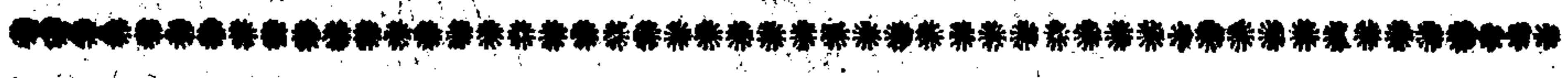




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GEORGI III. REGIS.



Cap. lxxvi.

An Act for lighting with Gas the Port and Town of *Liverpool* and Township of *Toxteth Park*, in the County of *Lancaster*. [23d May 1818.]

WHEREAS the Port and Town of *Liverpool*, in the County of *Lancaster*, and the adjoining Township of *Toxteth Park*, are large and populous Places, and it would be of great Advantage to the Inhabitants thereof, and to the Public at large, if they could be supplied with a better Light than what can be procured from Oil, and if the Streets, Docks, and other Public Passages and Places therein were better lighted: And whereas Carburetted Hydrogen, or Coal Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, may be procured from Coal: And whereas the said Carburetted Hydrogen, or Coal Gas, being conveyed by Means of Pipes or Tubes, may be safely and beneficially used for lighting Streets, Highways, Squares, Market Places, Docks, and other Places, within *Liverpool* and *Toxteth Park* aforesaid, and for lighting Houses, Shops, and other Buildings, and the Coke may be beneficially employed as Fuel, 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 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

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Spiritual

Proprietors.

Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same; That *Thomas Amos, Sarah Amos, Isabella Amos, Thomas Banning, William Barton, George Bell, Henry Bickersteth, James Blair, Robert Brockbank, William Christie, Mary Cowper, John Davies, William Davies, William Dixon, William Docker, John Douglas, Margaret Dumbell, Robert Edge, William Fairhurst, Robert Frank, George La French, Joseph Gardner, Richard Gardner, Thomas Gardner the elder, John Baptiste Gerardot, William Henry Gibson, John Gordon, Johnson Gore, Jane Graham, Thomas Gregory, Isaac Hadfield, James Hamer, Robert Hamilton, Joseph Hardwick, Daniel Hartley, Ann Hartley, Squire Hargraves, Thomas Heywood, Thomas Henry Heathcote, Peter Holt, Edward Humble, Nicholas Hurry, John Audley Jee, John Job, Harriet Hird Jones, Margaret Hird Jones, Susan Kenyon Jones, Josiah Jones, Mary Jones, Robert Jones and Son, Robert Jones the younger, Samuel Joseph, Archibald Keightley, Kearsley and Johnson, Mary Kenyon, Edward Rogers Kenney, Joseph King the younger, James Kirby, Charles Lawrence, John Lang, Samuel Lacon, Thomas Leatherbarrow the elder, Thomas Lee, Bridget Loughman, Thomas Lowry, Ann Lowry, John Mather, Athelstan Maurice, Henrietta Maclellan, William M'Kay, John M'Culloch, Kenneth M'Kenzie, William Middleton, Betty Moss, Mary Mott, William Mott, Thomas Muncaster, Edward Murray, James Murrow, George Nelson, Jane Newby, Mary Newby, John Oberry, John Orrell, John Pattinson, Edward Patrick, Eliza Mary Pemberton, Mary Pemberton, Samuel Phelps, John Owen Quirk, William Roe, Catherine Roe, Mary Roe, Elizabeth Roughsedge, Charles Rowlinson, John Rowlinson, Frederic Rowlinson, Richard Sanders, Alexander Simpson, Samuel Sharratt, William Smith, John Hill Smyth, Lydia Steers, Rebecca Street, Thomas Sudlow, Joseph Thomas, James Topping, John Towne, Betty Turner, Thomas Twemlow, Joseph Twist, William Kenney Tyrer, David Tyrer, William Tyson, Eliza Mary Vanzeller, Elizabeth Varty, Hester Varty, Jonathan Varty, William Wardell, James Wareing, William Watmough, Barnabas Waugh, Webster and Forshaw, Willoughby Weifs, Elizabeth Ann Williams, Evan Williams, Barton Wilson, Frances Wilson, Mary Wilson, James Woods, and William Woods, and all and every other such Person or Persons as from Time to Time shall become a Subscriber or Subscribers, or be duly admitted 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 Liverpool 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, and that the said Company of Proprietors shall be established for the Purpose of producing Carburetted Hydrogen, or Coal Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, from Coal, and shall have Power, from Time to Time, to make Contracts, or agree with any Commissioners, Directors, Trustees, or other Persons, having, or who may have the Controul, Direction, or Management of the lighting of *Liverpool* and *Toxteth Park* aforesaid, or any of them, or any Part thereof respectively, or with any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or Corporation or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing and desirous of contracting or agreeing with the said Company of Proprietors for the lighting of any Public Streets, Roads, Docks, Squares, or Market Places, or any Manufactories or Places of Public Exhibition, or Shops or Buildings, or private Houses, or any of them, within *Liverpool* and *Toxteth Park* aforesaid,*

aforeſaid, or any of them; and to ſell and diſpoſe of ſuch Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniack Liquor, and Eſſential Oil, and other Products ariſing from Coal, and for other Purpoſes relating thereto, under ſuch Conditions, Limitations, and Reſtrictions as ſhall be herein-after expreſſed.

II. And be it further enacted, That it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby empowered and required, except as is herein-after provided to the contrary, as ſoon as conveniently may be after the paſſing of this Act, to contract and agree for the abſolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within *Liverpool* and *Toxteth Park* aforeſaid, or any of them, or any Places contiguous and convenient thereto, with any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or with 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, 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, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, who are or ſhall be ſeized, poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in their own Right, or with any Perſon or Perſons whomſoever, who ſhall be willing to ſell the ſame for the Uſes and Purpoſes of this Act; provided always, that the Lands ſo to be acquired ſhall not all together exceed Six Acres; and it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the ſaid Company of Proprietors, their Succeſſors and Aſſigns, to hold ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, ſo purchaſed, without incurring or being ſubject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatſoever.

Power to contract for the Purchase of Lands and Buildings.

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, 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 whatever, whether Infants or Iſſue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, who are or ſhall be ſeized, poſſeſſed of, or intereſted in their own Right, and all and every Perſon or 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 of Proprietors, to be purchaſed for the Uſes and Purpoſes of this Act, and to treat, contract, and agree with the ſaid Company for the Sale thereof, or any Part thereof, and to ſell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all the Eſtate, Right, Title, and Intereſt whatſoever, of, in, and to the ſame, to the ſaid Company of Proprietors, 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 Conveyance or Aſſurance in the Law whatſoever, 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, and Intereſt, Uſe, Property, Claim

Bodies Politic, &c. empowered to ſell.

