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# GEORGII IV. REGIS.

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## *Cap. xii.*

An Act to alter and amend Two Acts of His present Majesty for establishing and regulating the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company.

[13th April 1829.]

**W**HEREAS an Act was passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled *An Act to establish an additional Company for lighting certain Parts of the Metropolis and Parts adjacent with Gas*, whereby it was enacted, that certain Persons therein mentioned, and others, and all and every Person and Persons who should from Time to Time become Proprietors of the Undertaking thereby established, their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, should be and were thereby united into a Company for the Purposes therein mentioned, under the Regulations therein contained, and should be One Body Corporate by the Name of *The Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company*: And whereas another Act was passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter, amend, and enlarge the Powers of an Act of His present Majesty's Reign, intituled 'An Act to establish an additional Company for lighting certain Parts of the Metropolis and Parts adjacent with Gas,'* whereby several of the Provisions of the said first-recited Act were altered and amended, and further Powers were given to the said Company: And whereas the said Company have proceeded in the Execution of the Powers and Authorities of the said recited Acts, and have purchased or acquired certain Lands in the

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1 & 2 G. 4. c. 117.  
4 G. 4. c. 95.



Extending  
Powers of  
recited Acts  
to this Act.

Parishes of *Saint Pancras* and *Saint Leonard Shoreditch* in the County of *Middlesex*, and elsewhere, and have established extensive Works for the Purpose of supplying Inflammable Air or Gas, and for making Coke, Coke Ashes, Coke Dust, and Breeze, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and other Matters and Products to be obtained in, from, and by the Manufacture of such Air or Gas, and the Supply of Gas by the said Company, under the Powers and Authorities granted to the said Company by the said Acts, hath increased and doth increase: And whereas the said Company will be better enabled to carry into effect the Powers and Authorities so granted to the said Company, if they were authorized and empowered to raise an additional Sum of Money in the Manner and by the several Means hereinafter mentioned: And whereas it is expedient that the Provisions contained in the said first-recited Act should be altered, amended, and enlarged; but the same cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all the Powers, Provisions, Regulations, Directions, Restrictions, Matters, and Things whatsoever, contained in the said recited Acts, except so far as the same are altered or repealed by this Act, shall be deemed, taken, and construed to extend and operate, and be in full Force with respect to all Matters and Things whatsoever which may happen or arise in the Execution of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same were repeated and re-enacted in this Act; and the said recited Acts and this Act shall, as to all Matters and Things whatsoever (except as aforesaid), be construed as One Act.

Power to  
raise further  
Capital of  
150,000l.  
by a Crea-  
tion of new  
Shares.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise a further Capital Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and which shall be laid out in carrying into execution the Purposes of the said recited Acts and of this Act; and for that Purpose it shall be lawful to and for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, (in addition to the Money which they are authorized and empowered to raise by and under the said recited Acts, for the Purposes thereof,) any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the said Sum of One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, in such Proportions as they shall think fit, which said Sum shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds each; and such new and additional Shares so to be created by virtue of this Act, and the several Shares made or created by virtue of the said recited Acts or either of them, shall, to all Intents and Purposes, be and they are hereby declared to be consolidated, and to be one and the same Joint Stock and Property; and all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, and Persons and Parties whomsoever, their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, who have severally subscribed or who shall hereafter subscribe for One or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for or demanded under and by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, shall respectively be entitled to and receive



receive the entire and net Distribution of an equal proportionate Part, according to the Money so by them respectively paid, and the Time or Times at which the same shall have been so paid, of the Profits or Advantages that shall or may arise or accrue to the said Company; and every Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, and Persons, having such Shares as aforesaid, shall bear and pay a proportionate Sum towards carrying on the Works and Objects of the said Company, in Manner directed by the said recited Acts and this Act or either of them.

III. And be it further enacted, That each and every Proprietor of each and every Share which shall or may be created by virtue of this Act shall be entitled to such and the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages, and shall be subject to such and the same Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as in and by the said recited Acts or either of them are expressed and contained of and concerning the Shares created by virtue thereof respectively, and now vested in the several and respective Proprietors of Shares, subject nevertheless to the Powers and Provisions in this Act contained; and the Admission of all and every Person and Persons to any such new Share or Shares, by any Order or Resolution of the said Company or of their Directors, shall be and be deemed a good and effectual Title to such Person or Persons, and his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, on his, her, or their paying to the said Company, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, or One of them, for the Time being, the Sum or Sums of Money required to be paid for such Shares respectively, within the Time limited in such Order or Resolution for that Purpose: Provided always, that no Person shall be entitled to vote at any General or Special General Meeting of the said Company, in respect of any Shares created by virtue of this Act, until he or she shall have been possessed thereof for the Space of Three Calendar Months.

