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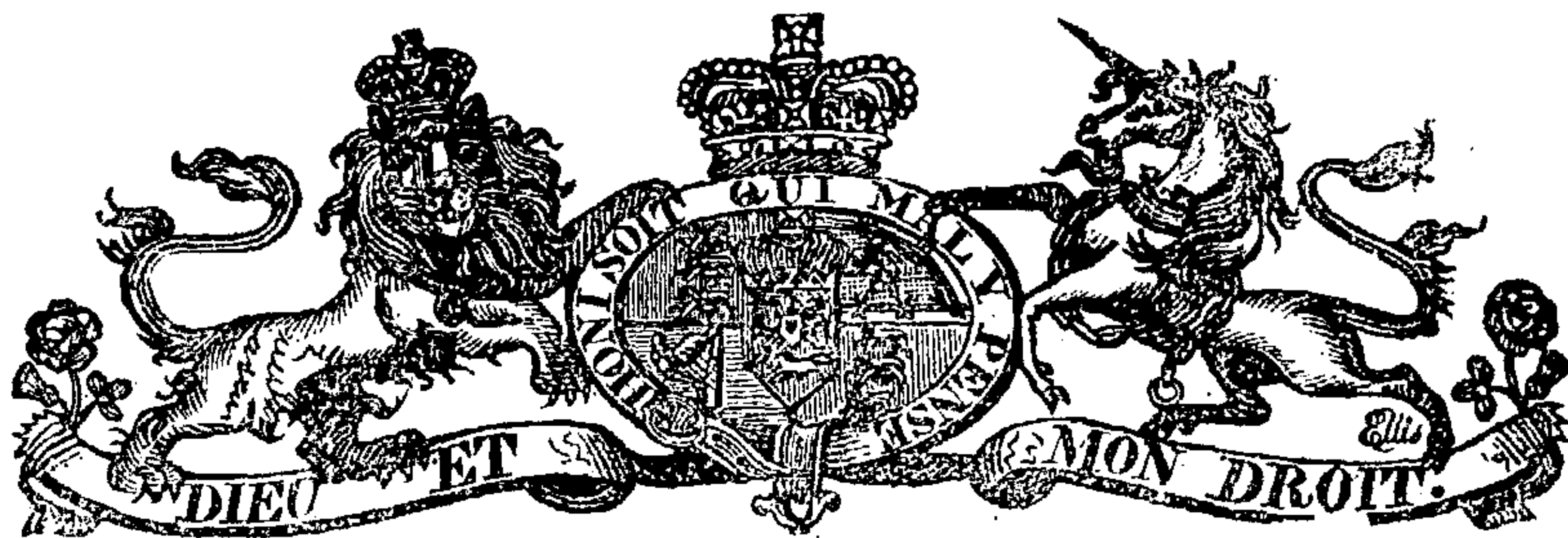
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Company
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II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *Edinburgh* Gas Light Company to raise and contribute among themselves, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, in addition to the Money which they were authorized and empowered to raise by and under the said recited Act, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the further Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds Sterling, in such Proportions as they shall think fit; which said further Sum or Sums, and every or any Part thereof, when raised, shall be laid out, in the first place, in paying the Expences of obtaining this Act, and then in carrying the Purposes of the said recited Act and of this Act into execution; and such further Sum or Sums shall be divided into Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each; and such new or additional Shares so to be created by virtue of this Act, and the several Shares made or created by virtue of the said recited Act, shall to all Intents and Purposes be and they are hereby declared to be consolidated, and to be One and the same Joint Stock and Property; and all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and Parties whatsoever, and their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assignees, who have severally subscribed for One or more Share or Shares, and have paid such Sum or Sums of Money as have been called for or demanded under or by virtue of the said recited Act, or who shall severally subscribe for One or more additional Share or Shares, and pay such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for or demanded under or by virtue of this Act, shall respectively be entitled to and receive the entire and net Distribution of a proportional Part of the Profits or Advantages that shall or may arise or accrue by virtue of the said recited Act and of this Act, or either of them, from the said Undertaking, corresponding to such



