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# GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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## *Cap. cxviii.*

An Act to incorporate certain Persons, to be called  
“The Independent Gas Light and Coke Com-  
pany”; and for enabling them to light with Gas  
certain Parishes in the County of *Middlesex*.

[4th *June* 1829.]

**W**HEREAS divers Streets, public Places, Shops, Dwelling Houses, and other Buildings situate within the several Parishes of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch*, and *Saint Luke Middlesex*, are, with great public Advantage and Utility, and much to the Benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Parishes, now lighted with Inflammable Air or Gas: And whereas certain Persons have already subscribed and expended considerable Sums of Money in the Erection of Works and laying down Mains and Pipes for the Manufacture and Conveyance of the said Gas, amounting to the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds, but further Sums of Money will be required to light the said Parishes, or One of them, in a Manner still more advantageous to the Inhabitants thereof: And whereas it would be of great public Advantage if the said Persons were incorporated for the Purposes of continuing and completing such Works, and for the more effectually lighting of the said Parishes; but inasmuch as the same cannot be carried fully and effectually into execution without the 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

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the



Company  
incorporated.

the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That *Joseph Gratton, Matthew Warton, Robert James Hendrie, James Vernell, Richard Tillyer Blunt, John Townend, Thomas Robinson, Thomas Beale, William Williams, William Rhodes, Charles Montague Williams, Charles Earith, Thomas Eaton, Robert Penny, Edmund Homersham, John Jeffkins, John Blackwell, James Kendle Browne, William Henry Burgess, Ebenezer Fernie, William Lefevre,* and all and every such other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, as shall or may from Time to Time, in such Manner as is herein-after mentioned, become a Proprietor or Proprietors of Shares in the Undertaking hereby established, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and are hereby united into a Company of Proprietors, and declared to be One Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of "The Independent Gas Light and Coke Company," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, with full Power and Authority to use the same, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, at Law and in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment for any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence punishable by the Laws of this Realm.

Powers of the  
Company,  
and District  
over which  
the Act shall  
extend.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority, subject to the Provisions in this Act contained, to make and manufacture Inflammable Air or Gas from Coal or other Materials, and for lighting and supplying with Gas all Persons, and public Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and Buildings, and also all private Houses, Shops, Manufactories, Properties, and Buildings, within such Parts of the several Parishes of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch* and *Saint Luke Middlesex* as lie within a Line commencing on the North Side of the *City Road*, at the Corner of *Nelson Terrace*, extending along the North Side of the North Side of *Nelson Place*, crossing the Canal Basin and the Regent's Canal, along the Boundary Line of the Parish of *Saint Leonard's Shoreditch*, to the Canal Bridge in the *Kingsland Road*; along the Centre of the *Kingsland Road* to the Southern End of *Kingsland Crescent*; along the Boundary Line of the said Parish to the Lane leading to the Canal Bridge near *Acton's Lock*, crossing the Canal, to *Margaret Place*; along the Centre of *Margaret's Place* and *Gloucester Place* to the *Hackney Road*, the Centre of *Hackney Road*, to *Austin Street* near *Shoreditch Church*; along the Centre of *Austin Street*, *Broad Place*, and *Cock Lane*, to *Church Street*, crossing *Church Street*, into *York Street*; along the Centre of *York Street*, and along the Boundary Line of the Parish of *Shoreditch*, to the North-east Corner of *Hog Lane*; along the North Side of the North Side of *Hog Lane* and *Worship Street*, round the North Side of the Station of the Gas Light and Coke Company in *Worship Street*, to the South-west Corner of *Curtain Road*; thence in a Westerly Direction from *Curtain Road*, along the Centre of *Worship Street*, to *Wilson Street*; along the Centre of *Wilson Street* to *Dean Street*; along the Centre of *Dean Street*, and across *Finsbury Square*, in a straight Line from *Dean Street*, to the Centre of *Chiswell Street*; along the Centre of *Chiswell Street*, and *Beech Street* to the Boundary of the City of *London*; along the Boundary  
Line



Line of the said City to *Golden Lane*; along the Centre of *Golden Lane*, crossing *Old Street*, to *Brick Lane*; along the Centre of *Brick Lane* and *York Street* to the *City Road*; along the Centre of the *City Road* to the Commencement of the said Line at *Nelson Terrace* aforesaid; and which said Parts of the said Parishes as are within such Line as aforesaid shall be and be deemed to be the Limits of this Act, and of all the Powers, Authorities, and Privileges by this Act confirmed and allowed to the said Company, and also for selling and disposing of all and every Product and Products, Refuse or Residuum, arising or to be obtained from the Materials used in or necessary for the Manufacture of Gas, in such Manner as the said Company may think proper.

III. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed, construed, or taken to extend, to authorize and empower the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company to light or cause to be lighted any Parts or Places, or in any Manner, either directly or indirectly, supply with Gas any Person or Persons in any Parts or Places, for any public or private Purpose, without the Line herein-before particularly described, but they are hereby expressly prohibited and restrained from so doing at any Time or Times after the First Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and thirty, under any Pretence whatsoever; and if the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, or their Successors or Assigns, or any Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, shall offend herein, and shall not cease to supply Gas within Seven Days after Notice requiring them so to do shall have been given to the Clerk or left at the Office of the said Company, the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for each and every Cubic Foot of Gas so supplied, and the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each and every Hour in which the same shall be so lighted.

Company not to light beyond the Limits prescribed.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves, including the Money already subscribed and contributed as aforesaid, a Sum of Money, by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds.

Declaring what shall be the Capital Stock.

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of not less than Thirty Pounds each, and every Proprietor of a Share or Shares shall be entitled to and interested in the Capital Stock and Effects of the said Company, and the Profits and Advantages attending the same, according to the Number of Shares he, she, or they shall hold.

Stock to be divided into Shares of 30*l.* each.

VI. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Sum of One hundred and twenty thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, by and with the Direction and Consent of any General Meeting of the said Company to be convened

Power to raise Money on Debentures;



and to assign the Estates and Effects as a Security.

vened in manner herein-after mentioned, from Time to Time to raise any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole Thirty thousand Pounds, by borrowing or taking up, at an Interest not exceeding Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, any Sum or Sums of Money on and by the Issue of Debentures charged on the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Company, and secured by Assignments thereof under the Common Seal of the said Company; and the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, having first obtained such Direction and Consent as aforesaid, are hereby fully authorized and empowered to assign over the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Company, or any Part thereof, (at the Costs and Charges of the said Company or otherwise,) as a Security for any such Sum or Sums of Money to be so borrowed or taken up at Interest to such Persons or Bodies, or their Trustees, as shall advance the same, by the following Words, or any other Words to the same Effect; (that is to say,)

Form of Assignment.

‘ **BY** virtue of certain Powers and Authorities vested in The Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, in and by a certain Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, the said Company, in consideration of the Sum of of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to  
‘ a Treasurer of the said Company  
‘ in hand paid by *A. B.* of  
‘ do assign unto the said *A. B.* his, her,  
‘ or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, [*or Successors*  
‘ and Assigns, *as the Case may be,*] all and singular the Estate and  
‘ Effects of the said Company, and the Rents and Profits thereof, and  
‘ all the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest of the said Company, and  
‘ of their Successors and Assigns, of, in, and unto the same; to hold  
‘ the same unto the said *A. B.* his, her, or  
‘ their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, [*or Successors and*  
‘ Assigns,] until the said Sum of together  
‘ with Interest for the same after the Rate of Pounds *per*  
‘ *Centum per Annum*, payable half yearly, shall be repaid, and the  
‘ Interest being to be paid or provided for from Time to Time before  
‘ any Dividend is or shall be made of the Rents and Profits of the  
‘ said Undertaking. In witness whereof the said Independent Gas  
‘ Light and Coke Company have hereunto affixed their Common  
‘ Seal, this Day of One thousand eight  
‘ hundred and .

Company empowered to grant Debentures to the Treasurer or other Persons.