Claim and Demand whatsoever, of the said several and respective 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 any such particular Estate; and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower or Dowers of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, 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.

Directing
Application
of Purchase
Money when
200l. or up-
wards.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted or agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, 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 paid to his Account *ex parte* "The *Liverpool Gas Light Company*," together with the Name or Names of such Person or Persons, as any Four or more of the Committee of Management of the said Company for the Time being 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 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 said 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 High Court of Chancery, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds

per

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.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so contracted and agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used 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 Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in Cases of Infancy 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 said 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 Four or more of the said Committee of Management (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the High Court of Chancery.

Directing Application of Purchase Money when less than 200l. and more than 20l.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid as 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 purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management, or any Four or more of them shall think fit; or in Cases of Infancy 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.

Directing Application of Purchase Money when less than 20l.

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 Privity of the said 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 in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank

In case of questionable Title to the Money, Persons in Possession of the Lands to be deemed entitled thereto,

until the contrary shall be shewn.

Annuities 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 shewn to the Satisfaction of the said High Court of Chancery; 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 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 Estate or Interest therein.

Expence of Purchase may be allowed by the Court.

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

On Payment of Purchase Money, Premises vested in the said Company.

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 of Proprietors, to the Party or Parties, or Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England*, for the Purpose of being disposed of in Manner herein-before directed, and upon the Conveyance in Manner herein-after 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, 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 of Proprietors and their Successors or Assigns for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

Form of Conveyance.

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

‘ I [or We, as the Case may be] of _____ in consideration of
 ‘ the Sum of _____ to me [or us] paid by the Company
 ‘ of Proprietors, established under or by virtue of an Act passed in the
 ‘ Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An*
 ‘ Act [here insert the Title of this Act] do hereby grant and release to the
 ‘ said Company of Proprietors and their Successors, all [here describe the
 ‘ Premises

‘ 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. 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

And every such Sale, Conveyance, and Assurance so made, shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as to and against the Person and Persons making the same, and his, her, or their Cestuique Trusts, and all other Persons claiming or to claim by, from, under, or in Trust for him, her, or them respectively, or in Remainder, Reversion, or Expectancy as aforesaid, and the same shall be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowery of the Wife and Wives 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, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

XI. And whereas the said Company, under the Provisions of this Act, may purchase Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which may afterwards be found not necessary or not wanted for the Purposes thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company 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, or for a Term or Terms of Years, for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Land, Tenements, and Hereditaments which may have been so 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 and may be lawful for the Treasurer 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 sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Money therein and thereby acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons having *bonâ fide* paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money or any Part thereof.

Empowering
Company to
resell Lands,
&c. not
wanted.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to raise and contribute among themselves, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, a Sum of Money by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the Undertaking, and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds, to be subscribed in equal Shares in such Manner, of such Amount, and in such Number or Numbers as the said Company of Proprietors shall from Time to Time agree upon and direct.

Subscrip-
tions for
Joint Stock
not to exceed
50,000l.

XIII. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted by this Act until such Time as the Sum of Thirty-five thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed, including any Sums already subscribed.

Company not
to exercise
Powers of
Act till
35,000l. is
subscribed.

XIV. Provided

Joint Stock
to be raised
within Three
Years.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall be obliged to raise among themselves the full Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds within the Period of Three Years from the passing of this Act, including any Sums already subscribed.

Company not
to borrow
Money.

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not borrow or take up by way of Loan, any Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever, other than by a Subscription for Shares, in Manner and to the Extent herein-before directed.

Subscribers
to share in
the Stock in
proportion to
their Sub-
scriptions.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons, by or for whom any Subscription shall be made or accepted, or any Payment made pursuant to the Orders of any Meeting or Meetings to be held for that Purpose by the said Company, or by the Committee of Management for the Time being of the said Company, for or towards the raising the said Capital Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds as aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall have and be entitled to a Right and Interest of and in the said Capital Joint Stock of the said Company, in proportion to the Number of Shares which he, she, or they shall hold in the said Capital or Joint Stock, and to a like proportional Share of the Profits and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted to be a Member or Members of the same.

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

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons composing the said Company shall 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; but shall not be any further or otherwise liable, either personally or in their several and respective Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, or Effects, for any Undertakings, Engagements, Contracts, or Agreements entered into by the said Company, or be subject or liable by reason of his, her, or their being a Member or Members of the said Company, or any of the Acts of the said Company, to the Statutes respecting Bankrupts or any of them.

Stock to be
divided into
equal Shares,
and to be
Personal
Estate.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds shall be divided into equal Shares, and that no Person or Persons shall be a Subscriber or Subscribers for less than One Share, and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and as such Personal Estate shall be transmissible accordingly.

To compel
Payment of
Subscrip-
tions.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed, or who shall hereafter subscribe, for and towards the said Undertaking, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed for, or such Parts or Portions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for, pursuant to or by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management for the Time being, to be appointed by virtue of this Act; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay any such Money at such Time, and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the
Committee

Committee of Management as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same in any Court of Law or Equity, or in any Court of Record, or in the Court for the Recovery of Small Debts in the Borough of *Liverpool*, commonly called *The Court of Requests*.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or their Committee of Management for the Time being, to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who shall subscribe for or be entitled to Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of the Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book, to be kept by their Clerk or other Officer; and after such Entry a Certificate shall be signed by such Clerk or other Officer, 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, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein 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.

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

XXI. And be it further enacted, That *Thomas Amos, William Christie, Richard Gardner, Isaac Hadfield, James Hamer, Robert Jones the Elder, Joseph King the Younger, Thomas Lowry, John M'Culloch, Thomas Muncaster, Joseph Thomas, and Thomas Twemlow*, shall be, and they are hereby constituted and appointed the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company.

First Committee of Management.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Member or Members of the Committee of Management hereby nominated and appointed, or to be elected and appointed by virtue of this Act, shall die or become disqualified, or refuse or neglect to act, it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any Special Meeting or Meetings to be called and held for that Purpose, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect and appoint some other of the said Proprietor or Proprietors to be a Member or Members of the said Committee of Management, and every such Proprietor so elected and appointed to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies, and being duly qualified, shall continue in his or their several and respective Office and Offices, so long as the Person in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have been entitled under the Provisions of this Act to have continued in Office, if such Death, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect had not happened: Provided always, that in case of any such Vacancy or Vacancies in the said Committee as aforesaid, the rest of the Members of the Committee for the Time being, or a Majority of them, at any Meeting or Meetings to be called for the Purpose, shall and may elect another Subscriber or Subscribers duly qualified as aforesaid, to fill up such Vacancy or Vacancies until the then next General or Special Meeting of the Proprietors, which shall first happen.