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

IV. And be it further enacted, That instead of the whole of the said further Capital or Sum or Sums of Money intended to be raised under and by virtue of the Powers of this Act being raised and contributed by the Creation of new Shares as aforesaid, it shall be lawful, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, to and for the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, by and with the Consent of a General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the said Company duly convened, to raise any Part or Parts of the said further Capital or Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding One hundred and fifty 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, 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,)

Power to raise the further Capital at Interest on Debentures, and to assign the Estates and Effects as Security.

BY



Form of De-  
benture or  
Assignment.

‘ BY virtue of certain Powers and Authorities vested in the Imperial  
‘ Gas Light and Coke Company in and by certain Acts passed in the  
‘ Second, Fourth, and Tenth Years 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Estates and Effects of the said Company, and the Rents  
‘ and Profits thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest of the  
‘ said Company, and of their Successors and Assigns, of, in, and unto  
‘ the same, to hold unto the said *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 \_\_\_\_\_  
‘ *per Centum per Annum*, payable half-yearly, shall be repaid, and the  
‘ said Interest being to be paid or provided for from Time to Time  
‘ before any Dividend is or shall be made of the Rents and Profits of  
‘ the said Undertaking. In witness whereof the said Imperial Gas  
‘ Light and Coke Company have hereunto affixed their Common Seal,  
‘ this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ One thousand  
‘ eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_.

All Persons  
taking such  
Debentures  
to be equally  
entitled.

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

Company  
empowered  
to dispose of  
Debentures.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said  
Company, or the Directors thereof as aforesaid for the Time being,  
from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, and they are hereby  
authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, to grant unto a Treas-  
urer or Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, or any other  
Person appointed by the said Directors, any Debentures or Assign-  
ments as aforesaid under the Common Seal of the said Company  
(but not exceeding the Amount authorized to be raised by a General  
Meeting or Special General Meeting of the said Company as afore-  
said), each being for a Sum of One hundred Pounds or upwards, and  
bearing Interest not exceeding the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum*  
*per Annum*; and it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer or Clerk  
for the Time being, or other Person so appointed by and under the  
Order of the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, from  
Time to Time to make sale and dispose at public Auction, or in such  
other Manner as any General Meeting or Special 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, Cor-  
porate, 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

which may  
be sold by  
Auction.

Application  
of Monies



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 the said recited Acts and of this Act, and pursuant to the Provisions in that Behalf therein or herein contained.

arising from  
Sale.

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

Interest on  
Monies bor-  
rowed to be  
paid Half-  
yearly.

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

Debentures  
transferable.

‘ I Do transfer this Debenture, with all my Right and Title to the Estate  
‘ and Effects thereby assigned, and to the Principal Money thereby  
‘ secured, and to all the Interest Money now due or hereafter to become  
‘ due thereon, unto C. D. of \_\_\_\_\_, his, her, or their  
‘ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, [or Successors and Assigns,  
‘ as the Case may be,] in consideration of the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
‘ paid by the said C. D. unto me. Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
‘ One thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ A. B.’

Form of In-  
dorsement.

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

VIII. Provided nevertheless, and be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, may at all Times  
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Monies bor-  
rowed on  
Debentures



may be re-  
paid upon  
giving No-  
tice.

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.

If Deben-  
tures be paid  
off, other  
Debentures  
may be  
issued.

IX. 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 the said recited Acts and 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 One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, as herein limited.

Not more  
than  
150,000*l.* to  
be raised by  
all the Means  
aforesaid.

X. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not be construed to extend to authorize the said Company or the Directors thereof for the Time being to raise, either by a Contribution amongst themselves, by the Admission of new Subscribers for Shares of Fifty Pounds each, or by the borrowing of Money upon Debentures or Assignments of the Estates and Effects, Rents and Profits of the said Undertaking, or by the Sale of Debentures, to be issued to a Treasurer or Clerk, or other Person as aforesaid, or by all or any of the aforesaid Ways and Means, a further or additional Capital of more than One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds to be existing and outstanding at any One Time for the Purpose of the said recited Acts or of this Act.

Debentures,  
&c. to be  
Personal  
Estate.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the further Sum of Money to be raised by virtue of this Act, and all the Profits and Advantages thereof, and all Monies advanced and paid, and all Shares created, and also all Debentures and Assignments issued, given, and granted under and by virtue of this Act, shall be and be deemed Personal Estate and Effects, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and be accordingly transmissible.