VII. And be it further enacted, That until the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds may have been raised as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, with such Direction and Consent as aforesaid, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to grant unto the Treasurer or Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, or any other Person appointed by the said Directors, any Debentures or Assignments as aforesaid, under the Common Seal of the said Company, each being for a Sum of Fifty Pounds or upwards, and bearing Interest not exceeding the  
Rate



Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, by the following Words, or any other Words to the same Effect ; (that is to say,)

‘ **BY** virtue of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Inde-  
 ‘ pendent Gas Light and Coke Company in and by a certain Act  
 ‘ passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George*  
 ‘ the Fourth, the said Company, in consideration of the Sum of  
 ‘ of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to  
 ‘ of the Treasurer of  
 ‘ the said Company, in hand paid by *A. B.* of  
 ‘ do assign unto the said *A. B.*  
 ‘ and his Assigns, all and singular  
 ‘ the Estate and Effects of the said Company, and the Rents and  
 ‘ Profits thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest of the  
 ‘ said Company, and of their Successors and Assigns, of, in, and unto  
 ‘ the same ; to hold the same unto the said *A. B.*  
 ‘ and his Assigns, until the said Sum of together  
 ‘ with Interest for the same after the Rate of *per*  
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 ‘ said Interest being to be paid or provided for from Time to Time  
 ‘ before any Dividend is or shall be made of the Rents or Profits of  
 ‘ the said Undertaking. In witness whereof the said Independent  
 ‘ Gas Light and Coke Company have hereunto affixed their Com-  
 ‘ mon Seal, this Day of One  
 ‘ thousand eight hundred and ;

Form of  
 Debenture.

And it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer or Clerk for the Time being, or other Person so appointed by and under the Order of the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, from Time to Time to make Sale and dispose of, at public Auction, or in such other Manner as any General Meeting of the said Company shall direct, of all and every or any Debentures or Assignments so granted to him, unto any Persons, or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, for the best Price or Prices in Money that in the Judgment of the said Directors can be reasonably had or obtained for the same ; and all Monies which shall be from Time to Time received by any such Treasurer or Clerk for the Time being, or other Person so appointed as aforesaid, from such Sale or Sales as aforesaid, after deducting thereout all Costs, Charges, and Expences attendant thereon, or by the Issue of Debentures as aforesaid, shall be applied by the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, to and for the Purposes of this Act.

Treasurer or  
 other Persons  
 empowered  
 to sell De-  
 bentures by  
 Auction.

Application  
 of Monies  
 to arise by  
 Sale.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, to whom any such Debenture or Assignment shall be made in pursuance of the Powers herein-before declared, shall be equally entitled to their respective Proportion of the Estate and Effects, Rents and Profits, according to the respective Sums in such Assignment mentioned, to be as a Security for the Repayment thereof, with Interest as aforesaid, without any Preference by reason of Priority or Assignment, or on any other Account whatsoever.

Persons tak-  
 ing such De-  
 bentures to  
 be all equally  
 entitled ac-  
 cording to  
 the Sums  
 secured.







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

Monies borrowed on Debentures may be repaid on giving Notice.

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

If Debentures are paid off, others may be issued.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the Profits and Advantages thereof, and all Debentures and Assignments issued, given, and granted under or by virtue of this Act, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Shares to be deemed Personal Estate.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall appear to the said Company to be more expedient to raise the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, by Mortgage of the Property and Effects of the said Company, or of any Part thereof, instead of issuing Debentures as herein-before authorized, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Directors, to be appointed by virtue of this Act, for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Direction of any General Meeting of the said Company, to borrow and take up at Interest, for the Use of the said Company, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole Thirty thousand Pounds, and thereupon, by Writing under their Common Seal, to mortgage or assign all or any Part of the Property and Effects of the said Company to such Person or Persons as shall lend or advance any such Money, or to his, her, or their Trustee or Trustees, Assignee or Assignees,

Power to raise more Money by Loan.







Sum shall be due and owing by the said Company on any Debenture or Assignment of their said Property and Effects, or to raise the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, or any Part thereof, by way of Debenture or Assignment, so long as any Money shall be due by the said Company upon any Mortgage of their said Property and Effects.

Mortgage not to be exercised at the same Time.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That a Copy or Copies, Extract or Extracts of or from all Debentures, Mortgages, or Assignments, and of every Transfer thereof respectively, shall be entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Company, which Extract or Memorial shall specify and contain the Date, Names of the Parties, and Sums of Money thereby secured and transferred, to which Book any Person interested shall at all reasonable Times have Access, and shall have free Liberty to inspect the same, without Fee or Reward; and for the entering of every such Transfer the said Clerk shall be paid, by the Person or Persons to whom such Transfer shall be made, such a Sum of Money as may be ordered by the Directors for the Time being, not exceeding the Sum of Five Shillings; and every such Transfer, after the entering thereof as aforesaid, shall entitle the Person to whom such Transfer shall be made, and his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Benefit of the Security thereby transferred, without any other Registry or Enrolment thereof.

Copies of Debentures, Mortgages, and Transfers to be entered in a Book.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Lands and Hereditaments, Manufactories, Gasometers, Machinery, Apparatus and Works, Chattels and Effects, of the said Company and their Successors, shall be answerable for and subject to the just Debts, Liabilities, Engagements, and Demands of all and every the Creditors of the said Company.

Lands, &c. of the Company answerable for the Debts.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed or shall subscribe for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed, or such Parts or Proportions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for pursuant to or by virtue of the Powers and Directions contained in this Act, at such Times and Places, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as shall be ordered or directed by any General or Special Meeting of the Directors of the said Company; and in case any such Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to pay any such Sum or Sums of Money at such Times and in such Manner as shall be ordered or directed as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same, by Action of Debt or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same from such required or appointed Time of Payment, and all Costs of Suit attending the same.

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the said Company, as soon as a Clerk is chosen, shall cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who have subscribed for or may at any Time hereafter become entitled to a Share or Shares in the said

Names of Proprietors to be entered, and Certificates delivered to them.

[*Local.*]



Undertaking, with the Number of such Share or 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 for that Purpose, and after such Entry shall cause the same to be signed by the Chairman of the Directors of the said Company; and the said Directors shall cause a Certificate under the Common Seal of the said Company to be prepared and delivered to every Proprietor upon Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he, she, or they is or are entitled in the said Undertaking; and such Certificate shall be admitted in all Cases whatsoever as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified; but the Want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner or Owners from selling or disposing of their respective Share or Shares; and the said Certificate may be in the Words or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Certificate.

Independent Gas Light and Coke Company.

Number  
 THESE are to certify, That of is a Proprietor of the Share Number of the Capital or Joint Stock of the Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, subject to the Rules, Regulations, and Orders of the said Company; and that the said his [or her] Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, is and are entitled to such Proportion of the Profits and Advantages arising or to arise to the said Company as shall belong to such Share. Given under the Common Seal of the said Company, the Day of in the Year of our Lord

First Meeting of Proprietors.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, a General Assembly or Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors shall be holden in the City of London or County of Middlesex, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, of which General Assembly or Meeting Seven Days Notice shall be given by some One of the Proprietors or Subscribers in Two or more London daily Newspapers, or by Letter through the Post Office addressed to each of the other Proprietors or Subscribers at their usual Residences; and such General Assembly or Meeting shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act; at which General Assembly or Meeting, or at any Adjournment thereof, Eight Directors of the Affairs of the said Company shall be elected from amongst such of the said Subscribers as shall be possessed of Twenty Shares at the least, and Two Auditors or Examiners of Accounts from such others of the said Proprietors as shall be possessed of Five Shares at the least; and that the said Directors shall, when so elected, proceed to nominate and appoint one of their Body to be and who shall be Chairman of the said Company, and one other of their Body to be and who shall be Deputy Chairman of the said Company; and the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Directors, and Auditors or Examiners of Accounts, so chosen, shall respectively continue in Office until the next General Assembly or Meeting shall be holden in the Manner herein-after directed,



directed, or until others or another in their or any of their Stead shall be elected in manner herein-after directed; and such General Assembly or Meeting may be adjourned to such other Time and Place as the Majority of the Subscribers then present shall think fit; and at every Meeting under this Act, as well of Proprietors as Directors, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman for the Time being, or in their Absence One of the Directors of the said Company to be chosen at such Meeting or Meetings respectively, or, in the Absence of all the said Directors at a Meeting of the Proprietors, One of the Proprietors to be appointed by the Majority of the Proprietors then present shall be Chairman, and shall, besides his own Vote, have a casting Vote in case of Equality of Voices.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be held in each Year Two General Meetings or Assemblies of the said Company; that is to say, on the Third *Wednesday* in the Month of *April* and the Third *Wednesday* in the Month of *October*, or within Thirty Days after such Days respectively (of which Six Days Notice shall be given in Two or more *London* daily Newspapers, or by Letter through the Post Office addressed to each of the said Proprietors or Subscribers); and which Meetings may be adjourned at the Discretion of the said Company; and which Meetings respectively, or the Adjournment thereof, shall be called and styled "The *April Meeting*" and "The *October Meeting*" of the said Company.

