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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. xv.

An Act for lighting the Town and Port of *Dovor*,
and Places adjacent, in the County of *Kent*, with
Gas. [15th May 1822.]

WHEREAS the Town and Port of *Dovor* in the County of *Kent*, and the Places adjacent, are large and populous, and it would be of great Advantage to the Inhabitants thereof, and the Public at large, if the Streets, Highways, and other Public Passages and Places were better lighted: And whereas Inflammable Air, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil may be procured from Coal: And whereas the said Inflammable Air, being conveyed by means of Pipes or Tubes, may be safely and beneficially used and applied for lighting Streets, Highways, Squares, Market Places, and other Public Places; and also for lighting Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, and Private Houses: And whereas the said Coke may be usefully and beneficially employed as Fuel in Private Houses and Manufactories, and the aforesaid Articles may be used and applied in various other Ways with great Advantage: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named are willing and desirous, at their own Costs and Charges, to effect the several Purposes aforesaid; but such beneficial Purposes cannot be carried fully and completely into Execution without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Reverend *Matthew Armstrong, Jane Biggs,* Company incorporated.
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Biggs, Elizabeth Boyton, James Boyton, Richard Boorn, Thomas Coleman, the Reverend Charles Dayman, Mary Ewer Widow, Michael Elwin, Philpott Elsted, John Finnis, Alexander Robinson Gale, John Hamilton, William Horsnail, Matthew Hight, John Jeken, Michael Kingsford, Thomas Knocker, John Dechamps Lacy, Henshaw Latham, Sir Thomas Mantell Knight, Isaac Minet, the Reverend Thomas Morris, Daniel Nazer, Henry Habberly Price, Thomas Pain, Thomas Russell, Edward Rutley, John Shipdem, Nicholas Ladd Steriker, Boyman George Sampson, Lewis Stride, Benedicta Stokes, Thomas Squier, Edward Thompson, and Henry Norris Watson,

Their Style.

Their general Purposes.

and all and every such other Person and Persons as shall from Time to Time, in such Manner as herein-after is mentioned, become Proprietors of Shares in the Undertaking hereby established, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby declared to be One Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of the "*Dovor Gas Light Company*," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, at Law or Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence indictable by the Laws of this Realm; and that the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing Inflammable Air, Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, from Coal or other Materials, and of lighting the said Town and Port of *Dovor* and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, and the Places adjacent, with Inflammable Air or Gas, and of selling and disposing of the Coke and other Products of the Manufactory of the said Company, in such Manner as they shall think proper; and from Time to Time to enter into and make any other Contracts, or agree with the Commissioners for the Time being under an Act passed in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Third*, intituled *An Act for better paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching the Streets and Lanes in the Town of Dovor in the County of Kent, and in the several Parishes of Saint Mary the Virgin and Saint James the Apostle in the said Town and County, and for removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein*; and also under a certain other Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act to amend an Act made in the Eighteenth Year of His present Majesty, for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching the Town of Dovor, and for removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein*; or any other Commissioners who for the Time being shall have the Controul, Direction, or Management of the lighting of the said Town and Port, and the Places adjacent, or any Part thereof, or with any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing to contract with the said Company for the lighting of the said Town and Port or Places adjacent, or any Part or Parts thereof, or of any Streets, Roads, Highways, Squares, Market Places, Courts, Yards, Passages, Lanes, Public Buildings, Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, Private Houses, or other Buildings whatsoever, within the said Town and Port, or adjacent thereto, and to sell or dispose of, as they shall think proper, such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor and Essential Oil, or other Products as aforesaid.