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

Interest on  
Debentures  
to be paid  
or provided  
for in pre-  
ference to  
Dividends.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk for the Time being of the said Company, or such other Person as the Directors thereof for the Time being shall appoint, shall enter or cause to be entered in a Book or Books to be for that Purpose kept at the head or principal Office of the said Company, a Copy or Copies or Extract or Extracts of or from all Debentures or Assignments from Time to Time issued by virtue of this Act, and also of all Transfers thereof respectively notified to the Clerk of the said Company for the Time being, or other Persons duly appointed, pursuant to the Directions herein-before contained, expressing in Words at Length the Names, Surnames, Additions, Places of Abode, and Descriptions of all such Persons who shall from Time to Time be entitled to such Debentures or Assignments, or to whom the same or any of them shall from Time to Time be transferred, and the Days whereon the Interest of the said Debentures shall be respectively payable, pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

Securities  
and Trans-  
fers to be  
entered.

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

Books and  
Accounts  
may be  
examined.

XV. And whereas it was by the said first-recited Act enacted, that it should and might be lawful to and for the said Directors for the Time being, and they were thereby empowered and required, at or previous to each and every General Meeting to be held pursuant to that Act, for the Purpose

So much of  
recited Act  
2 G.4. c.117.  
as relates to  
the forming



of a Fund to  
answer Con-  
tingencies  
repealed.

Purpose of considering of or for making or declaring a Dividend or Dividends out of the clear Profits of the said Undertaking, to deduct and set apart One Eighth Part of the said clear Profits and Produce, and then the said Directors should forthwith lay out and vest in the Name of the said Company such Eighth Part of the said clear Profits and Produce, from Time to Time as and when the same should be so deducted and set apart as aforesaid, in such One or more of the public Parliamentary Funds or Stocks of *Great Britain* as the said Directors should in their Discretion deem expedient, until the Monies so set apart and funded as aforesaid should amount to the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds; and also from Time to Time and at all Times thereafter, so often as the same Fund or Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds should be reduced by the Payment of or for any extraordinary Contingencies, to deduct and set apart at any future or subsequent General Meeting or Meetings the like Eighth Part of the said clear Profits and Produce until the same Fund should be restored and again amount to the said Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, and so on from Time to Time and at all Times thereafter, and so often as the same should be reduced in Manner aforesaid, and that the Dividends and Interest to become due and payable in respect of the said Funds or Stocks so set apart and funded as aforesaid, and each and every of them respectively, should fall into and become a Part of the said Profits and Produce of the said Undertaking, periodically to become and be divisible as in the said first-recited Act is mentioned; and it was thereby provided, that the said Directors for the Time being of the said Company should have full Power and Authority from Time to Time, when and so often as they should deem expedient, to vary and transpose the Funds or Stock, or any of them, or any Part thereof, in which the said Monies or Fund should from Time to Time be invested, and also should and might sell and dispose of all or any Part or Parts of the said Funds or Stock, and convert the same into Money, for the Purpose of answering every or any extraordinary Contingency or Contingencies, as and when the same or any Part thereof should by the said Directors be deemed necessary: And whereas such last-recited Provision of the said first-recited Act hath been found to be inconvenient; be it therefore further enacted, That from and immediately after the passing of this Act so much of the said recited Act as is last mentioned shall be and the same is hereby repealed; and any Funds or Stock or Securities whereon or whereupon any of the Profits or Produce of the Undertaking of the said Company, and any Monies or Effects of the said Company, which shall or may have been laid out or invested under or by virtue of the said Provision, remaining unappropriated or unexpended at the passing of this Act, shall and may be sold and disposed of by the Directors of the said Company, and applied to and for the Use and Purposes of the said Company; any thing in the said Provision or in the said recited Acts, or either of them, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Monies  
which have  
been invest-  
ed under the  
said Provi-  
sion may be  
sold out for  
the Use of  
the Com-  
pany.

A Sum of  
100,000*l.* to  
answer Con-  
tingencies to  
be reserved  
by Accumu-  
lation,

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, and they are hereby empowered and required, at or previous to each and every General Meeting to be held pursuant to the Provisions of the said recited Acts or either of them, for the Purpose of considering of or for making or declaring a Dividend or Dividends out of the clear Profits of the said Company, to deduct and set