Vacancies in the Committee, how to be filled up.

Committee may elect a Subscriber to supply a Vacancy, until a General Meeting.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Members hereby nominated of the first Committee of Management shall continue in Office

Members of Committee to serve Three Years.

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for the Term of Three Years, from the Seventeenth Day of *February* One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and until others shall be appointed in their Stead, in pursuance of this Act; and at the Expiration of the said Term, the First Four of the Members hereby nominated shall go out of Office, and Four Persons duly qualified shall in Manner herein-after mentioned be elected and appointed Members of the said Committee; and on the Third *Tuesday* in *February* in the following Year, the next Four of the Members hereby nominated shall go out of Office, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and on the Third *Tuesday* in *February* in the following Year, the last Four of the Members hereby nominated shall go out of Office, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and on the Third *Tuesday* in *February* in every subsequent Year, Four of the Members of the said Committee who shall have been longest in Office, shall go out of Office, and their Places be supplied in like Manner, and every such Election of Members of the said Committee of Management shall be made at some General Meeting of the said Company, to be held pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

Members
may be re-
elected.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons who shall have served or acted upon the said Committee, and who, by the Expiration of the said Term of Service, Rotation or otherwise, shall go out of Office, shall and may notwithstanding such Service, or the Expiration of such Term, if otherwise properly qualified, be eligible to be re-elected to, and to serve or act as a Member of the said Committee of Management.

Members of
the Commit-
tee not to
hold less than
Five Shares.

XXV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That if any of the Persons to be hereafter elected Members of the said Committee of Management shall, at any Time after such Appointment or Election, cease to be possessed of or entitled to the full Number of Five Shares in the said Undertaking, or shall refuse or neglect to attend the Meeting of the said Committee for the Space of Three Calendar Months, every such Person shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the said Committee, and some Person duly qualified shall be elected or appointed to be a Member of the said Committee in his Stead, by the said Company, at some General or Special Meeting of the said Company, and every such Person so elected or appointed, and being duly qualified, shall be entitled to continue in Office so long as the Person in whose Place he shall be elected or appointed might have continued in Office if duly qualified.

Persons hold-
ing less than
Five Shares,
or being cer-
tain Dealers,
disqualified.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be qualified to be elected a Member of the said Committee unless such Person shall have subscribed for, or shall have been possessed of at least Five Shares in the said Undertaking, for the Space of Three Calendar Months previous to such Election, nor unless the Number of Five Shares be entered and continue in the Name or Names of such Person or Persons respectively, in the Books of the said Company; nor shall any Person be qualified to be elected, nor to serve or act on the said Committee of Management, who shall be a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any one of the Articles to be provided or manufactured by the said Company, or concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts for the furnishing or supplying of any such Articles to or for performing or executing any Work of the said Company.

XXVII. And

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Management to elect a Chairman out of the Number then present, and that all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of Members present (the Number present not being less than Four), 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 Committee Four in Number shall not attend, then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned or stand over till the next usual Day of Meeting by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present, by the Secretary or other Officer of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place.

Meetings of the Committee, and Regulations for their Proceedings.

XXVIII. 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, and to direct 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 for the Purposes of the same, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into Contracts and Agreements for the lighting of any such Places, Streets, Docks, Market Places, Shops, Houses, or Buildings as aforesaid, and in ordering, directing, and employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced from Coal as aforesaid, and in appointing, or placing and displacing any Treasurer or Treasurers, Secretary, Officers, Engineer, Clerk, Agents, or Servants of the said Company, and making all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, subject to such Orders, Rules, and Regulations as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company, in Restraint, Controul, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted; and no Sum or Sums of Money shall be issued by the Treasurer or Treasurers, or any 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 said Committee of Management for the Time being, and One Member at least of the said Committee present at some Meeting of the said Committee; and the said Committee of Management shall and may require such Security to be given to the said Company of Proprietors, from the present or any future Treasurer or Treasurers, Officer or Officers, or other Person, for the faithful Execution of their respective Duties, as they may think proper; and in case of Death or Refusal to act of any such Officers, then some other Person or Persons shall and may be appointed in his or their Stead by the said Committee.

Power of Committee, &c.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors, or any Ten or more of them, shall meet together at the *Saddle Inn, Vernon Street*, in *Liverpool* aforesaid, within Sixty Days next after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Eleven in the Forenoon and One in the Afternoon, or as soon after as conveniently may be, and shall then

First Meeting.

then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall and may adjourn such Meeting to the same Place, or such other convenient Place in *Liverpool* aforesaid, as the said Company of Proprietors or any Seven or more of them shall think proper; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear before the Hour of One at any Meeting, a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act or to adjourn (Seven Proprietors being hereby declared sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment only), then and so often as the Case shall happen, such Meeting shall stand over and be deemed to be adjourned to the same Day in the next Week, and at the same Time and Place, or until another Day shall be appointed by the said Company of Proprietors, or Ten or more of them, by Notice in Writing to be affixed on the outer Door of the said *Saddle Inn*, or of such other Place where the said Company shall from Time to Time think proper to meet, Ten Days at least before such General Meeting.

One General Meeting to be held in each Year.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors, there shall be held in each Year One General Meeting of the said Company, (that is to say), on the Third *Tuesday* in *February* in each Year, or within Fourteen Days next afterwards, of which Meeting Fourteen Days Notice at the least shall be given by Advertisement in one or more of the Public Newspapers published in *Liverpool* aforesaid, and the First General Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act shall be holden on such of the said Days as shall first happen next after the passing of this Act, and that such Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place as shall be found expedient; and that the Subscribers and Proprietors or any Ten or more of them present at such General Meeting, or at any other Special Meeting to be called for that Purpose, of which Fourteen Days Notice shall be given in Manner aforesaid, specifying the Purpose for which such Special Meeting is called, shall have Power to elect other Persons qualified according to the Directions of this Act, to be Members of the Committee of Management, and to serve in the Place of such Person or Persons whose Office shall have respectively become vacant by Death, Amotion, Resignation, or Want of Qualification, or otherwise, by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors present, according to their respective Number of Votes, such Votes to be taken by Ballot; and in all Cases whatever, when the Number of Votes, including the Vote of the Chairman, shall be equal, then the Chairman for the Time being shall have another and decisive or casting Vote.