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Share or Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each ; and all Persons, and Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and Parties whatsoever, who shall subscribe for, hold, or be entitled to any such new or additional Shares, shall be subject to the Provisions and Regulations of the said recited Act, respecting the Payment of Subscriptions, in such and the same Manner in all Respects as if they were or had been respectively Subscribers or Holders of original Shares under the said recited Act, and shall bear and pay a proportional Sum towards carrying on the said Works respectively in manner directed by the said recited Act or this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Persons, and Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and Parties whatsoever, who shall be Proprietors or Proprietor of any Share or Shares which shall or may be created by virtue of this Act, shall be Members of the said Company, and shall be entitled to such and the same Privileges, Powers, and Advantages as are granted by the said recited Act to the Proprietors or Holders of Shares therein mentioned, and shall be subject to such and the same Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Payments as in and by the said recited Act is expressed and contained of and concerning the original Shares created by virtue thereof, and of and concerning the Holders or Proprietors of such original Shares of and in the said Undertaking ; and the Admission of all and every Person and Persons to any such new Share or Shares by any Order or Resolution of the said Company, or their Committee of Management, shall be and be deemed to be a good and effectual Title thereto for such Person or Persons, and his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assignees, on his, her, or their paying the said Company, or their Treasurer or Collector for the Time being, the Sum or Sums of Money required to be paid for such Shares respectively, within the Time limited in any Order or Resolution for that Purpose : Provided always, that no Person becoming a Partner in the said Company, by subscribing and taking a Part of the additional Stock created by this Act, shall be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, in respect of any Share or Shares so hereby created, until he, she, or they shall have paid up the whole Sums subscribed for the said Shares, or such Parts thereof as may have been called for by the said Company or their Committee of Management : Provided also, that such new Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and as such Personal Estate shall be transmissible accordingly.

Regulations and Restrictions of recited Act applicable to the Shares created by this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be in the Power of the said Company to produce Gas, for the Purposes of the said recited Act and this Act, from any Materials capable of producing the same, any thing in the said recited Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Gas may be made from any Materials.

V. And be it further enacted, That in case of Default in Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money agreed to be paid to the said Company for the Supply of Gas, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company

In case of Nonpayment of Rates, Gas may be stopped.

Company to cause the Service Pipe or Pipes belonging to the Person or Persons making such Default, and communicating with any Main or other Pipe or Pipes belonging to the said Company, to be separated from such Main or other Pipe or Pipes with which the same shall so communicate, or to turn the Stopcocks or Valves placed on such Service Pipe or Pipes, or on any other Pipe or Pipes communicating therewith, and to cause the Gas to be stopped from issuing or running into the House, Office, Shop, Manufactory, or other Place of any Person making such Default as aforesaid; and if any Person shall lay or cause to be laid any leaden or other Service Pipe to communicate with any Main or other Pipe belonging to the said Company, or any Pipe or Pipes communicating therewith, or turn any Stopcock or Valve placed on such Service Pipe or Pipes, or on any Pipe or Pipes communicating therewith, without the Consent in Writing of the said Company being first obtained for that Purpose, every such Person shall forfeit and pay to the said Company the Sum of Ten Shillings for every Day any such Pipe shall so remain, or such Stopcock or Valve shall remain so turned as aforesaid.

Penalty on
altering or
destroying
Meters.

VI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Clerk, Engineer, or other Officer duly appointed for that Purpose by the said Company, between the Hours of Nine of the Clock in the Morning and Ten of the Clock in the Evening of any Day, to inspect all and every Building or Buildings and Place or Places lighted with Gas supplied by the said Company; and if in any such Building or Buildings, Place or Places, any Meter or Meters which may be used for ascertaining the Quantity of Gas consumed or supplied, shall be in any Way injured, destroyed, or fraudulently altered, the Occupier or Occupiers of such Building or Buildings Place or Places, in which such Meter or Meters shall be so injured, destroyed, or fraudulently altered, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

No Burners
to be placed
without the
Consent of
the Com-
pany.

VII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall place or cause to be placed any Burner or Burners to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company first had and obtained, or shall use any Burner or Burners of larger Dimensions, or of a different Form, or more in Number, or for a greater Space of Time, than he, she, or they respectively shall contract or pay for, or shall wilfully enlarge the Aperture of any Burner so as by any Means to waste or improperly increase the Consumption of Gas, every such Person shall forfeit and pay to the said Company the Sum of Five Shillings for every Day that such Burner or Burners shall so communicate, or that such Burner or Burners of larger Dimensions or of a different Form or more in Number than contracted for shall be used, or such Waste or improper Increase of the Consumption of Gas shall continue.

For Pro-
tection of
Water Pipes.