set apart One Twentieth Part of the said clear Profits and Produce, provided that such One Twentieth Part of the said clear Profits and Produce to be so set apart shall not in any One Year exceed the Sum of Three thousand Pounds; and the said Directors shall forthwith lay out and vest in the Name of the said Company such One Twentieth Part (not exceeding in any One Year the said Sum of Three thousand Pounds as aforesaid) of the said clear Profits and Produce, from Time to Time as and when the same shall be so deducted and set apart as aforesaid, in such one or more of the public or Parliamentary Funds or Stocks of *Great Britain*, or in the Purchase of any Debentures or Assignments issued or to be issued by virtue of this Act, as the said Directors for the Time being shall in their Discretion deem expedient, until the Monies so set apart and funded or laid out in such Purchases as aforesaid shall amount to the Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds, and so from Time to Time and at all Times thereafter, so often as the same Fund or Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds shall be reduced by the Payments hereinafter mentioned, to deduct and set apart at any future or subsequent General Meeting or Meetings the like One Twentieth Part (not exceeding in any One Year the Sum of Three thousand Pounds as aforesaid) of the said clear Profits and Produce, until the same Fund shall be restored and again amount to the said Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds, and so on from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter so often as the same shall be reduced in Manner hereinafter mentioned; and the Dividends and Interest to become and be due and payable in respect of the said Funds or Stock so set apart and funded, or Debentures so purchased as aforesaid, and each and every of them respectively, shall fall into and become Part of the said Profits and Produce of the said Company periodically to become and be divisible as is mentioned in the said recited Acts or either of them: Provided always, that the said Directors for the Time being of the said Company shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time, when and so often as they shall deem it expedient, to vary or transpose the said Funds or Stock or Debentures, or any of them, or any Part thereof, in which the said Monies or Funds shall from Time to Time be invested; and the said Directors also shall and may sell and dispose of and transfer all or any Part or Parts of the said Funds or Stock and of the said Debentures, and convert the same into Money, for the Purpose of answering every or any Contingency or Contingencies, as and when the same or any Part thereof shall by the said Directors be deemed necessary; any thing herein, or in the said recited Acts or either of them, contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company for the Time being shall not at any Time hereafter lay out and invest any Part of the clear Profits and Produce of the said Company in the Purchase of Shares of the said Company, or in any other Manner than is directed by this Act, under any Pretence whatsoever; and if the Directors of the said Company for the Time being shall so do, that then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, one Moiety thereof to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Place where the Head Office of the said Company shall then be situate, for the Relief of the Poor of such Parish or Place, and the other Moiety to any Person or Persons who shall sue for

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for

Such Fund not to be laid out in the Purchase of Shares.



for the same in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Funds not to be reduced or applied but by Order of a Special General Meeting.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Part or Parts of the said Stocks or Funds, or Debentures, wherein the said clear Profits and Produce of the said Company shall be laid out and vested as aforesaid, shall be reduced or disposed of and applied by the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, without the Approval and Direction of a Special General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company for that Purpose duly convened, pursuant to the Directions of the first-recited Act; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Account of the Fund to be presented to Parliament.

XIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the better to secure the due setting apart of such One Twentieth Part of the Profits of the said Company, and the laying out and vesting the same as aforesaid, the said Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, yearly, within the First Fourteen Days of each and every Session of Parliament, shall cause the Clerk of the Company for the Time being, or some other Officer of the said Company, to make out and sign, and present to both Houses of Parliament, an Account, in Writing of the Monies from Time to Time set apart out of the clear Profits of the said Company, and of the Funds or Stocks or Debentures whereon the same shall be laid out and vested, and of the total Amount thereof, and of all Sales, Disposals, or Transfers thereof or of any Part thereof, from Time to Time made between each and every such Return; and in case the Company, or the Directors thereof for the Time being, shall not so do, the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds, 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; and in case it shall appear that any Part or Parts of the said Fund or Stock shall have been sold and disposed of and converted into Money, for the Purpose of answering any extraordinary Contingency, that the Nature and Particulars of such Contingency, and the Amount applied to the Purposes thereof, shall be specially stated in such Return.

Alteration in the Times of holding Two General Half-yearly Meetings.

XX. And whereas it was by the said first-recited Act enacted, that there should be held in each Year Two General Meetings of the said Company, (that is to say,) on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *February* and the Third *Thursday* in the Month of *July*, or within Thirty Days after such Days respectively: And whereas such last Provision of the said first-recited Act hath been found to be inconvenient; be it therefore enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act the Two General Half-yearly Meetings of the said Company to be held in each Year shall not be held on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *February* and the Third *Thursday* in the Month of *July* in every Year, or within Thirty Days after such Days respectively, but shall be held on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *April* and the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *October* in every Year, or within Ten Days after such Days respectively; and that all and every the Clauses, Powers, and Provisions contained in the said Two several recited Acts, or either of them,