Special Meetings of the Proprietors may be convened.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time it shall appear to the said Committee of Management for the Time being, at any of their Meetings, or if at any Time it shall appear to any Ten or more of the said Company of Proprietors, who shall together be Holders of Fifty Shares at the least, to be necessary or expedient to call a Special Meeting of the Proprietors at large, for the Purpose of taking their Opinion and Determination upon any Matter or Thing relating to the said Company, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Committee of Management, of their own Authority, or at the Requisition in Writing to be signed by such Ten or more Proprietors, being Holders of at least Fifty Shares, and which Requisition shall specify the Object of such Meeting, to call a Special Meeting of the said Company at large; and in case the Committee of Management for the Time being shall refuse or neglect

neglect for the Space of Thirty Days to comply with such Requisition, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the Proprietors who shall have signed the same, to call a Special Meeting of the Company at large, and Notice of every such Special Meeting shall be given by Advertisement in One or more of the Newspapers published in *Liverpool* aforesaid, specifying the Place where and the Time when such Meeting is to be held, the Time not being less than Fourteen Days after such Notice, and the Place to be somewhere in *Liverpool* aforesaid, and likewise specifying in such Notice the Reason for and Intention of calling such Special Meeting; and the Proprietors are hereby authorized to meet pursuant to such Notice, and take into Consideration the Matter or Matters to be submitted to them by the Persons calling such Special Meeting and specified in such Notice, and the Decision and Determination of the Proprietors present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them, according to the Number of Votes they shall have a Right to give respecting such Matter or Matters, shall be as valid to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been made at any General Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the said Company of Proprietors, and of the Committee of Management, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and such Orders and Proceedings, so entered and signed by the Superintendant of the said Company of Proprietors, 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.

Proceedings
to be entered
in Books.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons who shall have subscribed for, or become entitled to, and be in the actual Possession of one or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall have a Vote or Votes in respect of such Share or Shares, at the General and Special Meetings of the said Company to be held for carrying on the said Undertaking, or for any Purposes relative thereto, in proportion to the Number of Shares following, (that is to say,) for One Share and less than Five Shares, One Vote; for Five Shares and less than Ten Shares, Two Votes; for Ten Shares and less than Fifteen Shares, Three Votes; and for Fifteen Shares and upwards, Four Votes; but no Person shall be entitled to give any Vote at such Meeting or Meetings, unless such Person shall be possessed of One Share at least in the said Undertaking, and shall have held such Share for Three Calendar Months preceding such Meeting: Provided always, that every Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall be qualified and entitled to vote for himself or herself who has possessed his or her Share or Shares, and whose Name has been entered in the Books of the said Company as the Possessor or Proprietor of such Share or Shares, for the Space of Three Calendar Months then next preceding, at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, according to the Rules contained and directed in this Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided also, that no Person shall be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting 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 and satisfied all Arrears of Money which shall or may have become due, in pursuance of

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any Call or Calls made or to be made by the said Committee of Management, for or in respect of such Share or Shares: Provided also, that no Person shall vote at any of the Meetings of the said Company upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking, in which such Person or Persons shall be anywise interested, other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, to or of the said Undertaking.

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

XXXIV. 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 Owner or Proprietor whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as Proprietor of such Share or Shares, shall, for all 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 or served upon such Person whose Name shall so stand first 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 said Owner or Proprietor of any such Share or Shares; but that such Owners or Proprietors shall be entitled to give their Vote or Votes in respect thereof, by any of such Persons who shall attend for that Purpose, and in case more than one attend, then by the Person whose Name shall stand first in Rotation in the Books of the said Company, as Proprietor of such Share or Shares, and his Vote shall on all Occasions be deemed and allowed to be the Vote for or in respect of the whole Property in such Share or Shares.

Empowering Female Proprietors of Shares to vote by Proxy.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That any Female 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, shall have full Power and Authority to give 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 Female Proprietors; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (*videlicet*),

I *A. B.* of _____ one of the Proprietors of and
 in the *Liverpool 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 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
 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 _____

Calls to be made on Subscribers.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have full Power and Authority to make such Call or Calls of Money from the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking,

taking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, as the said Committee of Management shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, so that no such Call do exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds *per Centum*, for or in respect of any One Share, 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 Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for, shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company for the Time being, to be issued and applied by virtue of an Order or Orders given to him for that Purpose, and that such Order or Orders shall be signed by the Chairman of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, and One of the Members of the said Committee at least present at some Meeting of the said Committee duly held; and that the said several Sums of Money so called for shall be paid at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such General Meeting of the said Company, of which Time and Place Fourteen Days Notice at least shall be given in One or more of the said Newspapers, published in *Liverpool* aforesaid, or in such other Manner as the said Committee of Management shall at any Meeting direct and appoint in that Behalf; and that if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Proportion of the Money so to be called for, during the Space of One Calendar Month next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then and in such Case such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing, shall absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, and Interest, in the said Undertaking and Capital Stock, and all Profit and Advantage thereof, and all Money heretofore advanced by him, her, or them, on Account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the rest of the said Company; and that all 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 Produce 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, unless the same shall be declared to be forfeited at some General or Special Meeting of the said Proprietors, which shall be held not earlier than One Calendar Month next after the said Forfeiture shall happen; and that every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Proprietor and Proprietors, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, so forfeiting, against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions, for any Breach of Contract, or other Agreement between such Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, and the said Company, with regard to the future carrying on and Management of the said Undertaking.

In Default of Payment of Calls, Shares to be forfeited.

XXXVII. 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, or in respect thereof as aforesaid, 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 Administrators of such Proprietor, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians, of any Infant or other Person entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such

Executors, &c. indemnified in paying Calls.

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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.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

XXXVIII. 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 of the Transfer thereof, with the proper Officer 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 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 further enacted, That in all the Cases aforesaid, 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 and Manner herein specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons, before a Master or a Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or any 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 that such Affidavit shall be transmitted to the Clerk or Officer 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 Proprietors and Subscribers to the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the said Company; and that in all or any of the said Cases, after One Calendar Month's Notice in Writing shall have been given by the said Clerk or other Officer to the Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons claiming by such Affidavit to be Owner or Owners thereof, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, to pay his, 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 such 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 and Proprietors, at any Meeting or Meetings shall direct, or otherwise become consolidated in the general Fund of the said Company.