General Assemblies to be holden.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That at the *October Meeting* of the said Company in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty, and at the next Two successive *October Meetings*, Two of the said Directors, to be selected by Ballot by the whole of the said Directors, shall go out of Office; and that from and after the Expiration of Three Years after the passing of this Act Two Directors who shall have been longest in Office shall go out of Office at the *October Meeting* of the said Company in every Year.

Two Directors to go out of Office at the *October Meetings* in each Year.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby required, at the *October Meeting* of the said Company in the Year One thousand eight hundred and thirty, and at every successive *October Meeting*, to elect Two Proprietors who shall have been possessed of Twenty Shares at the least for Six Calendar Months before the Day of Election, to be Directors in Place of the Two Directors so going out of Office as aforesaid, who shall continue in Office until the *October Meeting* of the said Company in the Fourth Year next after the said Election, and until other Directors shall be chosen in their Place.

Two Directors to be elected in their Room.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the said Company shall, at the *October Meeting* of the said Company in every Year, go out of Office; and that the Directors of the said Company shall at such *October Meeting* in every Year elect one of the said Directors to be Chairman, and one other of the said Directors to be Deputy Chairman of the said Company, in place of the said Chairman and Deputy Chairman so going out of Office,

Chairman and Deputy Chairman to go out of Office and others to be elected.

who



who shall continue in their respective Offices until the next *October* Meeting of the said Company, or until some other Person shall be elected into the said Offices respectively.

One Auditor  
to go out of  
Office.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That One of the Auditors, to be selected by Ballot by the said Directors, shall at the *October* Meeting of the said Company in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine go out of Office; and that from and after the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine the Auditor who shall have been longest in Office shall go out of Office at the *October* Meeting of the said Company in every Year.

Another  
Auditor to  
be elected.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby required, at the *October* Meeting of the said Company in every Year, to elect a Proprietor who shall have been possessed of Five Shares at the least for Six Calendar Months before the Election, to be an Auditor in place of the Auditor so going out of Office as aforesaid, who shall continue in Office until the *October* Meeting of the said Company in the Second Year next after his Election, or until another Auditor shall be chosen in his Place.

Directors,  
&c. to be  
re-eligible.

XXVIII. Provided always, That the said Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Directors, and Auditors, so going out of Office as aforesaid, shall be re-eligible to the said Offices, or any of them, if duly qualified to fill the said Offices respectively.

Meetings of  
Proprietors  
may be  
especially  
called.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That any Ten or more Proprietors of the said Company, holding in the Aggregate Three hundred Shares or upwards in the said Undertaking, may at any Time, by Writing under their Hands, left at the Office of the said Company, or left at their usual or last Place of Meeting, require the Directors to call a Special General Meeting, so as such Requisition fully express the Objects for which such Special General Meeting is required to be called; and in case of Neglect, or Refusal of the said Directors to call such Meeting for the Space of Twenty-one Days after such Notice given as aforesaid, the same may be called by such Proprietors, by giving Seven Days Notice thereof in Two *London* daily Newspapers; and the said Company are hereby authorized to meet in pursuance of such Notice, and such of them as shall be present shall proceed to the Execution of the Powers by this Act given to the said Company with respect to the Matters so specified only; and all such Acts of the Proprietors, or the major Part of them, met together at every such Special General Meeting, shall be as valid with respect to the Matters specified in such Notice as if the same had been done at a General Meeting at the Time herein-before appointed for holding the same: Provided always, that no Act done at any General Meeting or any Special General Meeting of the said Company, except an Order for Adjournment, shall be valid, unless at least Twenty Proprietors, or the Majority of the Proprietors qualified as is herein-after mentioned, shall be present.

XXX. And



XXX. And be it further enacted, That at all General Meetings or Special General Meetings of the said Company, the Proprietors then present, being possessed of Three hundred Shares at least in the said Undertaking, shall and may proceed to Business, and act in the Execution of the several Powers hereby given to the said Company; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any of the aforesaid General Meetings or Special General Meetings a sufficient Number of the said Proprietors, then, and so often as the Case may happen, such Meeting shall stand over and be deemed to be adjourned to the same Day in the following Week, at the same Place and Hour, as the same ought to have been held as aforesaid; but no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting of the said Proprietors besides the Business for which such Meeting shall have been called, and no other Business shall be transacted at any adjourned Special General Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place.

Proprietors  
possessed of  
300 Shares  
may act at  
General  
Meetings.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall at their First General Meeting, or at some Adjournment thereof, elect and choose a Treasurer or Treasurers for transacting the pecuniary Business of the said Company; and it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any subsequent General or Special Meeting to be holden as herein directed, from Time to Time to remove and displace such Treasurer or Treasurers, or any other Person or Persons who shall be elected and appointed in his or their Stead, and also from Time to Time elect, choose, and appoint any other Person or Persons to act as Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company in the Room of such as shall happen to die, or resign or be removed from their respective Offices: Provided always, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Person who shall be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company, for the faithful Execution of his Office, before he shall enter thereupon.

General  
Meeting to  
appoint a  
Treasurer.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That at any General Meeting of the Company the said Company shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations as to them shall seem fit and proper for the Government, carrying on, Superintendence, and Management of the said Undertaking, and regulating the Proceedings of the said Directors, and the Duties and Conduct of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations, or any of them, and to make new or other Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations; and also to impose such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Officers, Workmen, Servants, and other Persons to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, or in the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence, as to the said General Meeting shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations so made as aforesaid, being reduced into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed,

Power to  
make Bye  
Laws.

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shall



shall be binding upon all such Officers, Workmen, Servants, and other Persons, and shall be sufficient Authority in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same; provided such Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations be not repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or to any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act.

Proprietors to vote according to the Number of their Shares.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That no Member of the said Company shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting or Special General Meeting, or Adjournment thereof, unless he shall have subscribed for or be possessed of at least Five Shares in the Joint Stock of the said Company within Twenty-one Days after the passing of this Act, or unless he shall afterwards have been entitled to or continued possessed of at least Five Shares in the said Joint Stock for at least Three Calendar Months before such Meeting at which such Member shall desire to vote; and at every General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, or Adjournment thereof, every Member of the said Company, qualified to vote as aforesaid, and holding Five Shares and less than Ten Shares, shall be entitled to One Vote; and holding Ten Shares and less than Twenty Shares, shall be entitled to Two Votes; and holding Twenty Shares and less than Forty Shares, shall be entitled to Three Votes; and holding Forty Shares and less than Sixty Shares, shall be entitled to Four Votes; and holding Sixty Shares and upwards, shall be entitled to Five Votes; but no Proprietor shall be entitled to vote in respect of any Share or Shares after the Day appointed for Payment of any Instalment or Call to be made or called for as hereinafter is mentioned, until such Instalment or Call shall have been paid; and no Person or Persons shall vote at any General or Special Meeting upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking, in which such Person or Persons shall be in anywise interested other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors in the said Undertaking.