them, as to the Two General Meetings of the said Company thereby directed to be held on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *February* and the Third *Thursday* in the Month of *July*, or within Thirty Days after such Days respectively, and as well as to the Notices to be given of such Meetings, and as to the Persons entitled to be present and to vote and to be Chairman thereat, and as to the Business to be then and there respectively transacted, and all and every other Matter and Thing in the said Two several recited Acts or either of them relating thereto, shall extend and apply, and be construed to extend and apply, unto the Two General Half-yearly Meetings of the said Company to be held on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *April* and the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *October* in every Year, or within Ten Days after such Days respectively, in such and the same Manner as if those Days or Times had been and were appointed for the Two General Meetings of the Company in each Year by the said Two several recited Acts or either of them; any thing in the said Two several recited Acts to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the Proprietors of the said Company, at any General Meeting specially summoned for such Purpose in Manner as hereinafter mentioned, to remove from his Office any Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor, for Negligence or Misconduct in Office, or any other reasonable Cause: Provided always, that the Resolution for any such Removal shall be carried in the Affirmative by Three Fourths at the least in Number and Value of the Proprietors who shall, either in Person or by Proxy, vote at such Meeting. Proprietors may remove Directors for Negligence or Misconduct.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time after the passing of this Act any Twenty or more of the Proprietors of the said Company who shall together be Holders of Three hundred Shares at the least shall deem it expedient to call a Special General Meeting of the Proprietors at large, for the Purpose of taking their Opinion and Determination upon the Propriety of the Removal of any Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor, and shall sign a Requisition in Writing to the Directors of the said Company for that Purpose, which Requisition shall specify the Object of such Meeting and the Grounds of such proposed Removal, it shall be lawful for the said Directors, and they are hereby required, to call a Special Meeting of the said Proprietors in the ordinary Manner, for the Purpose of taking such Requisition into consideration, specifying in the Notices for calling such Meeting the Object or Objects thereof; and in case the said Directors shall refuse or neglect for the Space of Ten Days to comply with such Requisition, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Proprietors who shall have signed the same, or any Twenty Proprietors qualified to sign the same, to call a Special General Meeting of the Proprietors by Advertisement, to be inserted Twice at least in the *London Gazette* and in Two or more of the Daily Newspapers published in the City of *London* or County of *Middlesex*, specifying the Place within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster* where and the Time when such Meeting is to be held, (the Time not being less than Fourteen and not more than Thirty Days after such Notice,) and the Object of calling such Special Meeting; and the Proprietors are hereby Directors to call a Special General Meeting for that Purpose upon Requisition of Twenty or more Proprietors.  
authorized



authorized to meet pursuant to such Notice, and deliberate upon the Objects thereof.

Requisition  
to be open  
to Inspection  
of Proprie-  
tors.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Requisition for calling any such Meeting shall be deposited in the Office of the said Company, and be open to the Inspection of the Proprietors at all seasonable Times, until the Time of holding the said Meeting; and that the Votes at any such Meeting shall be taken openly, and not by Ballot; and that no Proxy shall be available at any such Meeting which shall not bear Date subsequently to the Day of the Date of the Requisition for calling such Meeting.

Officers to  
be continued  
until Half-  
yearly Meet-  
ing in April.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Term of Three Years, for which all and every the Governors, Deputy Governors, Directors, and Auditors and Examiners of Accounts of the said Company, now appointed or hereafter to be appointed to either of the said Offices of Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor and Examiner of the Accounts of the said Company, have been or shall hereafter be appointed respectively, shall expire and be taken to expire on the Day of the holding of the Half-yearly Meeting of the said Company to be held on the Second *Thursday* in the Month of *April*, or within Ten Days after, in the Fourth Year subsequent to such Appointment, and whether such Meeting shall be held on some earlier or later Day than the precise Period of Three Years from the Day on which the Appointment of such Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor and Examiner of Accounts shall have taken place.

Clerk and  
Treasurer  
not to be  
the same  
Person.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to continue or appoint the Person who has been or may be appointed their Clerk in the Execution of the said recited Acts and this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or of his Partner, the Treasurer for the Purposes of the said Acts and this Act, or to continue or appoint any Person who has been or may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, the Clerk for the Purposes of the said Acts and this Act; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of the said Acts and this Act, or if any Person, being the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk or other Person 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 Partner of any such Treasurer, or the Clerk or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Treasurer or of his Partner, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of the said Acts and 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 any Place of Profit or Trust under the said Company 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 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 of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That none of the Provisions contained in this Act shall vacate or in any Manner prejudice any Contract or Contracts already entered into by the said Company, under the Powers and Authorities contained in the said recited Acts or either of them, with any Commissioners, Trustees, Vestries, Persons, or Bodies whatsoever, for the lighting of any Places, Streets, Squares, Roads, Highways, Bridges, Lanes, Passages, Market or other Places, or of any Manufactories, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings, Public Establishments, and Avenues leading thereto, or any or either of them.