Power to contract for the Purchase

II. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee of

of Management, and they are hereby empowered to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Town and Port of *Dover*, or adjacent thereto, and the Freehold and Inheritance thereof, with any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years, absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, (not being a Term or Terms of Years at Rack Rent,) or, with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also with all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised; possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or with any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to sell the same, or his, her, or their Right and Interest for the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; provided that the Quantity of Land to be purchased as aforesaid shall not exceed Two Acres; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same respectively to the Parties or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* in Manner by this Act directed (as the Case may be), the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest absolutely in the said *Dover* Gas Light Company, and may be taken and used for the Purposes of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to hold such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Law or Statute whatsoever; and also in case of a Re-sale of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, under the Provision herein-after in that Behalf contained, to purchase and hold other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in like Manner, provided the Land to be held for the Purposes of this Act shall not at any Time exceed in Quantity Two Acres.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives (not being a Term or Terms at Rack Rent), and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof which shall be thought necessary by the said Company, to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of this Act (but under such Restrictions as to Quantity as aforesaid), to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and

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all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company, for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or without any other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Inrolment, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Possibility, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several Cestuique Trusts, and of all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under him, her, or them, or claiming or to claim any Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular Estate, or by way of Executory Devise or springing Use, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of any such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, and all other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of any Person or Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons, is and are and shall be indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Application
of Compensation
Money
if amounting
to 200*l*.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the *Dover* Gas Light Company, to the Intent that such Money may be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing and being settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents,

Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing, undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement thereof were then actually made.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or for Years, Trustees, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be named by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Three or more of the Committee of Management of the said Company (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends to arise thereon, or the Interest thereof, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said High Court of Chancery.

VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid as last before mentioned shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall belong absolutely and be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians,

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When less than 200l. and exceeding 20l.

When under 20l.

Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

In case of questionable Title to the Money, Persons in possession of the Lands to be deemed entitled thereto, until the contrary shall be shewn.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Expences of Purchases may be allowed by the Court.

VIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Upon Payment of Purchase Money, Premises to be vested in the Company.

IX. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money to be so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments by the said Company, to the Party or Parties or Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein-before directed, as the Case may be, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand, in Law or Equity, of the Party and Parties and Person and Persons respectively to whom or for whose Use or Benefit the same shall be paid, in, to, or out of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company and their Successors for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

Form of Conveyance.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be made

to the said Company and their Successors, shall be made in the Form or to the Effect following ; (that is to say),

‘ I [or we, as the Case may be] of _____, in consideration of the
 ‘ Sum of _____ to me [or us] paid by the *Dover Gas Light*
 ‘ Company, established under an Act passed in the Third Year of the
 ‘ Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act [here insert the*
 ‘ *Title of this Act]* do hereby grant and release [or assign, as the Case
 ‘ may be] to the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors, all
 ‘ [here describe the Premises to be conveyed] and all my [or our] Right,
 ‘ Title, and Interest in and to the same, and every Part thereof: To hold
 ‘ to the said Company of Proprietors, and their Successors and Assigns
 ‘ for ever [or as the Case may be], during all the Remainder of my [or
 ‘ our] Term, Estate, or Interest in the said Premises. In witness whereof,
 ‘ I [or we,] have hereunto set my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and
 ‘ Seals], this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord
 ‘ One thousand eight hundred and _____’

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal to grant and convey, by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple, for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may have been so purchased, and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale or Sales of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Company, to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold; which Receipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge or sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Money therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons having *bond fide* paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Non-application of such Purchase Money, or any Part thereof.

Re-sale of
Lands not
wanted.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, shall be the Sum of Nine thousand Pounds; and that the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted by this Act, until the whole of the said Sum of Nine thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for that Purpose.

Capital Stock
not to exceed
9,000*l.*

XIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons by or for whom any Subscriptions shall be made or accepted, or any Payment made, pursuant to the Order of any General Meeting or Meetings to be held by the said Company for that Purpose, for or towards raising the said Capital Sum of Nine thousand Pounds, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, no such Sum being less than Fifty Pounds, shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the Capital Joint Stock of the said Company, in proportion to the Monies which he, or she, or they shall have so contributed towards making up the same, and shall have and be entitled to a proportionable Share of the Profits and

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

and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted as a Proprietor or Proprietors in the same.