Shares may be transferred.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators,

strators, 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),

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 ‘ to me by of do hereby bargain, fell, Transfer.
 ‘ and transfer to the said of my Share, being
 ‘ Number in the Undertaking of the *Liverpool* Gas Light
 ‘ Company, to hold to the said Executors, Administrators,
 ‘ and Assigns, subject to the same Rules, Orders, and Restrictions, and
 ‘ on the same Conditions that I held the same immediately before the
 ‘ Execution hereof; and I the said do hereby agree to take and
 ‘ accept the said Share, subject to the same Rules, Orders,
 ‘ Restrictions, and Conditions. As Witness our Hands and Seals, this
 ‘ Day of , in the Year of our Lord

And every such Transfer shall be produced and notified to the Super- Transfers to
 intendant or other Officer of the said Company, and shall be entered or be registered.
 registered in the Books of the said Company, and the Entry or Registry
 thereof shall specify the Date, Names of the Parties, and the Number of
 Shares transferred, for which Entry or Registry the Sum of Three
 Shillings shall be paid to the Superintendent or other Officer making the
 same, and a Copy of such Register, signed by the Superintendent or
 other Officer of the said Company duly authorized thereto, shall be suf-
 ficient Evidence of every such Sale and Transfer, and received as such in
 all Disputes, and in all Trials before any Court in the United Kingdom;
 and that until such Transfer shall be entered or registered in the Books of
 the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers 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
 vote at any Meeting or Meetings as Proprietor or Proprietors of the said
 Undertaking.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after any Call No Share to
 for Money shall be made by virtue of this Act, no Person or Persons shall be sold after
 sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he or they shall possess in the a Call till the
 said Undertaking after the Day appointed for the Payment of the said Call, Money is
 until the Money so called for or in respect of his, her, or their Share or paid.
 Shares intended to be sold, shall be paid, and that 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 his, her, or their Share or Shares in
 the said Undertaking to and for the general Benefit of the said Under-
 taking, unless he, she, or they shall at the Time of such Sale 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 Forfeiture never-
 theless 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 as aforesaid.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That on the Third *Tuesday* in *February* Dividends
 in every Year, or within Fourteen Days of the same respectively, an to be made
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annual Dividend or Dividends shall be made by the Committee of Management for the Time being aforesaid, out of the Interests, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, at a Meeting or Meetings of the said Company, to be held at such several Times as last aforesaid respectively, unless the Proprietors of the said Undertaking shall at such Meeting or Meetings declare otherwise; and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of so much for every Share upon all and every Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by such Proprietors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as the said Company shall think fit at such Meeting or Meetings to appoint and determine: Provided always, that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of such Company shall be in any Degree reduced or impaired.

No Gasometer or Works to be erected within 150 Yards of the Dock Quays.

XLII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend, to authorize or enable the said Company, nor shall it be lawful for them, to erect, build, or establish any Gasometers, or any other Buildings or Works used or necessary for the Purpose of creating or making Gas, or any other Matter or Thing by virtue of this Act, within the Distance of One hundred and fifty Yards from the Quays of any of the present or future Docks or Basins, made or to be made in the said Port or Town of *Liverpool*, or in *Harrington* adjoining thereto, on pain of forfeiting, for every Day such Buildings or Works shall be so used or established as aforesaid, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Impar lance, shall be granted or allowed; and the said Sum when recovered shall be paid to the Mayor, Aldermen, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the Borough and Corporation of *Liverpool* for the Time being.

Power to lay Pipes in the Streets, &c.

XLIII. And whereas, for the Purpose of using Carburetted Hydrogen, or Coal Gas, for lighting the Public Streets, Highways, Quays, Lanes, Places, Ways, or Passages, Public or Private Buildings as aforesaid, it will be requisite that the said Gas should be conveyed by means of Pipes, properly laid therein for that Purpose; be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company at any Time or Times hereafter (having first obtained such Consent or Consents for the Purpose as is or are in this Act specified) to enter upon and break up the Soil and Pavement of any such Streets, Highways, Quays, Lanes, Places, Ways, or Passages aforesaid, for the Purpose of laying down Pipes, digging or sinking Trenches or Drains, or putting Stop-cocks, Plugs, Branches, or other Apparatus from such Pipes, in order to supply such Light as aforesaid, and for altering the Position of, and repairing, relaying, and maintaining such Pipes, Stop-cocks, Plugs, Branches, or other Apparatus and for doing such other Acts, Matters, and Things as may be necessary for completing, repairing, and using the same.

Company to use particular Pipes and Conduits.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the several Main Pipes or Conduits, to be from Time to Time laid down by the said Gas Light Company by virtue of this Act, shall be made of Cast Iron, and not of any other Material; and that all other Pipes or Conduits, to be from Time to Time laid down or made use for the Conveyance of Gas

by the said Company, shall be made of Cast Iron, Wrought Iron, or Copper, and not of any other Material.

XLV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to authorize or enable the said Company, nor shall it be lawful for them or any of their Servants or Workmen at any Time or Times hereafter, to enter upon or break up the Soil and Pavement of *Toxteth Park* aforesaid, or any Part thereof, without the Consent in Writing first obtained for that Purpose of the Right Honourable *William Philip* Earl of *Sefton*, his Heirs or Assigns, or the Person or Persons, legally entitled for the Time being to the Freehold or Inheritance in Possession of *Toxteth Park*, or some Person duly authorized by him or them to give such Consent; nor to authorize or enable the said Company to enter upon or break up the Soil or Pavement of any Streets, Highways, Lanes, Places, Ways, or Passages, belonging to, or paved or repaired by or under the Direction of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid, without the Consent in Writing from Time to Time, first had and obtained, of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid, to be signified under the Hand of the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Common Council; nor to authorize or enable the said Company to enter upon or break up the Soil or Pavement of any Quays, Places, Streets, Passages, or Ways belonging to or paved or repaired by or under the Direction of the Trustees of the *Liverpool* Docks, without the Consent in Writing from Time to Time first had and obtained of the Trustees for executing an Act made in the Fifty-first Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for the Improvement of the Port and Town of Liverpool, and amending the several Acts relating to the Docks, Quays, and other Works belonging to the said Port*, to be signified under the Hand of the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Trustees; nor to authorize or enable the said Company to enter upon or break up the Soil or Pavement of any Streets, Highways, Lanes, Places, Ways, or Passages in *Liverpool* aforesaid, paved or repaired by or under the Direction of the Surveyors of the Highways in *Liverpool* aforesaid, without the Consent in Writing from Time to Time first had and obtained of the Surveyors of Highways in *Liverpool* aforesaid, for the Time being, to be signified under the Hand of the Clerk or other Officer for the Time being of such Surveyors; nor to authorize or enable the said Company to enter upon or break up the Soil or Pavement of any Street, Lane, Place, Way, or Passage belonging to, or paved or repaired by or under the Direction of the Company of Proprietors, incorporated by an Act made in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for enabling certain Persons in the Town and Port of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, to erect an Exchange there for the Accommodation of themselves and the Merchants and others concerned in Trade in the said Town and Port, and for incorporating the Proprietors thereof*, without the Consent in Writing, from Time to Time, first had and obtained, of the said Company of Proprietors of the *Liverpool* Exchange, or their Successors, to be signified under the Hand of the Chairman of the Committee for the Time being of the said Company of Proprietors of the *Liverpool* Exchange, or their Successors; nor to authorize or enable the said Company to enter upon or break up the Soil or Pavement of any Docks, Quays, Places, Streets,

Proviso for Consents in Writing to enter upon any public Place or private Property of the Earl of Sefton, &c.

