full Power and Authority to call for the said Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the
 and XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Affairs and Concerns of
 the said Company shall be conducted and managed under and subject to
 the several Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions herein-after contained
 (that is to say) the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall
 assemble together at the Court House in Leeds aforesaid at Eleven o'clock
 in the Forenoon within Thirty Days next after the passing of this Act;
 or as soon after as conveniently may be, and shall then and there proceed
 in the Execution of this Act; and shall and may adjourn from time to time
 assemble at such other Times and Places as they shall be duly convened or
 in manner herein-after mentioned; and every such Assembly shall be styled
 a General Meeting; and Two such Meetings shall be held in every Year on
 the First Monday in the Month of April and the First Monday in the
 Month of October, which shall be styled Half-yearly General Meetings;
 and that Twenty or more of the said Proprietors may at any Time by
 Notice in Writing under their Hands call a Special General Meeting, so
 as the Object for which such Meeting is called is expressed in such Notice;
 and as such Notice is given Four Weeks at least before the Day of
 Meeting; and that every General Meeting may be adjourned from Time
 to Time and from Place to Place as shall be found expedient; and that
 at least Six Days previous Notice of every General Meeting and Three
 Days previous Notice of every Adjournment of any General Meeting shall
 be given; and that at every such General Meeting all Questions shall be
 decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors and Proxies present and
 voting; and that every such adjournment shall be valid and effectual as if
 the said Proprietors and Proxies had been present and voting at the same;
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 without an
 Order, &c.

Regulations
 as to General
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 Meetings and
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 ments, &c.

Notice to
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that each of them owned, according to their respective Number of Shares (except to say) One Vote in respect of every such respective Share, except that no Person shall have more than five Shares, nor shall any Person be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, or any Adjournment thereof, in respect of any Share of Shares which he or she may possess in the said Undertaking, unless such Person shall have fully paid and satisfied all Arrears of Money which shall or may have become due in pursuance of any Call or Calls made or to be made by the said Committee of Management for or in respect of

such Share or Shares; nor shall any Person vote at any of the Meetings of the said Company upon any Question or Questions relating to the ~~and terms of the said Undertaking~~ in which such Person or Persons shall have any way interested other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking, and that upon any Difference of Opinion any Proprietor present may require the Votes at any General or Special Meetings of the Company to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open more than One Hour, and the Minutes of every such Meeting shall be entitled to state, and set out the Number of Votes, including the Chairman's Vote, shall be equal to the

also have a casting Vote; and that the Orders and Proceedings of every Meeting, as well of the Company as of the Managing Committee, shall be entered by the Clerk in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and such Orders and Proceedings so entered and signed by the Clerk of the said Company, or by the Chairman of each respective Meeting, shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever, and by and before all Judges, Justices, and others; and that no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting besides the Business for which it shall have been called; and no other Business shall be transacted at any adjourned Special General Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place; and it at any

Special or General Meeting a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act or to adjourn (Three Proprietors only being hereby declared sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment) shall not assemble and proceed to Business in One Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if that Number be not present when the Whole or any Part of the Business to be transacted shall be decided upon, the Meeting shall adjourn to the same Day in the following Week, or to some other Day to be appointed by the Committee of Management, or Three or more of them; also, that at the Half-yearly General Meeting to be held in April in every Year (except the first Year after the passing of this Act), or at some Adjournment thereof, a new Committee of Twenty of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall be elected in the Place of the former Committee whose Office shall then have expired; nevertheless all or any of the Members of the said Committee elected in the preceding Year shall (if otherwise eligible) be again immediately re-eligible; and that every Vacancy in the Committee of Management by Death, Resignation, or becoming ineligible, shall be filled up at a Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose within

Thirty Days next after such Vacancy; and that the Person or Persons so chosen shall 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 Person whose Place he shall supply would have continued if his Office had not been vacated before the Time at which he must necessarily have