VIII. 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 Street, Place, Road, Lane, or other public Passage or Places within the said City and Suburbs of *Edinburgh* and Places thereto adjacent, shall be laid at the greatest practicable

practicable Distance from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe already laid down or hereafter to be laid down by any Company of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places, and whenever the Width of the Carriageway will allow thereof at the Distance of Four Feet at the least from the nearest Part of any such Water Pipe, (unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Main Pipes across any of such Water Pipes, in which Cases the said Gas Pipes shall be laid over and above such Water Pipes at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith, as nearly as possible, a Right Angle; and in such Cases the said Gas Pipes so crossing any such Water Pipes shall be at least Nine Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the said Gas Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of any such Water Pipes than Four Feet at least;) and in laying down the said Gas Pipes the said 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 nearly as may be in its Place in the Trench, and shall in such Trench form the Jointing with the other Pipes to be added thereto, with proper and with 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, air-tight, and in every respect prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom and from any Part thereof, upon pain of forfeiting for every such Offence, if the said Company shall neglect or refuse to make such Gas Pipes air-tight within Twenty-four Hours after Notice thereof given to them in Writing, the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered as any Penalty is hereby or by the said recited Act directed to be recovered.

IX. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Water to be supplied by any Company of Proprietors, or Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or by any other Party or Persons, by Pipes or Conduits in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Roads, Lanes, or other public Passages or Places within the said City and Suburbs of *Edinburgh* and Places thereto adjacent, or the Water or Waters of any Well or Pond belonging to or used by any Party or Person or Persons whomsoever, shall be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Company, the said Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as any Penalty is hereby or by the said recited Act directed to be sued for and recovered, and to be applied to the Use and Benefit of the Person or Persons whose Water shall have been so contaminated or affected; and in every such Case the said Company shall, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice thereof in Writing signed by any Inhabitant of the said City of *Edinburgh*, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, to be left at the usual Office or Place for transacting Business of the said Company, cause the most proper and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent Gas from escaping from their Works, Mains, or Pipes, and contaminating or affecting any such Water; and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after each and

For preventing Contamination, &c. of Water.

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every such Notice so left as aforesaid, effectually stop and prevent Gas from so escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily 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 Company shall, on each and every Complaint whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, forfeit and pay, over and above the before-mentioned Penalty of Twenty Pounds, the Sum of Ten Pounds for each and every Day during which such Water shall be and remain contaminated, tainted, or affected by such Gas, to be sued for and recovered as any Penalty is hereby or by the said recited Act directed to be sued for and recovered, and to be applied, One Half to the Informer, and the other Half to the Use and Benefit of the Person or Persons whose Water shall have been so contaminated or affected.

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Water is con-
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X. And be it further enacted, That in case it shall at any Time or Times be or become a Question upon such Complaint as aforesaid, whether any such Water be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Company, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful to and for the Inhabitant or Person or Persons so complaining, after giving Notice in Writing to the Magistrates, Trustees, Surveyors, or other Persons under whose Controul or Superintendence any public Streets, Roads, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places may be, or to the Party or Person having the Property of, or in any Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement, as the Case may be, and having an Order signed by any Justice or Justices of the Peace, (which Order such Justice and Justices is and are hereby required to grant, on Oath made before him or them that such Water is believed to be contaminated,) to dig to and about and search and examine the Mains, Pipes, Conduits, and Apparatus of the said Company, for the Purpose of ascertaining whether such Contamination proceeds from 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 Company, the Costs and Expences of the said Digging, Search, and Repair of the Pavement of the Street or Streets or other public Place, or such Part or Parts thereof which shall be so taken up or disturbed, and the filling in of the Soil so broken up, shall be borne and paid by the said Company; which Costs and Expences shall be ascertained and determined, if necessary, by the Sheriff Depute of the County of *Edinburgh*, or One of his Substitutes, and be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty may be recovered by virtue of the said recited Act or 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 Company, then and in such Case the said Inhabitant or Party or Persons so complaining shall bear and pay all the Costs and Expences of such Examination, Repair, and Search, and shall also forthwith pay and make good to the said Magistrates, Trustees, Surveyors, or other Persons respectively under whose Controul or Superintendence any such public Streets, Roads, Lanes, and other public Passages and Places, or any Part thereof, shall be, or to the Party or Person having the Property of or in the Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement (as the Case may be) which shall or may

have been so broken up for the Purposes aforesaid, all Costs, Charges, and Expences which shall or may be incurred by such Magistrates, Trustees, Surveyors, or Party or Persons respectively, in repairing, restoring, and making good any public Street, Road, Lane, or other public Passage or Place, or any Part thereof which may have been so broken up; and such Inhabitant or Party or Persons so complaining shall also, in the Case aforesaid, forthwith pay and make good to the said Company any Loss, Injury, or Damage which may be occasioned to the said Mains, Pipes, Conduits, or Apparatus of the said Company in and by such Search and Examination, the Amount of such Injury, Loss, or Damage, to be ascertained in the said Cases respectively; if necessary, by the said Sheriff Depute of the County of *Edinburgh*, or his Substitutes.