Where Shares are standing in the Names of more than One Person, the Person whose Name stands first shall be deemed the Owner.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That when any of the said Shares shall be jointly possessed by or be the Property of more than One Person, the Proprietor whose Name shall stand first in Order on the Register Books of the said Company shall for all the Purposes of the said Company be deemed the Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required to be given to the respective Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall and may be given to or served upon such Person whose Name shall so stand first in Order in the said Register Books of the said Company; and such Service shall be deemed to be Service upon all the Proprietors of such Share or Shares, and such Person shall be entitled to vote for any of the Purposes of this Act in respect thereof.

Proprietors may vote by Proxy.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That every Proprietor of Shares in the said Undertaking, entitled to vote in respect of such Shares at any General or Special Assembly or Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being One of the said Company;







be sent by the Post or otherwise to the Residence or Address of every other Director ; and also renew the Meetings of the other Directors, although they may have been discontinued for Want of Adjournment, or to institute a new Meeting, independent of any Meeting appointed by Adjournment.

Directors  
interested  
not to vote.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Proprietor who shall be elected a Director as aforesaid shall be or become a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any Article to be used or provided by the said Company, or shall offer to take or shall take or participate in any Work to be done for the said Company, the Appointment of such Proprietor as a Director or Auditor shall thereupon cease : Provided always, that no Act or Proceeding of the said Directors shall be impeached or rendered invalid by reason of any such Directors having acted or concurred therein.

Powers of  
Directors.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the Directors for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and appoint the Time and Place for holding General Assemblies or Meetings, and direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in the issuing, receiving, laying out, and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out or disposed of, for the Purposes of the said Company, as in contracting for and purchasing or renting Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Company, and entering into Agreements or Contracts for supplying Gas under the Powers of this Act, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid in manufacturing such Gas, and making, enforcing and rescinding, compounding and compromising, all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, or concerning any Debts due to the said Company, subject to such Orders, Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company in Restraint, Control, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted ; and the said Directors shall and may appoint a Clerk, Servants, Workmen, Tradesmen, and other Officers, with such Salaries as they the said Directors or the Majority of them may think adequate, (except a Treasurer or Treasurers,) of the said Company, and from Time to Time dismiss, remove, or suspend them as they shall think fit ; and shall be at liberty at any Time to call any Special General Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and take such Security to the said Company, from the Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk, or other Officer or Officers, or other Person or Persons employed by them, for the faithful Execution of their respective Duties, as they shall think proper and adequate to the Trust.

Directors  
may resign,  
or be re-  
moved.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and any Director or Auditor of the said Company, may at any Time be removed from his Office by a General Meeting specially called for that Purpose ; and the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any Director or Auditor, may at any Time vacate his Office by sending his Resignation in Writing to the Office of the said Company, or the  
usual



usual or last previous Place of Meeting of the Directors for the Time being ; and in case the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or any Director or Auditor, shall in manner aforesaid vacate his Seat, or shall, by Transfer, Forfeiture, or otherwise, reduce his Shares in the said Joint Stock below the Number respectively herein-before required, or shall die or become disqualified, then and in every such Case the Office of such Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Director, and Auditor respectively, shall instantly determine and become vacant ; and it shall be lawful for the said Directors at their next Meeting to elect one of the Directors to be Chairman or Deputy Chairman, and for the said Company, at any General Meeting to be held pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect some other Proprietor, qualified as herein-before required, to be a Director or Auditor to fill the said Vacancies respectively ; and every Person so elected shall continue in Office so long as the Person in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have been entitled to have continued if such Removal, Death, or Disqualification had not happened.

Forsupplying  
Vacancies.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That all such Officers appointed by the said Company or the said Directors shall from Time to Time, when thereunto required, deliver to such Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall for that Purpose appoint, true, exact, and perfect Accounts in Writing under their respective Hands of all Monies which they and every of them respectively shall have received by virtue of this Act, and how much thereof hath been paid and disbursed, and for what Purposes, together with the proper Vouchers for such Payments, and shall pay all such Monies as shall remain in their or any of their Hands to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint to receive the same ; and if any such Officer or Person shall refuse or neglect to produce or deliver up such Accounts, and the Vouchers relating to the same, or shall refuse or neglect to pay the Money due on such Account, or if any such Officer or Person shall refuse or neglect to deliver up to the said Directors, or to such Person or Persons as they shall appoint, within Ten Days after being thereunto required by the said Directors, all the Books, Papers, or Writings in his Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then, and in every or any of the said Cases, it shall be lawful for any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, as the Case may require, upon Complaint made before them by or on behalf of the said Directors, and such Justices are hereby required, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to summon such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, to appear before them, and upon their appearing, or not being to be found, to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint in a summary Way, and to settle the said Account or Accounts, if produced ; and if upon Confession of the Officer or Officers, Person or Persons, against whom any such Complaint shall be made, or by the Oath or Oaths of any Witness or Witnesses, (which Oath such Justices are hereby empowered and required to administer without Fee or Reward,) or upon Inspection of the said Accounts, if produced, it shall appear to such Justices that any of the Money which shall have been collected or received shall be in the Hands of such Officer or Officers,

Officers to  
account.

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Person



Person or Persons, such Justices may and they are hereby authorized and required, on Nonpayment thereof, by a Warrant or Warrants under their Hands and Seals, to cause such Money to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Officer or Officers, Person or Persons respectively; and if no Goods and Chattels can be found sufficient to answer and satisfy the said Money, and the Charges of distraining and selling the same, or if such Officer or Officers, or other Person or Persons, shall not appear before the said Justices at the Time and Place appointed for that Purpose, unless for some sufficient Reason, or if appearing shall refuse or neglect to give and deliver to such Justices an Account or Accounts of all Receipts and Payments as aforesaid, or to produce and deliver up to such Justices the several Vouchers and Receipts relating to such Accounts respectively, or the Books, Accounts, Papers, and Writings in his or their Custody or Power relating to the Execution of this Act, then, and in either of the Cases aforesaid, such Justices may, and they are hereby authorized and required, by a Warrant under their Hands and Seals, to commit such Officer or Officers, or Person or Persons, to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize, in case he or they shall be committed for Nonpayment of any Money received by him or them, or in his or their Hands, until he or they shall have accounted for and paid the full Amount thereof, or compounded with the said Directors, and paid such Composition, in such Manner as the said Directors shall appoint, (which Composition the said Directors are hereby empowered to make,) or in case he or they shall be committed for not delivering any Accounts, Books, Papers, or Writings as aforesaid, until he or they shall have delivered up such Books, Papers, and Writings as aforesaid, or made Satisfaction in respect thereof to the said Directors; provided that no Person who shall be so committed for Want of sufficient Distress shall be detained in Prison by virtue of this Act for a longer Space of Time than Three Calendar Months.

Clerk and  
Treasurer  
not to be  
the same  
Person.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company or their Directors to appoint the Person who may be appointed their Clerk, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or any Person in the Employ of any such Clerk or of his Partner, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, the Clerk for the Purposes of this Act; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer, or if any Person, being the Partner or in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or shall act as Deputy of the Treasurer, or in any Manner officiate for the Treasurer, or being the Treasurer or Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or shall act as Deputy of such Clerk, or in any Manner officiate for such Clerk, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under this Act



other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager at Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed, and shall for ever be disqualified from holding any Office or Place under the said Company.

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

Accounts to be kept of Receipts and Disbursements.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers to be appointed by the said Company shall not issue any Sum or Sums of Money on their Account, without an Order or Orders in Writing, signed by any Three or more of the Directors of the said Company; and the Receipt or Receipts of such Treasurer or Treasurers for all Monies payable to the said Company shall be effectual Discharges for the same.

Treasurer not to issue Money without Orders from the Directors.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the said Company, and also of the said Directors, made at any Meeting of the said Company and Directors respectively, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman for the Time being of such respective Meetings; and such Orders and Proceedings so entered and signed shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence on behalf of the said Company in all Courts and Places whatsoever.

Proceedings to be entered in Books.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Directors shall have full Power to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Persons who shall hereafter become Proprietors of or Subscribers

General Meetings may make Calls on Subscribers.



for any Share or Shares beyond the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds already subscribed as aforesaid, so that no One such Call exceeds the Sum of Ten Pounds for or in respect of any One Share, and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of Three Calendar Months at least from another; and the Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Company, and shall be paid at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by the said Directors, of which Time and Place Thirty Days Notice at least shall be given in Two daily *London* Newspapers.