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them shall seem meet and proper for the good Government of the said
 Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the said Committee of
 Management, and for the regulating of all Officers, Workmen, and
 Servants to be employed in and 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, for any of them, and to make
 others, and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon
 all Persons offending against such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any
 of them, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any one Offence, as
 to the said Company at a General Meeting shall seem meet and expedient;
 and all Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws so made as aforesaid (being reduced
 into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Company thereunto Affixed,)
 shall be binding upon all Persons, and shall be sufficient in any Court of
 Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same, and Pro-
 vided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws be not repugnant
 to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain (and
 Ireland) called England, or any of the express Directions or Provisions of
 this Act: Provided also, that Copies thereof shall be fixed and continued
 in the Office of the Clerk, and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall
 be subject to Appeal in manner by this Act directed: in being so opened in
 Court, and there shall be any willful
 XXXIV. 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 by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time
 to Time to make and erect such Bore, Gasometers, Receivers, and other
 Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, or other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains,
 Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works and Devices, and to
 sink and lay Pipes of such Construction and 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 Pavements of any
 Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and other Places, for
 any private Grounds, or any Part of them, or either of them, and to dig
 and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stopcocks,
 Cyphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes in under, across, and along
 such Places as aforesaid, 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 any such
 repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stopcocks, Cyphons, and Plugs, or
 Branches, also to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipes or Pipes, Cocks, or
 Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe, and on
 any Street, Road, Highway, Lane, Passage, or other Place, by the said
 Company, by virtue of this Act, in, over, 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 of such Mains
 or Pipes, and to erect and set up any Machine, or other Apparatus, neces-
 sary or requisite for securing, to any Dwelling House, or Houses, Manuf-
 factories, 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 or which shall be injured or damaged in such Dwelling House, or
 Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, and to do all such
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both the Acts, Matters and Things as the said Company and their Successors shall from Time to Time think necessary and convenient for completing, amending, repairing, improving, supplying and using the same: Provided nevertheless, that nothing therein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting any other Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Building, without the previous Consent of the Owner and Occupier of every such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Building, through which any such Pipe or Pipes may be carried or laid for the Purposes aforesaid. And all Rules, Orders and By Laws so made as aforesaid (being reduced) be XXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Flues, Cocks, Cyphons, and Branches shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill in the Ditches, and make good the Pavements 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 the Washings or waste Liquids aforesaid, without any Delay, and shall find the means to fence or guard the Place or Places where any Cut or shall be opened 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 in any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners, Directors, or Trustees, or other Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Corporation or Corporations Sole or Aggregate, and whom by any Act or Acts of Parliament or otherwise the Care, Superintendence, and Control of lighting the public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, or Places, or any Part of them, or either of them, in the said Town of Leeds and the Neighbourhood thereof within the Borough of Leeds, is or may be vested, or their Surveyor or Surveyors, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners, Directors, or Trustees, to fill in such Ground, and remove such Rubbish, and to repair and make good the Pavement of any Street, Highway, Way, Lane, Passage, or Place so broken up, and that the reasonable Cost and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors or their Treasurer, and that in default of Payment thereof for thirty Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of Two credible Witnesses before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Leeds aforesaid, all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Five 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 of the said Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Leeds, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices shall and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs,

Workmen in laying Pipes to make good the Pavement.

Provision in case of new or broken Soil and Pavements of Streets, &c. for laying Pipes and lighting Houses, &c.

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XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if in carrying into execution any of the Powers or Authorities by this Act given or granted, any Injury or Damage shall be done or committed to any of the Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, or Things of or belonging to the Commissioners of the Leeds Waterworks, either by removing or disturbing the Ground or Soil wherein or whereon the same is or are laid or placed, or by the Compression and subsequent settling or lowering of the same at any Time or Times afterwards, or by any other Means whatsoever, the said Company shall, at their Towns Expence, Costs, and Charges, within Three Days next after Notice in Writing to them given by the Commissioners of the Leeds Waterworks under their Hands, or by Writing under the Hand of their Clerk or other Officer, cause such Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, and Things to be well and effectually repaired and amended; and in Default or Neglect thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to cause such Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, and Things so injured or damaged, as aforesaid, to be effectually repaired, amended, and made good, and the reasonable Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences attending the same shall be paid and defrayed by the said Company, or their Treasurer; And if they cannot agree touching the Amount or Value thereof, what the same shall be ascertained, settled, and recovered in the Manner herein before mentioned and appointed for assessing and recovering the Amount of the Injury or Damage done, or to be done to the Lands or Grounds of any Body Politic or Corporate Corporation Aggregate or Sole, Free or Govern, nor other Person or Persons, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if, for the Purpose of any Act or Acts in force for the Time being for paving of the Town of Leeds, or supplying the same with Water, it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners for paving the said Town or supplying the same with Water, to require the said Company to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Mains, Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, Cyphons, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purpose aforesaid, the said Company shall, at their Towns Expence, within three Calendar Months next after being required so to do by the