Streets, Ways, or Passages, belonging to or paved or repaired by or under the Direction of the Devisees in Trust of the late Most Noble *Francis* Duke of *Bridgewater*, their Heirs or Assigns, without the Consent in Writing, from Time to Time first had and obtained from the said Devisees in Trust of the said late Most Noble *Francis* Duke of *Bridgewater*, their Heirs and Assigns, to be signified under the Hand of the Superintendant or Superintendants for the Time being of the Trust Estates of the said late Most Noble *Francis* Duke of *Bridgewater*, or under the Hand of his or their Successor or Successors; nor to authorize or enable the said Company to enter upon or break up the Soil or Pavement of any Quays, Places, Streets, Ways, or Passages belonging to or paved or repaired by or under the Direction of the Company of Proprietors established by an Act made in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Cut or Canal from Leeds Bridge, in the County of York, to the North Ladies Walk in Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and from thence to the River of Mersey*, without the Consent in Writing from Time to Time first had and obtained of such Company of Proprietors, to be signified under the Hand of the Chairman of the Committee for the Time being of such Company of Proprietors; nor to authorize or enable the said Company, by this Act created, to enter upon or break up the Soil or Pavement of any Quays, Places, Streets, Ways, or Passages belonging to or paved or repaired by or under the Direction of the Company of Proprietors incorporated by an Act made in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for altering an Act passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the First, intituled 'An Act for making the Rivers ' Mersey and Irwell navigable from Liverpool to Manchester, in the County ' Palatine of Lancaster, by incorporating the Proprietors of the said Navigation, and to declare their respective Shares therein to be Personal Estate,* or their Successors, without the Consent in Writing from Time to Time first had and obtained of the said Company of Proprietors of the *Mersey and Irwell* Navigation, or their Successors, to be signified under the Hand of the Chairman of the *Liverpool* Committee for the Time being of such last-named Company of Proprietors; nor to authorize or enable the said Company by this Act created, to enter upon or break up any Pavement or Soil of any Public or Private Street, Way, or Place, being the Property of or belonging to any Body or Bodies Corporate or Politic, or any other Person or Persons whatever, without the Consent in Writing first had and obtained of such Body Corporate or Politic, or the respective Owner or Owners for the Time being thereof.

Consents may be revoked and afterwards renewed.

XLVI. Provided also, and be it enacted, That such Consents as aforesaid shall be revokable, and may in every Case be revoked, in like Manner as the same are hereby directed to be obtained, if the said Company shall not thereafter do, or cause to be done, all such Acts, Matters, and Things as aforesaid, within such Time, and in such Manner, and according to such Conditions and Stipulations as shall have been previously agreed upon and consented to by and between the said Company and the Body or Bodies Corporate or Politic, or Person or Persons having given such Consent or Consents respectively; and in case of such Consent or Consents being so revoked as aforesaid, Notice of such Revocation being given as Notices are in and by this Act directed to be given to the said Company, all Power and Authority of the said Company, and of their

Officers,

Officers, Servants, or Workmen, under and by virtue of the Clause herein-before contained, shall thenceforth cease and be at an End, as fully as if the same had not been consented to, until such Time as such Consent or Consents respectively shall be again obtained, renewed, and signified in Manner herein-before mentioned.

XLVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not by means of Pipes or Drains, or in any other Manner, carry, convey, or cart, or cause, permit, or suffer to be carried, conveyed, or carted into, under, or over any of the public Streets, Highways, Quays, Lanes, Places, Ways, or Passages, or into any of the present or future Common Sewers of the said Town of *Liverpool*, or *Toxteth Park* aforesaid, or into or under any of the present or future Docks, Basins, Cuts, or Canals within the said Town of *Liverpool*, or in *Harrington* aforesaid, or into the River *Mersey*, any Washings or Waste Liquids, Matter, or Substance which may arise or be made in the Prosecution of the said Works, or in making, procuring, or manufacturing any Gas, under the Penalty of a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds for each and every Time such Washings or Waste Liquids, Matter or Substance shall be so carried, conveyed, or carted as aforesaid; which said Penalty or Sum, if the Offence shall happen to be committed within the said Borough of *Liverpool*, shall be recovered by Information to be exhibited against the said Company, before any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough; and if in *Toxteth Park*, before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Lancaster*, upon Proof of the Fact by the Oath of One credible Witness, with Costs to be ascertained and determined by such Justice respectively, and to be levied 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 of such Justice as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant; and such Penalty shall be paid to the Mayor of *Liverpool* for the Time being, if the Offence shall happen to have been committed in *Liverpool* aforesaid, or to the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Highways for the Time being of *Toxteth Park* aforesaid; if the Offence shall happen to have been committed therein, and shall be laid out and applied for or towards the Repairs of the Streets and Highways in *Liverpool*, or *Toxteth Park* respectively, as the Case may be.

Penalty for conveying offensive Liquids, &c. into the Streets, &c.

XLVIII. And whereas it is essential to the Health and Comfort of the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of *Liverpool*, and of the Seamen and others resorting to and frequenting the same and the Port thereof, that the fresh Water supplied to them should at all Times be preserved in a pure and wholesome State: And whereas it is necessary to prevent such Water from being impregnated with Gas from the Pipes already laid, and to be laid and used for the Conveyance of Gas through the Streets and Places in the Town and Parish of *Liverpool* aforesaid; be it therefore enacted, That the said *Liverpool* Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, at their own Costs and Charges, take up and remove all and every the Pipes now laid for conveying Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the Streets, Squares, Market Places, Docks, Lanes, Weints, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places, in the Town and Parish of *Liverpool* aforesaid, which shall be therein laid down within the Distance of Four

To remove Gas Pipes already laid within Four Feet of Water Pipes, if required.