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

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any such Proprietor or Subscriber of or to the said Undertaking, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Portion of the Money to be called for as aforesaid, by the Time appointed for Payment thereof, or within Ninety Days next after, then and in such Case such Proprietor or Subscriber so neglecting or refusing shall (whether the same shall have been then sued for in any Court of Law or Equity or not) absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their said Share and Interest in the said Undertaking, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them on account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Company, unless otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting; and all Shares which shall and may be so forfeited shall be sold at a public Sale to the highest Bidder, and the Produce thereof shall be added to the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company: Provided always, that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture until after Thirty Days Notice in Writing shall have been given by the Chairman of the said Company, or the Clerk, by Order of Three of the Directors thereof, to the Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, or left at his, her, or their usual or last Place of Abode, if they shall reside within the Limits of this Act, and if not, then by Letter sent by the Post; and every such Forfeiture shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Proprietor or Proprietors, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, so forfeiting, against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions for or on account of not paying up such Calls.

If the Pur-  
chase Money  
of Shares  
shall be  
more than  
sufficient to  
pay the  
Arrears and  
Expences,  
the Surplus  
to be paid  
to the  
Owner, on  
Demand.

XLIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in case the Money produced by the Sale of any Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Call as aforesaid, and lawful Interest thereon, with the Expences attending such Sale or Sales, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid, on Demand, to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged; but the said Company shall not sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred, any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be sufficient, as near as may be at the Time of such Call, to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters for or on account of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after the Payment of all such Calls, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares so vested in such Company as aforesaid, which shall remain in their Hands unsold, shall revert to and again become the Property of the Person or Persons  
to



to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged immediately before any such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

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

‘ I [or We], of in consideration of Shares maybe transferred.  
 ‘ paid to me [or us] by do hereby bargain, sell, Transfer of Shares.  
 ‘ assign, and transfer to the said Share  
 ‘ [or Shares, as the Case may be,] in the Independent Gas Light and  
 ‘ Coke Company, Number [or Numbers] in  
 ‘ the said Undertaking, to hold to the said  
 ‘ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules,  
 ‘ Orders, and Restrictions, and on the same Conditions, as I [or we]  
 ‘ held the same Share [or Shares] immediately before the Execution  
 ‘ hereof; and I [or we] the said do hereby agree to take  
 ‘ and accept the said Share [or Shares], subject to the said 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 to the Clerk of the said Company, and shall be registered by him in the Books of the said Company, for which such a Sum as may be ordered by the Directors, not exceeding the Sum of Five Shillings, shall be paid, by the Person requiring such Transfer, to such Clerk, and no more; and the Registry thereof shall specify the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred; and a Copy of such Register, signed by the said Clerk, shall be sufficient Evidence of such Transfer, and be received and admitted as such; and until such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be deemed a Proprietor, or have any Part of the Profit of the said Undertaking, or the Advantages thereof, nor shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any Meeting or Meetings as a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking in respect of such Share or Shares. Transfers of Shares to be registered.

LI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That after any Call for Money shall have been made by virtue of this Act, no Proprietor or Proprietors shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, after the Day appointed for Payment of the said Call, until the Money so called for or in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares intended to be sold shall be paid, and until such Money so called for shall be paid every such Sale or Transfer shall be void; and all and every Proprietor or Proprietors making default herein shall forfeit such his, her, or their Shares in the said Undertaking to and for the Benefit of the said Company, No Share to be sold after a Call until the Money called for is paid.

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unless he, she, or they shall at the Time of such Sale and Transfer pay to the Treasurer of the said Company the full Sum of Money so called for upon every Share so to be sold or transferred.

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

LII. And whereas, by reason of Death, Insolvency, or Bankruptcy, or by the Absence from this Kingdom of the said Proprietors, or by the Transfer of their, his, or her Right and Interest to some other Person, without any Registry being made thereof with the Clerk of the said Company, it may not be in the Power of the said Company to know who is or are the Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares; be it therefore enacted, That in all Cases where the Right to One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers thereof, to any Person or Persons, by any other legal Means than by a Transfer made thereof in the Manner herein-before specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to before a Master or Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or any One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns; and such Affidavit shall be delivered to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors, in the Register Book of the said Company.

Company  
may appoint  
Persons to  
prove under  
Commissions  
of Bank-  
ruptcy.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the Directors thereof, shall and they are hereby empowered, by any Writing under their Common Seal, to appoint any Person or Persons to prove any Debt or Debts under any Commission of Bankruptcy, or under any Assignment to take place under the present Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, or any future Act relative to Insolvent Debtors, which may be issued against or made by any Debtor or Debtors to the said Company, and to sign the Certificate of any Bankrupt, and to revoke such Appointment, and from Time to Time to make any other, as the said Company, or the said Directors shall think fit.

General  
Meetings  
may call for  
Accounts,  
and order  
Dividends.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, at any General Assembly or Meeting specially called for the Purpose, shall have full Power from Time to Time to call for and examine all or any of the Accounts of the said Company; and at every *April* and *October* General Assembly or Meeting, or some Adjournment thereof, a Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise, and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of such a Sum *per Centum* upon or for every Share in the said Undertaking as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to order and determine; but no Dividend shall be made without Monies or Funds being provided and set apart for Payment of Interest as herein-before directed, or whereby the Capital of the said Company shall be reduced; nor shall any Dividend be paid in respect of any Share or Shares until all Calls for Money then made in respect thereof by virtue of this Act shall have been paid.

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LV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to contract and agree for the absolute Purchase of, and to hold to them and their Successors and Assigns, or to take upon Lease, such Buildings, Works, Mains, Pipes, and Apparatus, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as they may think requisite for any of the Purposes of this Act, not exceeding in the whole at any one Time any greater Quantity of Land than Six Statute Acres, and also to sell and dispose of such Buildings, Works, Mains, Pipes, and Apparatus, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as they shall think proper, and to purchase and hold other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as they shall think proper, not exceeding the Quantity aforesaid, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Law or Statute whatsoever.

Power to contract for the Purchase of Lands and Buildings.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Lay, Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, and in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, and to and for all other Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought necessary by the said Company to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the Sale thereof or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof; and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company, for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Inrolment, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, Ecclesiastical or Lay, Aggregate or Sole, or other Person or Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their 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 shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowry of the Wife and Wives of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Remainder, Reversion, 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 said proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Ecclesiastical

Bodies Politic empowered to sell.



siastical or Lay, 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, are, and shall be hereby indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Application  
of Purchase  
Money when  
amounting to  
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upwards.

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LVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or any Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, purchased by virtue of the Powers of this Act, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity whatsoever, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, pursuant to the Directions of an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for the better securing Monies and Effects paid into the Court of Exchequer at Westminster on account of the Suitors of the said Court, and for the Appointment of an Accountant General and Two Masters of the said Court, and for other Purposes*, and the General Orders of the said Court, and without Fee or Reward; to the Intent that such Money may 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 Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase or Redemption of Land Tax, or in 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 Part or Parts thereof, or other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments 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 the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased for the Purposes of this Act stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court upon Application 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 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 Body or Bodies, 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 then actually made.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Part or Parts thereof, or any Estate or Estates, Interest or Interests therein, purchased for the Purposes of this Act, belonging to any Body or Bodies, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed or be equal to the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Body or Bodies, or Person or Persons, for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or Parts, Estates, or Interest, so purchased, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the Court of Exchequer, 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 Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, making such Option, and approved by Three or more of the Directors of the said Company, 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 to arise thereon, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said Court.

Application when less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

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

Application when not amounting to 20*l.*

LX. And be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Body or 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 Court of Exchequer, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or for any Share, Estate, Right, and Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the

In case of disputed Titles.



Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Share or Shares, 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, Share or Shares, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court ; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Body or Bodies, Person or Persons, was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Expences of Purchases may be allowed by the Court.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That where, 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 Court of Exchequer, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of the Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

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

LXII. 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, or the Party or Parties or Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Money, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England*, for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein directed, as the Case may be, and upon the Conveyance in manner herein directed of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law or in Equity, of the Party and Parties and Person and Persons respectively to whom or for whose Use the same shall be paid, in, to, or out of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company and their Successors for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

Form of Conveyance to the Company.