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without the Consent of the said Company, under their Common Seal first had and obtained, and use Burners of larger Dimensions, or of superior Quality, nor more in Number, than he, she, or they respectively shall contract or pay for, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and also the further Sum of Forty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe shall so remain, or such Excess be so committed, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal on Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Leeds aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant, and by the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture, 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 Forfeiture shall not be forth with paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction at Wakefield in the West Riding of the County of York, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take, or shall use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in his private Dwelling, or Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings or Manufactories, shall refuse or neglect for the Space of Ten Days after Demand to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company according to the Terms and stipulations of the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendent, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two of the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough, to levy the said Sum or Sums of Money in respect whereof such Refusal or Neglect shall happen by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, necessary Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be deducted.

And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously remove, take away, destroy, damage, or injure any Part of any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter or Thing belonging to the said Company, or shall wilfully or maliciously waste or improperly use any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices for the said Borough, shall forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage or Wastage sustained by such Justice or Justices to be done, such Penalty and Damages, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, and in default thereof, by the said Justice or Justices, or by the said Company, or by the said Clerk or Superintendent, or by any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to be levied and recovered, and the said Justice or Justices, or the said Company, or the said Clerk or Superintendent, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, shall have full Power to execute the same.

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Remedy for
Recovery of
Rents.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses, and respecting Service of Notices, &c.

Service

Service of any of such Notices or Summonses, either on the Person or Persons to whom the same ought to be given, or leaving the same or a true Copy thereof at his, her, or their Dwelling House, or usual or last Place of Abode, shall be good and sufficient Service of any and every such Notices or Summonses, and that in all Cases whatsoever, where any such Notices or Summonses ought to be given to Two or more Persons, for or respecting the joint Act or Omission of any such Person or Persons, whether the said Person or Persons be in Partnership or Trade, or otherwise jointly concerned in any such Act or Omission, the like Service of any such Notices or Summonses on any One such Partner or Partners, Person or Persons, shall be and is hereby declared to be as good and sufficient Service thereof as if the same had been served on both or all such Persons.

Directing what shall be deemed a Service of Notices, &c. on the Company.

XLVI. 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 to serve any Notice or Notices upon the said Company, or any Writ or Writs, or other legal Proceedings, the Service upon the Clerk of the said Company, or at the Office of such Clerk, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or at the Office of the said Company, or in case the same respectively shall not be found or known, then Service upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, 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.

Persons giving false Evidence to be punished for Perjury.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, who shall be examined by or before any Justice 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 convicted, he, she, or they so giving false Evidence shall be subject to the same Punishment as if he, she, or they had been convicted of Perjury.

Proceedings to be within Six Calendar Months after such Offence, Grievance, or Injury.

XLVIII. 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 of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act for any Grievance or Injury under or Offence or Offences against this Act, unless Information respecting such Offence or Offences, Grievance, or Injury shall have been lodged before a Magistrate within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence, Grievance, or Injury committed.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for and every the Offences in this Act mentioned in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the Borough of Leeds aforesaid in a summary Way, and who is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending, (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer,) and that 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 Moiety 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 first deducted); it shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Township wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor of such Township; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction at Wakefield, aforesaid for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

L. 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, *(to wit)* *That on the* *Day of* *the Year of* *our Lord One thousand eight hundred* *or as the Case shall be* *of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Borough of Leeds, by virtue of an Act of Parliament* *passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of King George the Third,* *intituled* *here insert the Title of this Act* *of having* *specifying the* *Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed,* *as the Case shall be,* *contrary to the said Act, and for which Offence I* *do adjudge the said* *to have forfeited the Sum of* *my Hand and Seal* *or our, as the Case shall be, Hands and Seals,* *the* *Day and Year first above written.*

Form of Conviction

Persons giving false Evidence to be punished for Perjury

Nothing in this Act to prevent Company being indicted for a Nuisance

Recovery and Application of Penalties

Expences of Act

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 against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any Actions against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works or Method of lighting, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Persons employed therein. 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 Committee of Management out of the Monies already subscribed, or to be subscribed by virtue of this Act. And the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Officers and Charters, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; *[Local.]*

Public Act.

LIII. 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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