XI. 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, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, immediately after receiving Notice by Parole 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 by Parole or in Writing being given of any such Escape of Gas, effectually 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 be sued for and recovered as any Penalty is hereby or by the said recited Act directed to be sued for and recovered.

For stopping
the Escape
of Gas.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company 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, or any noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever which shall arise or be produced in the Gas Works of the said Company, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring Gas by the said Company, into any River or Brook, or Running Stream of fresh Water, 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 other Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River or Brook, or Running Stream of fresh Water, 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 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, before any Court competent within *Scotland*; and the whole thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture

Penalty for
conveying
Washings
into any
River, &c.

feiture 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, Substances, or Things, shall be emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow, in manner aforesaid, into any River or Brook, or Running Stream of fresh Water, 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 Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, or Person or Persons whomsoever, to the said Company, and the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them as aforesaid, stop, hinder, and 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 shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be so emptied, 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 hereby or by the said recited 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 Sheriff Depute or Substitute before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage by any Act so done or committed.

Dividends
limited to
Ten per
Cent.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That ay and until there be another Company incorporated by Act of Parliament or otherwise for the Supply of the City and Suburbs of *Edinburgh*, and Places adjacent, with Coal Gas, the annual Dividends of the said *Edinburgh* Gas Light Company shall not exceed in any One Year Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Amount actually paid up of the Stock which the said Company are authorized to raise and contribute by the said recited Act and by this Act; and whenever the Revenue of the said Company shall for the Average of Three Years yield such a Sum as, after deducting all necessary and proper Charges and Expences, shall leave a net Sum more than sufficient for Payment of a yearly Dividend at the above Rate, then and as often as the same shall happen the Directors of the said Gas Light Company shall be bound to make such Reductions on the Rates levied by them, or on such of the said Rates as may appear to them best entitled to such Deductions, as will leave in the Hands of the Company at least the net Revenue necessary

cessary for Payment of the said Dividend at the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Amount actually paid up on their Stock as aforesaid: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall prevent or be construed to prevent the said Company from again raising the said Rates so reduced to any other Rates, in case it shall be necessary again to do so, in order to enable them to pay such Dividend amounting to Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* as aforesaid, or to prevent the said Company from laying aside for Contingencies any Sums authorized to be so laid aside by the said recited Act.

XIV. And in order to ascertain that the aforesaid Limitation in respect of Dividends is duly complied with while such Limitation shall exist, be it enacted, That the Master of the Merchant Company of the City of *Edinburgh*, and the Accountant of the said City of *Edinburgh*, both for the Time being, shall be the Auditors of the Accounts of the said Company, and shall, in or before the Third Week of *June* in every Year, examine the Books of the said Company, and report whether the Rates and Duties received during the preceding Year have been duly laid out in the necessary and proper Charges and Expences of the said Company, or in paying to the Proprietors of the Stock of the said Company, according to the Limitation aforesaid, the Profits to which they are entitled by virtue of this and the said recited Act; and it shall not be lawful for the Directors of the said Company to take Credit in their Accounts for any Articles which shall not be allowed in the Report of the said Auditors; and if, from any Cause whatsoever, the Inspection and Report hereby directed to be made by the said Auditors shall not be made in any Year within the Time hereby appointed for that Purpose, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council of the said City of *Edinburgh* shall, on the Application of the said Company, appoint another Auditor to make the aforesaid Inspection and Report, in place of the Auditors herein-before named; such Inspection and Report to be made as soon as conveniently may be after such new Appointment shall be made; and the Report so made shall be signed by the Persons or Person making the same, and shall be entered in the Books of the said Company; and a Copy thereof shall be forthwith transmitted to the Lord Provost, Magistrate, and Council of the said City of *Edinburgh*; and all Expences attending the said Examination and Report shall be defrayed by the said Company.

Appoint-
ment of
Auditors.

XV. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company, at any Time hereafter, to join or connect themselves to or with any other Coal Gas Light Company already incorporated or that may be hereafter incorporated, nor to purchase or acquire any of the Powers or Authorities that may be vested in any such Gas Light Company, or any Part of the Property of any such Gas Light Company, for the Purpose of such Junction or Connection.

Company not
to join any
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XVI. And

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not to gene-
rate Gas at
Tanfield.

XVI. And be it further enacted and declared, That it shall not be lawful to the said Company to generate or manufacture Gas from Coal at their Works at *Tanfield* in the Vicinity of the said City of *Edinburgh*.

Public Act.

XVII. 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.

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