LXIII. 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 or to the Effect following ; (that is to say,)

‘ I [or We, as the Case may be,] of \_\_\_\_\_ in consideration of the  
 ‘ I Sum \_\_\_\_\_ paid to me [or us, or into the Bank of *England*, as  
 ‘ the Case may be,] by the Company of Proprietors established under  
 ‘ or by virtue of an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of  
 ‘ King \_\_\_\_\_



‘ King George the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Tille of this Act*],  
 ‘ do hereby grant and release [*or assign, as the Case may be,*] to  
 ‘ the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors all [*here*  
 ‘ *describe the Premises to be conveyed*], and all my [*or our*] Right,  
 ‘ Title, and Interest in and to the same and every Part thereof; to  
 ‘ hold to the said Company of Proprietors, and their Successors and  
 ‘ Assigns, for ever [*or as the Case may be*], during all the Remainder of  
 ‘ my [*or our*] Term, Estate, and Interest in the said Premises. In wit-  
 ‘ ness whereof I [*or we*] have hereunto set my Hand and Seal [*or our*  
 ‘ Hands and Seals], this                      Day of                      in the Year of our  
 ‘ Lord One thousand eight hundred and                      .’

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall 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 for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or  
 Parts of the Lands, Tenements, or 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 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 Re-  
 ceipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge or sufficient Discharges  
 to any Person or Persons for the Money therein and thereby expressed  
 or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons, having  
*bonâ fide* paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or account-  
 able for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase  
 Money or any Part thereof.

Resale of  
 Land not  
 wanted.

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

Restraining  
 the Company  
 from pur-  
 chasing more  
 than Six Sta-  
 tute Acres  
 of Land  
 from inca-  
 pacitated  
 Persons, &c.

of



of Proprietors to purchase, from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trusts, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, more than such Six Statute Acres; and in case the said Company shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Six Statute Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase of or for the same or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, to sell to the said Company any other Lands in lieu or instead of those Six Statute Acres, or any Part thereof, so sold or disposed of by the said Company.

Power to  
erect Works  
&c.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company hereby established, and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make and erect or provide such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, or other Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, or other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercouses, Reservoirs, and other Works and Devices, on the Lands to be purchased or acquired by them by virtue of the Powers herein-before contained, and to sink and lay Pipes, and (with the Permission or Consent of the Owners and Occupiers, but not otherwise,) to erect and fix them against any Walls, or in Posts and Pillars, under the Directions and Stipulations of this Act, of such Construction and in such Manner as the said Company and their Successors shall think necessary or proper for carrying the Purposes of this Act into execution; but nothing in this Act contained shall authorize or empower the said Company, or any of their Servants, Agents, Workmen or others, to enter into any private Lands, Grounds, or Premises, or continue any of their Pipes thereon, without the Consent of the Owners and Occupiers of every Dwelling House or Houses, Buildings, Lands, Walls, Posts, or Pillars, through or against which any such Pipe or Pipes may be carried, affixed, or laid, being first had and obtained.

Power to lay  
Mains and  
to erect  
Machinery  
requisite for  
securing a  
competent  
Supply of  
Gas to Dwell-  
ing Houses,  
&c.

LXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority to lay any Main or Mains for the Supply of any Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, public or private Buildings, within the Limits of this Act, or any of them respectively, and to erect and set up, by themselves or their Agents, Servants, and Workmen, any Machine or other Apparatus necessary or requisite for securing to such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, public or private Buildings,



Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply; and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been placed in such Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, public Passages and Places, Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, public or private Buildings; any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Company to contract with the Commissioners, Trustees, Persons, or Bodies having the Control, Direction, or Management of the lighting of either of the Parishes or Extra-parochial Places within the Limits of this Act, or any Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, willing to contract with the said Company for the lighting or supplying with Gas any such Persons, Parishes, or Places, or any Streets, Highways, Lanes, or Passages, or Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, or private Houses, public or private Buildings, and Places of public Exhibition, within the Limits of this Act respectively; and to agree with any Person and Persons for the lighting or supplying with Gas any Shops, Warehouses, public or private Houses or Buildings, Streets, Roads, or Places within the Limits of this Act.

Company may contract for the lighting of Streets and Houses.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, in such Cases as to them shall seem meet and convenient, to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus from any Main or Pipe in any Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place laid by or belonging to the said Company by virtue of this Act, in or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any public or private Lamp, from any such Main or Pipe, with the Consent of the Owner and Occupier of such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, but not otherwise.

Power to lay Pipes from the Mains.

LXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall at their own Expence, on the Expiration or Determination of the Tenancy or Tenancies of any Occupier or Occupiers so giving Consent as aforesaid, or within Twenty Days after the Expiration or Determination of such Tenancy or Tenancies, upon receiving Ten Days Notice in Writing for the Purpose for or on behalf of the Owner or Owners or the succeeding Occupier or Occupiers of any such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, remove, take, and carry away, or cause to be removed, taken, and carried away, any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches from any Main or Pipe, which shall have been introduced or laid by the said Company in any such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, pursuant to the Power for that Purpose herein-before contained, and repair and make good such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, where the same shall have been so introduced, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise

Company to remove Pipes, &c. when Tenants quit, if required.



notwithstanding; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for such Owner or Owners, or such new Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require, or any other Person or Persons acting under their, his, or her respective Authorities or Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, or Branches to be removed, taken, and carried away, and the Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, where the same shall have been introduced, to be repaired and made good; the reasonable Costs and Charges for so doing the same shall be immediately paid by the said Company, or their Treasurer for the Time being, to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within Fourteen Days next after Demand shall be made by such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, (Proof of such Demand having been made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*,) all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, and which Warrant such Justice and Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require.

Restriction  
as to the  
breaking up  
of Pavements,  
Roads, &c.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, the Pavement or Ground in any Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Pipes (except Service Pipes of a Diameter not exceeding Two Inches in the Bore), without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements or Roads, Ground or Soil, in such Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, signified under the Hand or Hands of their Clerk or Clerks or other proper Officer or Officers first obtained; but nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent the said Company from laying down, repairing, or altering such Main Pipes after such Consent obtained as aforesaid, or from opening, taking up, or removing any Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement, or otherwise, in or of any Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place whatsoever, for the Purpose of laying down, repairing, or altering any Service Pipes or Apparatus leading from such Main Pipes, after such Consent obtained as aforesaid.

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

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That after such Consent as aforesaid it shall not be lawful for the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken or taken up or disturbed, any of the Pavements or Ground in any Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing any Main Pipe or Pipes (except Service Pipes as aforesaid), or of altering the Position of any such Main Pipe or Pipes (except as aforesaid),



unless Notice in Writing of their Intention to break or take up such Pavement or Ground, signed by the Clerk or Inspector or Surveyor to the said Company, specifying the Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, and the particular Part of such Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place in which such Pavement or Ground is intended to be broken or taken up, shall have been given to the Surveyor of such Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place for the Time being, or to a Surveyor of the Parochial or other District or Place wherein such Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, the Pavement, Ground, or Soil whereof is so intended to be broken or taken up, shall be situate, or shall have been left for him at his Dwelling House or Office for the Space of Twelve Hours at the least before such Pavement or Ground, or any Part thereof, shall be so broken or taken up, except in all Cases of sudden Emergency, in which such Notice as aforesaid shall be given to such Surveyor of Pavements or Roads as soon as possible after such Pavements or Ground, or any Part thereof, shall be broken or taken up; and if the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, shall break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any such Pavements or Ground, without such Consent being obtained as aforesaid, and such Notice being given or left as aforesaid, (except as aforesaid,) or shall break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any such Pavement or Ground, for the Purpose of laying down any Main or Mains, without such Consent as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay to the Commissioners or Trustees or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements or Roads, Ground or Soil, which shall be so broken or taken up or disturbed, or to their Treasurer, Clerk, or Surveyor, or to such other Person as they may appoint, the Sum of Two Pounds for every Square Yard of Pavement or Ground which shall be so broken or taken up without such Consent and Notice as aforesaid, (except as aforesaid,) to be recovered and levied in such Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed are directed to be recovered and levied.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever and so often as the said Company shall have lawfully broken up or removed the Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, or any Part thereof, the said Company shall and they are hereby required immediately thereafter to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement, in as good sound State or Condition as the same was or were in at the Time of being so broken up, to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor to the Commissioners or Trustees of such Pavement, Soil, or Ground respectively; and the said Company shall carry or cause to be carried away all surplus Earth, Filth, and Rubbish occasioned thereby at their own Costs and Charges; and during the Time that such Works are carried on by the said Company, and such Ground, Soil, or Pavement is reinstated as aforesaid, the said Company shall provide proper Watchmen with necessary Lights at Night, and otherwise guard the said Works, so as to prevent any Damage or Inconvenience happening to Passengers, Cattle, or Carriages; and in case the said Company shall neglect and make Default in making good the reinstating such Ground, Soil,