Nothing in this Act to affect subsisting Contracts.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits hereafter to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round any Road, Street, Square, Market Place, Lane, Alley, Passage, Court, or other Place within the Limits of this Act, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance from the nearest Part of any Pipe already laid down or hereafter to be laid down by or by the Order of any Water Works Company, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Roads, Squares, and Market Places, Lanes, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places within the Limits of this Act, and whenever the Width of the Carriageway or Footpath in such Street or Place will allow thereof, shall be laid at the Distance of Four Feet at least from the nearest Part of any such Pipe laid or to be laid as aforesaid, unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Pipes of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company across or nearer to any of the said Pipes, in which Cases the said Pipes of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company shall be laid over and above the said former Pipes at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, or shall form therewith a Right Angle, as near as the Situation will admit; and in such Cases the said Pipes of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company so crossing the said former Pipes shall be at least Nine Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the said Pipes of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company shall be nearer to any of the said former Pipes than Four Feet at least where the Width of the Road, Street, Square, Market Place, Lane, Alley, Passage, Court, or other Place will admit, and that such Pipes of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company so crossing the former Pipes shall for the whole Length thereof be sufficiently bedded in with good sound Clay or other fit Materials of a proper Consistence, and well worked and rammed into the Trenches all round the said Pipes of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, and that in laying down the said Pipes the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company 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 also, wherever practicable, lay and well and sufficiently bed each and every of the Joints of the Main Gas Pipes, and also the Joints or Screws of the Branch or Service Gas Pipes connecting with the said Main Gas Pipes, and also the Joints of the Service or Branch

Mode of laying Pipes.

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Pipes



Pipes for the conveying the Gas from the said Main Gas Pipes to the Houses and other Buildings, and all other Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings which are or shall or may be made in any of the said Gas Pipes, with such Clay or other fit Materials as aforesaid all round the said several and respective Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings, and for Six Inches in Length each Way from the Centre of each and every of the Caps or Joints of the Main Pipes, and of the Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein, and for Three Inches at least from the Centre of the Joints of the Service Pipes, so as to make and keep all and every such Pipes, and the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively, air-tight, and to prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom.

Notice to be given of laying down Pipes.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, previous to the laying down any such Mains as aforesaid, or any Service Pipes to be connected therewith, Twenty-four Hours Notice in Writing shall be given or left by the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, at the Office or Works of such Water Works Company, and in every such Notice shall be expressed the Time and Place when and where such Mains and Service Pipes are intended to be laid; and in case any Main or Service Pipe shall be laid or placed without such Notice as aforesaid, the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Ten Pounds for every such Default; and in case any Main or Service Pipes shall be laid or placed contrary to the Directions herein contained, and shall not be altered or removed after Three Days Notice thereof in Writing, signed by any One of the said Directors, or by the Secretary for the Time being of any such Water Works Company, and left at the usual Office of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company shall forfeit and pay a Penalty of Ten Pounds for each and every Day during which such Gas Pipes shall remain after such Notice, contrary to the Directions of this Act; and which said Penalties shall and may be levied and recovered before any Justice of the Peace, and shall be applied in Manner hereinafter directed.

To prevent further Contamination of Water by Gas.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Water which shall be supplied by any Water Works Company, or Company established for the Supply of Water, shall be contaminated or affected in any way whatsoever by the Gas of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, then and in every such Case the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company shall within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice thereof in Writing signed by any One of the Directors, or by the Secretary for the Time being of any such Water Works Company, or by any Person using the Water of any such Company, and left at the Office of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, cause Measures to be taken effectually to stop and prevent such Gas from contaminating or affecting the Water of such Water Works Company; and in case the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company shall not within Twenty-four Hours next after each and every such Notice so left as aforesaid effectually remove the Cause of such Complaint, and prevent all and every such Contamination whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Imperial Gas



Gas Light and Coke Company shall, on each and every Complaint whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, forfeit and pay to the Secretary of such Water Works Company, for the Use and Benefit of such Company, the Sum of Ten Pounds for each and every Day during which the Water supplied by any such Water Works Company shall be and remain contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company; and every such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be levied and recovered for the Use of such Water Works Company in the same Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is hereinafter directed to be levied and recovered.

XXX. And whereas it may become a Question, upon such Complaint as aforesaid, whether or not the said Water be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company; be it therefore enacted, That in every such Case it shall be lawful for any such Water Works Company as aforesaid to dig to and about, and to search and examine, the Mains, Pipes, Conduits, and Apparatus of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, adjacent to the Pipes of such Water Works Company, for the Purpose of ascertaining whether or not such Contamination proceed or be occasioned by the Gas of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, giving Twenty-four Hours previous Notice in Writing, signed by One of the Directors or by the Secretary for the Time being of any such Water Works Company, and left at the Head Office of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, of the Intention of such Water Works Company so to dig, search, and examine as aforesaid, and of the Time and Place or Places when and where such Digging, Search, and Examination is intended to be made; and if it shall appear that the said Water has been contaminated, and that there has been any Escape of Gas whereby such Contamination hath been produced, then, and in every such Case the Costs and Expences of the said Digging, Search, and Examination, and of the Repair of the Street, Road, or Place which shall be taken up or disturbed, shall be borne and paid by the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company; which Costs and Expences shall be ascertained and determined (if necessary) by any Justice of the Peace, and may be levied and recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture is hereinafter directed to be levied and recovered: 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 Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, then and in every such Case the Water Works Company by whom or on whose Behalf such Examination and Search shall be made shall bear and pay all the Costs, Charges, and Expences of and incident to such Examination and Search, and shall also make good to the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company any Loss, Injury, or Damage which may be occasioned to the Mains, Pipes, Conduits, or Apparatus of the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, in and by such Search and Examination, and also any Injury or Damage which may be done in or about any of the Streets, Roads, or Places which shall be broken up or disturbed in such Search and Examination; the Amount of such Injury, Loss, or Damage to be ascertained and determined, if necessary, by any Justice of the Peace as aforesaid, and to be also levied and

For ascertaining if the Water is contaminated.



and recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture is hereinafter directed to be levied and recovered.