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Feet from the nearest Part of any of the Water Pipes of and belonging to the said Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works now laid in, under, through, along, across, or round all or any of the said Streets, Squares, Market Places, Docks, Lanes, Weints, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places, and from which Pipes for the Conveyance of Gas it shall appear to the Committee for the Time being of the Proprietors for the Time being of the said *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, their Engineer, Workmen, or others, the said Gas shall have escaped, if required so to do by the said Committee for the Time being of the Proprietors for the Time being, by Notice in Writing under the Hand of the Chairman for the Time being of the same Committee, and if the said Gas Light Company shall not forthwith, after such Notice thereof, remedy such Evil, and effectually prevent the Water from being so tainted or injured.

Gas Pipes to be laid Four Feet from Water Pipes, and in a particular Manner.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits hereafter to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round any Street, Square, Market Place, Dock, Lane, Weint, Alley, Passage, Court, or other Place in the Town and Parish of *Liverpool* aforesaid, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance, and wherever the Width of the Carriage-way 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 the Company of Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Squares, Market Places, Docks, Lanes, Weints, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places in the Parish and Town of *Liverpool* aforesaid (unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Pipes across any of the said Company's Water Pipes, in which Cases the said Gas Pipes shall be laid over and above the said Company's Water Pipes, at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith a Right Angle); and that in such Cases the said Gas Pipes so crossing the said Company's Water Pipes shall be at least Nine Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the said Gas Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of the said Company's Water Pipes than Four Feet at least, and that such Gas Pipes so crossing the said Water Pipes shall for the whole Length thereof be bedded in and surrounded with good sound Clay, of a proper Consistence, and well worked and rammed into the Trenches, not less than Twelve Inches thick all round the said Gas Pipes, if the Depth of Earth will admit thereof; and that in laying down the said Gas Pipes, the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or 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 properly form the jointing with the other Pipes, to be added thereto, with proper and sufficient Materials, and shall also lay and bed each and every of the Joints of the said Main Gas Pipes, and also the Joints or Screws of the Branch or Service Gas Pipes, connecting with the Main Gas Pipes, and also the Joints of the Service or Branch Pipes for conveying the Gas from the Main Gas Pipes to the Houses and other Buildings, and all other Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings which are, or shall, or may be made in any of the said Gas Pipes with such Clay as aforesaid, for Twelve Inches thick all round the said

several and respective Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings, and for Twelve Inches in Length each way, from the Centre of each and every of the Caps or Joints in the Main Pipes, and of the Inlets, Apertures, Screws, or Joints connecting the Service Pipes with the Main Pipes, and all other Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein, and for Six Inches at the least from the Centre of each of the Joints in the Service Pipes, so as to make and keep all and every such Pipes, and the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively Air-tight, and to prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom.

L. And be it further enacted, That whenever the said Gas shall be found to escape from any of the said Gas Light Company's Pipes already laid, or hereafter to be laid as aforesaid, so as to contaminate or affect the Water supplied by the Company of Proprietors, for the Time being, of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works to the Town and Shipping aforesaid, the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall immediately, on Notice thereof, to be left at the usual Office or Place for transacting their Business, by the Manager and Chief Clerk for the Time being of the said Company of Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, cause the most proper and speedy Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after each and every such Notice, so left as aforesaid, of any such Escape of Gas, effectually stop or prevent the same from escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of every such Complaint, that then and in every such Case the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall, on each and every Complaint and Conviction of the said Water being tainted, contaminated, or affected by such Gas as aforesaid, forfeit and pay on Demand to the Manager and Chief Clerk for the Time being of the Company of Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, for the Use and Benefit of the same Proprietors, the Sum of Ten Pounds for each and every Day that the said Water shall in each and every Instance be and remain so contaminated, tainted, or affected by such Gas 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 the Manager and Chief Clerk for the Time being of the Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, against the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, before any Justice of the Peace for the Borough of *Liverpool*, with Costs to be ascertained by such Justice, and to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, 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 Manager and Chief Clerk for the Time being of the Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, for the Use of the same Proprietors.

Gas Company
to prevent
Gas escaping,
or be liable to
certain Penalties.

LI. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, or their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall dig or sink any Trench or Trenches, for laying any
Pipe

For the Protection of
Water Pipes.

Pipe or Pipes for the Conveyance of Gas, 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 Pipes belonging to the said Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, for conveying Water into, through, or about the said Town and Parish of *Liverpool* aforesaid, or any Branch or Service Pipe or Pipes for the Supply of any Dwelling House or Building shall be laid, the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall and they are hereby required to give Three Days previous Notice thereof in Writing to the Manager and Chief Clerk for the Time being of the Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, to be left at the Office of the same Proprietors; and on every such Occasion the said Gas Light Company, their Servants, Agents, and Workmen, shall, under the Direction and Inspection of the Manager and Chief Clerk, or Engineer for the Time being of the said Water Works, protect and secure such Water 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 Pipe or Pipes on any such Occasion; and in default of repairing and making good any such Damage, the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall, for each and every such Default, forfeit and pay to the Manager and Chief Clerk for the Time being of the Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, for the Use of the said Company of Proprietors, any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and also the Costs and Expences which shall have been incurred by the said Water Company, in and about the securing and protecting of any such Water Pipe or Pipes, or in repairing and making good any Injury or Damage that may have been done to any such Water Pipe or Pipes, by the Means aforesaid, such Costs and Expences to be ascertained by any Justice of the Peace for the said Borough of *Liverpool*, and to be recovered in the same Manner as any Expences or Penalty under this Act may be recovered.

Powers given to the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, extended to the *Bootle* Company.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all and every the Powers, Authorities, Stipulations, and Restrictions herein-before contained and enacted, relating to the Company of Proprietors for the Time being of the *Liverpool* Corporation Water Works, their Manager and Chief Clerk, Engineers, Servants, Workmen, and others by them employed for preventing the said Gas from escaping from the said Gas Light Company's Pipes now laid or hereafter to be laid, and for protecting the said Company's Water from Contamination, noxious Smell, or Taint by or from such Gas as aforesaid, and for other the Purposes herein-before expressed and enacted, shall be deemed and taken and shall be construed to be deemed and taken to extend and be applicable to the Company of Proprietors of the *Liverpool* Water Works incorporated by an Act passed in the Thirty-ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for better supplying the Town and Port of Liverpool with Water from certain Springs in the Township of Bootle, in the County Palatine of Lancaster*, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as if the same Powers, Authorities, Stipulations, and Restrictions were herein repeated and enacted.