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

or



or Pavement as aforesaid, or removing any Rubbish occasioned thereby, or in placing and setting up such Lights at Night, and otherwise guarding the said Works, so as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement, and the Charges and Expences thereof shall be reimbursed and repaid by the said Company or their Treasurer to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Treasurers; and in default of Payment thereof within Twenty Days next after Demand thereof in Writing shall have been made by the Clerk of the said Commissioners or Trustees, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, all such Sum or Sums of Money so paid by them, together with any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Treasurer.

Power to  
alter Pipes.

LXXIV. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners or Trustees for paving or repairing the said Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places respectively, to require the said Company to raise or sink or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Company shall at their own Expence, within One Calendar Month next after being required so to do, by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, signed by their Clerk, raise or sink such Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Place or Places as the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall think right and proper; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order and under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised or sunk, and the reasonable Costs and Charges of doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within Fourteen Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the Commissioners or Trustees, at the Office of the said Company, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Treasurer.

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LXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising, sinking, or altering any of the said Pipes, Cocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches, any Damage or Injury shall be wilfully or negligently done to the same by the said Commissioners, Trustees, or their Servants, then and in every such Case such Damage or Injury shall be made good as soon as Circumstances will permit, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences thereof shall be paid by the said Commissioners or Trustees.

Damages to be made good.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down or set up by the said Company in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, immediately after receiving Notice by Parol or in Writing of any such Escape of Gas from any Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice in Writing of any such Escape of Gas, as far as possible stop and prevent the Gas from escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case the said Company shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every Day after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid, which Penalty shall from Time to Time be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Information to be laid and exhibited before some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and shall and may be recovered and levied, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, by the Warrant of any Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, in manner herein-after directed.

For preventing the Escape of Gas.

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

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

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

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

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

LXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Pipe to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, nor fit or alter any of the Fittings of any Pipes or Lamps belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company in Writing first had and obtained, nor use Burners of a larger Dimension than he, she, or they shall contract to pay for, or shall enlarge any Orifice in such Burner, or increase the Number of such Orifices, for the Purpose of consuming a larger Quantity of Gas, or supply any Inhabitant or other Person with any Part of such Gas, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company and their Successors the Sum of Forty Shillings *per Day* for every Day such Pipe shall so remain, or such Excess be so committed, or such Supply furnished, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Place, or District where the said Offence shall be committed, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered and required 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 forthwith be paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County, Place, or District, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalty for damaging Pipes, &c.

LXXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully, maliciously, or negligently do or commit, or cause to be done or committed, any Injury or Damage to any of the Mains or Service Pipes of the said Company, either by removing or disturbing the Ground or Soil, wherein or whereon the same is or are laid or placed, or by the Compression or subsequent settling or lowering of the



the same, at any Time or Times afterwards, or by any other Means whatsoever; or if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall wilfully or maliciously remove, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or shall wilfully or maliciously waste or improperly use any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or shall alter, exchange, or remove the Burners from the Pipes of Supply, or shall use such Burners to consume such Gas beyond the Time stipulated and agreed to; every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices for the County, Place, or District where the said Offences shall be committed, shall for every separate Act or Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company and their Successors, or such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Two Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage done, as the same shall be ascertained by such Justice or Justices; 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) to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or such Offender shall and may be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the County, Place, or District where the Offence is committed, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom such Offender shall be convicted, or until such Forfeiture, Damage, and Costs shall be paid.

LXXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure any Lamp or Lamps hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their private Expence, or any Part of any Pipe, Pillar, Pedestal, Lamp Post, Lamp Iron, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing, set up by or belonging to the said Company, or belonging to any Person or Persons, and set up by him, her, or them at his, her, or their private Expence, or carelessly or accidentally waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or keep the Light or Lights burning for a longer Time than he, she, or they shall contract to pay for, and shall not, upon Demand by the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendent, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done or the Excess of Gas so wasted or used, or keeping the Lights burning longer than they shall have contracted for as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County, and he or they is and are hereby empowered and required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him or them the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred, and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or on Nonappearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to proceed *ex parte*, and to award such Sum or Sums of Money by way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons, (as the Case may require,) for such Damage or Excess or Waste, as such Justice or

Satisfaction  
to be made  
for accidental  
Damage to  
Lamps, &c.

Justices



Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded, within Seven Days after Demand, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby required, to cause the same to be raised and levied in such and the like Manner as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture is by this Act directed to be raised and levied.

For the Pro-  
tection of  
Water Pipes.

LXXXII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round any Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the Limits of this Act, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance, and whenever the Width of the Carriageway in such Road, Street, or Place will allow thereof, at the Distance of Three Feet at least, as well from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe already laid down or hereafter to be laid down by or by the Order of any Company of Proprietors, or any other Person or Persons, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places within the Limits of this Act aforesaid, as also from the nearest Part of any Main or Conduit Pipe already laid down, or hereafter to be laid down, in, under, through, along, across, or round any Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places within the Limits of this Act, (unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Pipes of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company across any of the Pipes of any Company of Proprietors for the Conveyance of Water, in which Cases the said Pipes of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company shall, if practicable, be laid over and above such Water Pipes at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith as near as possible a Right Angle,) and in such Cases the said Pipes of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company so crossing the said Pipes of any Company of Proprietors for the Conveyance of Water shall be at least Six Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the said Pipes of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company shall be nearer to any Part of the said Pipes of any Company of Proprietors for the Conveyance of Water than Three Feet at least; and in laying down the said Pipes the said Independent Gas Light and Coke 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 make and keep all and every such Pipes, and all Pipes connected or communicating therewith, and all the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively, Airtight, and in all and every respect prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom and from any Part thereof, upon pain of forfeiting for every such Offence the Sum of Two Pounds, to be recovered as any Penalty is herein directed to be recovered, provided the said Company shall neglect or refuse to make such Gas Pipes Airtight, within Twenty-four Hours after Notice thereof given to them in Writing.

LXXXIII. And



LXXXIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Water of any Company of Proprietors for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places within the Limits of this Act, or the Water or Waters of any Person or Persons, shall be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Two Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as any Penalty is hereby directed to be sued for and recovered, and shall be applied to and for the Use and Benefit of the Company of Proprietors or Person or Persons who shall have their Water contaminated or affected as aforesaid; and in case any such Water shall be contaminated or affected by Gas in any way whatsoever, then and in every such Case and Cases the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, their Successors and Assigns, shall, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice thereof in Writing signed by any of the Directors, or by the Treasurer, or by the Manager or Chief Clerk for the Time being of and for any Company of Proprietors for the supplying of Water within the Limits of this Act, or by any Person or Persons whose Water or Waters shall be so contaminated, to be left at the usual Office or Place of transacting Business of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, cause the most proper and effectual Measures to be taken effectually to stop and prevent Gas from escaping from their Works, Mains, or Pipes, or contaminating or affecting the Water of any Company of Proprietors for the supplying of Water, or from the contaminating the Water of any Person or Persons; and in case the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after each and every such Notice so left as aforesaid, as far as possible stop and prevent Gas from so escaping, and remove the Cause of every such Complaint, and prevent all and every such Contamination whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall, on each and every Complaint whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, forfeit and pay to such Company of Proprietors for the supplying of Water, for the Use and Benefit of the same Company of Proprietors, and also to any Person or Persons who shall be so injured by such Contamination as aforesaid, over and above the before-mentioned Penalty of Two Pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every Day during which the Water of such last-mentioned Company, or of such Person or Persons, shall be and remain contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company; 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 Treasurer, or by and in the Name of the Manager and Chief Clerk for the Time being of such Company of Proprietors for the supplying of Water, or by and in the Name of any One or more of the Directors of such last-mentioned Company, at the Option of the Party or Parties prosecuting such Information, or of such Person or Persons, against the said Independent Gas Light and Coke Company, their Successors or Assigns, before

Company to prevent Escape of Gas and Contamination of Water.