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

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

Justices may  
proceed by  
Summons in  
the Recovery  
of Penalties.

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

Recovery  
and Appli-  
cation of  
Penalties.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences mentioned in the said Two several Acts or in this Act, or any or either of them, or by any Rule, Order, or Bye Law inflicted or imposed, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offender or Offenders is not in this Act or in the said Two several Acts particularly mentioned or directed, shall be recoverable before any Justice of the Peace for the County or Liberty or Place wherein the Offence shall arise, in a summary Way; and any such Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders, or the said Company, if they offend, upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer, or on the Confession of the Party offending; and in default of Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offenders Goods and Chattels, or of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, if they shall offend and be convicted as aforesaid of any Offence mentioned in this Act or in the said Two several Acts, or any or either of them, 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 Charge of such Distress and Sale being first deducted), shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid



paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Hamlet wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor of such Parish or Hamlet; and in case such Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid on Conviction, by any Person or Persons offending and convicted, 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 Five 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 sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, or in case it shall appear to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, 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 Fines, Penalties, or Forfeitures can be levied if a Warrant of Distress were issued, such Justice or Justices shall not be required to issue such Warrant of Distress, but it shall be lawful for any such Justice of the Peace, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction or Common Gaol for the County, Liberty, or Place wherein such Offence shall arise, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Offender or Offenders shall have sooner fully paid such Fine or Fines, Penalty or Penalties, Forfeiture or Forfeitures, and all Costs and Charges attending such Proceedings as aforesaid, to be ascertained by such Justice, or shall otherwise be discharged in due Course of Law.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, and any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, thinking himself or themselves aggrieved by any Order, Judgment, or Determination made by any Rule, Order, or Bye Law made by virtue of the said Two several Acts or either of them, or by any Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of the said Two several Acts or of this Act, or any of them, may appeal against any such Rule, Order, or Bye Law or Determination, unto the Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter Sessions to be held in and for the City, County, or Place in which the Cause of Appeal shall arise within Four Calendar Months next after any such Rule, Order, or Bye Law or Determination shall have been made, Notice in Writing being first given Fourteen Days at the least before the First Day of such General Quarter Sessions, by or on behalf of the Company, Body, or Person or Persons intending to appeal, unto the Party or Person so appealed against, and the Company, Body, or Person or Persons interested in such Rule, Order, Bye Law, or Determination, of such intended Appeal, and of the Matter and Grounds thereof, and a Recognizance being also entered into, by or on behalf of the Party appealing, before some Justice of the Peace for such City, County, or Place, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try

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such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the General Quarter Sessions thereon ; and the Justices at such General Quarter Sessions (on due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into) shall, in a summary Way, either hear or determine the said Complaint at such General Quarter Sessions, or, if they think proper, adjourn the hearing to the next General Quarter Sessions to be held for the said County, City, or Place ; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Rule, Order, or 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 think reasonable and proper ; but no Proceeding shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form, or be removed by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere ; and all Determinations of the said Justices at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace shall be binding, final, and conclusive upon all Parties to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Compens-  
ation for  
Damages,  
&c. how to  
berecovered.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as any Sum or Sums of Money shall be directed or ordered to be paid by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of the said Two several Acts and of this Act, or any of them, 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 Ten Days after Demand shall have been made from the Clerk to the said Company, or their Treasurer or Treasurers, in pursuance of the Direction or Order made by such Justice, 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 or may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of their Treasurer or Treasurers 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 Costs, Materials, 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 or Treasurers for the Time being, as the Case may be : Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for such Treasurer or Treasurers to retain, out of any Monies which he shall have received or shall receive in pursuance of the said recited Acts or of this Act, or any of them, all such Damages, Costs, Charges, and Expences as he or they shall have sustained or be put unto by virtue of any such Warrant as aforesaid.

XXXVI. And



XXXVI. 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 the said Two several Acts or of this Act, or any of them, for any Offence or Offences against the Two said several Acts or this Act, or any of them, unless Information respecting such Offence or Offences shall have been lodged before a Justice of the Peace within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence or Offences be committed.

Proceedings to be within Six Calendar Months.