Power for Commissioners of Lamps

LIII. And whereas Doubts may arise whether the said Company of Proprietors can enter into any Contracts with the Commissioners for the Time being

being appointed and to be appointed under and by virtue of an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for building a Church in the Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for enlightening and cleansing the Streets of the said Town, and for keeping and maintaining a Nightly Watch there*; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to enter into and execute any Contract with such Commissioners, for lighting with Gas any Lamp or Lamps in the said Port or Town for any reasonable Period of Time, and to erect or cause to be erected Pillars and all other Apparatus to receive such Gas Lights, all which Contracts of such Commissioners shall be binding and conclusive as well upon themselves as their Successors in Office; any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

in Liverpool,
to contract
for lighting
with Gas.

LIV. And whereas by an Act passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for opening, making, widening, and altering certain Streets, Passages, and Places within the Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaster, for supplying the said Town with fresh and wholesome Water, for removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein, for appointing additional Market Places; and for extending so much of the Powers of an Act of the Second Year of His present Majesty, as relates to Hackney Coachmen, Chairmen, Carters, and Porters, to a certain Distance beyond the Liberties of the said Town*, it was enacted, that the Corporation of *Liverpool* aforesaid, at their own Expence, should, on the Door of every House, Shop, or Building in a certain Street leading from a certain Area to *Derby Square* therein mentioned, (now called *Castle Street*), cause a Lamp to be placed or fixed, and that the Owner of every such House, Shop, or Building should from Time to Time keep such Lamp in Repair, and supply the Loss of the same and of any future Lamps, by fixing over the Door of every such House, Shop, or Building another Lamp at his, her, or their own Expence, and that the Occupier or Occupiers of every such House, Shop, or Building for the Time being should, at his, her, or their own Expence, keep such Lamp well and sufficiently lighted in every Night of the Year from Sun-setting to Sun-rising: And whereas it was intended by the said Act that the said Street should be well and sufficiently lighted, and to the Satisfaction of the Corporation of *Liverpool* aforesaid, which may be carried into Effect by lighting the same Street now called *Castle Street* with Gas; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, by and with the Consent of the Corporation of *Liverpool* aforesaid, to cause the said Street called *Castle Street* to be lighted with Gas, and so long as the same shall continue so lighted to the Satisfaction of the Corporation of *Liverpool* aforesaid, no Person or Persons shall be liable to any Prosecution, Pain, Penalty, or Forfeiture for not having complied with the Provisions of the said last-recited Act, in respect of lighting the said Street; any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Street well
lighted with
Gas.

L.V. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, on Pain of

No Pipes of
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laid without
Consent of
the Company.

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forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Five Pounds, and also the Sum of One Pound a Day for every Day such Pipe shall so remain, 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 said Borough of *Liverpool*, or County of *Lancaster*, (as the Case may be), and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and 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 forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction 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 Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalty for
damaging
Pipes, &c.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously remove, take away, destroy, disturb, alter, derange, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Port, Plug, or other Matter or Thing belonging to the said Company, any 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 or County, (as the Case may be) shall forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, and Double 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 such Offender shall and may be committed to the House of Correction of the said County, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months.

Appeal may
be made to
Quarter
Sessions.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, 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 of Proprietors, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of this Act, may, within Two Calendar Months after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace, at the General Quarter Sessions, to be held in and for the said Borough or County (as the Case may be) where the Cause of Appeal shall arise, and not elsewhere, the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Fourteen clear Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Superintendent, or other Officer of the said Company, and forthwith, after such Notice, entering into a Recognizance, before some Justice of the Peace for such Borough or County, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justice, 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 Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or if they think proper may adjourn

adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held for such Borough or County, (as the Case may be), 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, Order, 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 said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

LXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners, Directors, Trustees, or others, for lighting or paving the said Borough, Township, Parish, or Place, or any Body Corporate or Politic, Sole or Aggregate, or established for the Supply of Water, in or for the said Borough, Township, Parish, or Place, or any Part or Parts thereof, or the Rights of any Person or Persons to make, enlarge, repair, or amend any Vault or Sewer under any Street within the said Borough, Township, Parish, or Place.

Powers of Commissioners of Pavements, &c. not to be obstructed.

LXIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein 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 Means which shall be by them used in obtaining or making the said Carburetted Hydrogen or Coal Gas, or in using the same, or in 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 the Use of the said Gas, or the Method of lighting therewith, whether such Injury shall proceed from obtaining, making, or using the same, or the Method of lighting, or the Carelessness or want of Skill of the Persons employed therein.

Company liable for Nuisance.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the Coal to be made use of by the said Gas Light Company shall be the most suitable that can be obtained in the Town of *Liverpool*, or the Neighbourhood, for making the best and purest Gas, and that the said Company shall accordingly make use of such Coal only; and in case the said Company shall not use such Coal as aforesaid, and convey and furnish the best and purest Gas, for the Purpose of lighting the Public Streets, Highways, or Places, Public or Private Buildings, as aforesaid, such Company shall forfeit any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered, levied, and applied, as any other Penalty in this Act may be recovered, levied, and applied, for each and every Time the said Company shall not use such Coal, and make and convey such Gas as aforesaid.

Gas Company to use the best Coal, and make the purest Gas.

LXI. Provided always, 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.

Expences of the Act to be paid.

LXII. And

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence 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 the Part of the Prosecutor or on Behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and shall refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of appearing, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on 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, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for Attendance as a Witness.

Persons giving false Evidence to be punished for Perjury.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses who shall be examined by or before the said Commissioners, or any Justice of the Peace 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 such Pains and Penalties as Persons convicted of wilful and corrupt Perjury are subject and liable to.

Directing the Manner of serving Notices.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases of Notices and Summonses by this Act directed or required to be given or served, which shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers of this Act, the Service of any such Notices or Summonses, either on the Person or Persons on 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.

How Notices are to be served on the Company.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be requisite for any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, to serve any Notice or Notices, or any Writ or Writs, or other legal Proceedings upon the said Company, the Service thereof on any Clerk of the said Company at the Office of the said Company, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or in case such Clerk shall not be found or known, then Service upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, or upon any of the Committee for the Time being of the said Company, or left at his or their last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

Proceedings to be within Twelve

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted

Philip Earl of Sefton, his Heirs and Affigns ; and to John Leigh Esquire, his Heirs and Affigns ; and to all other Bodies Politic or Corporate, and other Person and Persons, all their respective Rights, Privileges, and Franchifes in fuch and the fame Manner as if this Act had not been paffed.

Public Act. LXXI. And be it further enacted, That this Act fhall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and fhall be judicially taken Notice of as fuch by all Judges, Juftices, and others, without being fpecially pleaded.

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