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any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, with Costs, to be assessed by such Justice, and to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Independent Gas Light and Coke 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 such Company of Proprietors, for the Use of the said Company, or to such Person or Persons, as the Case may be.

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

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

Penalty for  
conveying  
Washings  
into any  
River, &c.

LXXXV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company of Proprietors shall at any Time empty, drain, or convey, or cause or suffer to be emptied, drained, or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings or other Waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the said Gas Works, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring such Gas, into any River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, Springhead, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or do or cause to



be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead, Well, Drain, Sewer, or Ditch, whereby the said Water or any Part thereof shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparance, shall be allowed, and the whole thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time that such Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing shall have ceased and determined: Provided also, that over and above and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, (and whether such Penalty shall have been sued for or recovered or not,) in case any of the said Washings or other Waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substance, or Things, shall be emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow, in manner aforesaid, into any River, Brook, or running Stream, or any Reservoir, Canal, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, Springhead, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any Person or Persons to whom the same shall belong, or by any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to the said Company of Proprietors, and the said Company of Proprietors shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them or him as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, Waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, from being emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing, in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, Waste Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by this Act directed to be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who, in the Judgment of the Justice or Justices before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage by any Act so done or committed.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply the public Roads, Streets, Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil.



Streets, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light than could be obtained from Oil Lamps; and whenever the said Company shall fail so to do, the Power and Authority hereby given to the said Company further to break up the Soil or Pavement of any such Road, Street, Way, Lane, or other public Passage or Place within the Limits of this Act, where such Lamps shall be situated, shall from thenceforth during such Refusal cease and determine; and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for lighting with Gas such public Lamps by the said Company shall contain a Clause or Covenant providing that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such public Lamps shall at all Times be better and cheaper lighted by the said Company than could be done by Oil Lamps.

Service Pipes  
to be kept  
fully charged  
with Gas.

LXXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put up by the said Company for lighting the Roads, Streets, Ways, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, under any Contract or Agreement with the said Commissioners or other Persons thereunto authorized, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks shall be so turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted.

Remedy for  
Recovery of  
Rents.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Body or Bodies, Commissioners, Trustees, or any other Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take, or shall use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas, either in their private Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings or Manufactories, Grounds or Premises, or otherwise, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Two Days after Demand, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company, according to the Terms and Stipulations with the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendent, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One of the Justices of the Peace for the County wherein the Offence shall arise, (which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant, upon Confession, or upon Proof of such Demand by the Oath of One credible Witness,) to levy the said Sum or Sums of Money in respect whereof such Refusal or Neglect shall happen by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Person or Persons refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be first deducted: Provided always, that if at the Time of such Distress being made any Rent shall be then due and in arrear to the Landlord of the Premises in which such Goods and Chattels shall be distrained, or any Part thereof, such Landlord shall have and be entitled to receive such or so much of the said Rent in arrear as the said Landlord would be legally entitled to receive in the Case of an Execution issued and levied under any Judgment entered up against the Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers of the said Premises, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

LXXXIX. And



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

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen.

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

Compensation for Damages done by the Company how to be recovered.



Damages  
and Charges  
in Cases of  
Dispute to  
be settled by  
the Justices.

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

Recovery  
and Applica-  
tion of Pe-  
nalties.

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

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Offender



Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the County wherein such Offence shall arise, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

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

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

XCIV. 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 as aforesaid, touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on behalf of the Prosecutor or on behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and shall refuse or neglect (without a reasonable Excuse) to appear at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum of Money for his, her, or their Costs and Expences, or appearing shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, (which Oath 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. For compelling Attendance of Witnesses.

XCV. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses who shall be examined by or before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, under this Act, upon Oath, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, and shall be thereof convicted, he, she, or they so giving false Evidence shall be subject to the same Punishment as Persons guilty of Perjury are by Law now liable to. Persons giving false Evidence to be guilty of Perjury.

XCVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rule, Order, or Bye Law to be made by virtue of this Act, or any Alteration thereof, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this Act, may, within Four Calendar Months next after such Order, Judgment, or Determination shall have been made or given, appeal to the Justices of Appeal to be made to the Quarter Sessions.



of the Peace at their General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County wherein the Offence shall arise (the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten Days Notice in Writing of such Appeal, and the particular Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such 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 Justices, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such Complaint at such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or if they think proper may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the said County, and if they see Cause may mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Order, Rule, Bye Law, 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 at such General or Quarter Sessions shall be binding, final, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Proceedings  
to be within  
Three  
Months.

XCVII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act, for any Offence or Offences against this Act, unless Information respecting such Offence or Offences shall have been lodged before some Justice of the Peace within Three Calendar Months next after such Offence committed (save and except as herein is excepted).

Directing  
what shall  
be deemed a  
Service of  
Notice, &c.  
on the Com-  
pany.

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

Proceedings  
not to be  
quashed for  
Want of  
Form.

XCIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Order, Judgment, Conviction, or other Proceedings to be had, made, or taken in pursuance of this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form, or be removed by Certiorari or any other Writ or Process whatsoever into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

C. And



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

Distress not unlawful for Want of Form.

CI. 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 Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any Action against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works or Method of lighting, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of lighting or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Persons employed thereon.

Nothing in this Act to prevent the Company from being indicted as a Nuisance.

CII. 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 out of the Monies already subscribed or to be subscribed, or to be received by virtue of this Act, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

For paying the Expences of the Act.

CIII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, their respective Rights, Privileges, and Franchises, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been made; and nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to interfere with, alter, lessen, or in any Manner affect the Rights, Powers, and Authorities heretofore given or granted to or vested in any Commissioners, Trustees, Bodies Politic or Corporate, or other Person, having the Superintendence, Controul, or Management of any Street, Road, Highway, Waterworks, Bridge, or public Place, or of any Pavement, Ground, or Soil of or in any Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or public Place.

General Saving.

CIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the Limits of *Holborn* and *Finsbury* Divisions, the Parish of *Saint Leonard Shoreditch*, and the Liberty of *Norton Falgate*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and the Borders and Confines of the same; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them respectively shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been passed.

Saving the Rights of Commissioners of Sewers for *Holborn* and *Finsbury* Divisions.



Surveyor  
of Commis-  
sioners of  
Sewers may  
inspect the  
Gas Works.

CV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the Commissioners of Sewers, at any Time or Times in the Day-time, to enter into any Manufactory, Gasometer, Receiver, or other Building belonging to the said Gas Company, in order to inspect and examine if there be any Escape of Gas, or any Washings or other Waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the said Gas Works, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring such Gas, in any public Sewer or Drain; and if such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners of Sewers shall at any such Time or Times be refused Admittance or Entrance into any such Manufactory, Gasometer, Receiver, or other Building, for the Purpose of making such Inspection and Examination as aforesaid, or on being admitted shall be obstructed in or prevented from making such Inspection and Examination as aforesaid, the said Gas Company so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Saving the  
Rights of  
the Commis-  
sioners of the  
Metropolis  
Roads North  
of the  
Thames.

CVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of the Metropolis Turnpike Roads North of the *Thames*, but all the Rights, Powers, Privileges, Advantages, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual, and may be exercised and enjoyed in as full and ample a Manner, as if this Act had not been made.

Public Act.

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

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