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

Power for the Surveyor of the Commissioners of Sewers to enter Manufactory, &c. to inspect and examine if there be any Escape of Gas into Public Sewers.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in any Commissioners, Trustees, Vestries, Persons, or Bodies whatsoever, or under and by virtue of any Act or Acts, for lighting, watching, cleansing, or paving any Road, Square, Street, or other Place whatsoever, but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them respectively shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Saving the Rights of all Local Authorities for Lighting, &c.

XXXIX. Provided also and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall operate or be construed to take away any Right, Power, Interest, Privilege, Advantage, or Authority which is by Law now vested in the Governor and Company of *Chelsea* Water Works, or in the Company of Proprietors of the *West Middlesex* Water Works Company, or in the *Grand Junction* Water Works Company, or in any other Water Works Company now established respectively, but that all and every the said Rights, Powers, Interests, Privileges, Advantages, and Authorities respectively may be exercised and enjoyed in as full and ample a Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as the same were exercised and enjoyed immediately before the passing of this Act.

Powers of *Chelsea*, *West Middlesex*, and *Grand Junction* Water Companies not to be affected.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice,

Saving the Rights of the Commissioners of



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prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the City and Liberty of *Westminster* and Part of the County of *Middlesex*, but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Saving the  
Rights of the  
Commission-  
ers of Sewers  
for Holborn  
and Finsbury  
Divisions.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the *Holborn* and *Finsbury* Divisions in the County of *Middlesex*, but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them respectively, shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Saving the  
Rights of  
the Commis-  
sioners of  
Sewers of the  
Tower  
Hamlets.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the Limits of the *Tower Hamlets* in the County of *Middlesex*, but that all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had never been passed.

Saving the  
Rights of  
the Commis-  
sioners of  
Sewers of  
East Moul-  
sey District.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this or the said recited Acts contained shall alter, take away, or abridge, or be construed to alter, take away, or abridge, any of the Rights, Powers, Privileges, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the Limits extending from *East Moulsey* in *Surrey* to *Ravensborne* in *Kent*; but all such Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said recited Acts and this Act had not been passed.

Saving of  
the Rights  
of the Com-  
missioners of  
Sewers for  
Poplar and  
Blackwall.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this or the said recited Acts or any of them contained shall extend or be 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 *Poplar* and *Blackwall* in the County of *Middlesex*, but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if the said recited Acts and this Act had not been passed.

Saving the  
Rights of the  
Commission-  
ers of the  
Metropolis  
Roads North  
of the  
Thames.

XLV. 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.



XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act or in the said recited Acts passed in the Second and Fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, or in any or either of them contained, shall extend, or be deemed, construed, or taken to extend, to repeal, abridge, lessen, or in any Manner interfere with the Rights, Powers, Authorities, or Provisions contained or granted in or by an Act made and passed in the Third Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for more effectually amending certain Roads in the several Parishes of Lambeth, Newington, Saint George Southwark, Bermondsey, and Christ Church, in the County of Surrey, and for watching, lighting, and otherwise improving the said Roads*; but that the said last-mentioned Act, and all and every the said Rights, Powers, Authorities, and Provisions, shall be and remain in as full Force and Effect, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as if this Act had not been made.

Saving  
Rights of  
Trustees of  
Surrey New  
Roads.

XLVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act or in the said recited Acts passed in the Second and Fourth Years of His present Majesty's Reign, or any or either of them contained, shall extend, or be deemed, construed, or taken to extend, to repeal, abridge, lessen, or in any Manner interfere with the Rights, Powers, Authorities, or Provisions contained or granted in or by an Act made and passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for more effectually amending the Road leading from the Stones End in Blackman Street, in the Borough of Southwark, in the County of Surrey, to Highgate in the County of Sussex, and several other Roads therein mentioned; and for other Purposes relating thereto*; but that the said last-mentioned Act, and all and every the said Rights, Powers, Authorities, and Provisions, shall be and remain in as full Force and Effect, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, as if this Act had not been made.

Saving the  
Rights of the  
Trustees of  
the Surrey  
and Sussex  
Roads.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this or the said recited Acts or any of them contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Trustees for executing an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, intituled *An Act for more effectually repairing and improving the several Roads called the Cannon Street Roads, the Commercial Road, the Horseferry Branch of Road, the East India Dock Road, the Barking Road, and the Shadwell and Mile End Branch of Road, in the Counties of Middlesex and Essex; and for laying down a Stoneway on the said Commercial, East India Dock, and Barking Roads*; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if the said recited Acts and this Act had not been passed.

Saving the  
Rights of the  
Trustees of  
the Commer-  
cial Road.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act shall be paid by the Directors of the said Company out of the Joint Funds and Monies of the said Company.

Expences of  
Act to be  
paid.

[*Local.*]

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Public Act. L. 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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