Property of
the Company
to be answer-
able for their
Debts and
Engage-
ments.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Lands and Hereditaments, Manufactories, Gasometers, Machinery, Apparatus and Works, Goods, Chattels, and Effects of the said Company and their Successors, shall alone be liable and answerable for the just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company.

Stock to be
divided into
Shares of 50*l.*
Sterling each,
and to be
Personal
Estate.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Nine thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds each, and that no Person shall be a Subscriber for a less Sum than Fifty Pounds; and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the Net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Power to
raise a further
Capital of
2000*l.*

XVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the aforesaid Sum of Nine thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for establishing, completing, and maintaining the said Undertaking hereby authorized, and defraying all necessary Charges relating thereto, then and in such case it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers to raise and contribute amongst themselves, in such Shares and Proportions as to them shall seem meet, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, any further or other Sum of Money for completing and perfecting the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Two thousand Pounds; and every Subscriber towards raising such further Sum of Money shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and shall have a like Vote for himself or herself, or his or her Proxy, in respect of every Share in the said additional Sum so to be raised, and shall also be liable to such Forfeitures, and stand interested in all the Profits and Advantages of the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Sum he, she, or they shall subscribe to the said Undertaking, as generally and extensively to all Intents and Purposes as if such further or other Sum hereby allowed to be subscribed for or raised, had been originally Part of the said Capital of Nine thousand Pounds; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

To compel
Payment of
Subscrip-
tions.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who shall subscribe for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed, or which shall have been subscribed for or in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares respectively, or such Parts or Portions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for, pursuant to or by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management for the Time being herein-after mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay any such Money at such Times and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue and recover the same by Action of Debt, or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed

appointed Time of Payment, and all Costs of Suit from such Person or Persons; or in Cases where Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for, or be jointly possessed of any one Share in the said Undertaking, then from all, any, or either of such Persons.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the Committee of Management to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who shall have subscribed for, or may at any Time hereafter be entitled to a Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of such Share or Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book to be kept by their Clerk, and after such Entry, a Certificate under the Common Seal of the said Company shall be delivered to every Proprietor upon Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he or she is entitled in the said Undertaking, and such Certificate shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever, as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor, his or her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified, but the want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner from selling or disposing thereof.

Names of Proprietors to be entered and Certificates of their Shares delivered to them.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the Affairs and Concerns of the said Company shall be conducted and managed under and subject to the several Rules and Regulations hereinafter contained, (that is to say), the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall assemble together in the Guildhall of the Town and Port of *Dover* aforesaid, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, within Twenty-one Days next after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, and shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall and may adjourn to, or shall assemble at such other Times and Places as shall be duly appointed in Manner herein-after mentioned; and every such Assembly shall be styled a General Meeting, and Two such Meetings shall be held in every Year, on the Fourth *Tuesday* in the Month of *January*, and the Fourth *Tuesday* in the Month of *July*, which shall be styled Half-yearly General Meetings, and that at least Six Days previous Notice shall be given of each Half-yearly General Meeting; and that Five or more of the said Proprietors, not holding collectively less than Twenty Shares, may from Time to Time, by Notice in Writing under their Hands, call a Special General Meeting, so as the Object for which such Special General Meeting shall be called be expressed in such Notice, and so as such Notice be given Fourteen Days at least before the Day of Meeting; and that every General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as shall be found expedient, and that at least Three Days previous Notice of the Day to which any General Meeting shall be adjourned shall be given; and that at every General or Special Meeting a Chairman shall be appointed; and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors present and not declining to vote, (the Number present not being less than Seven); according to their respective Number of Shares; and every Proprietor shall be entitled to One Vote for and in respect of every Share of which he shall be possessed, but so that no Proprietor shall be entitled to vote for or in respect of more than Ten Shares, (except as the legal Representative of any other Person or Persons for or in respect of the Share or Shares held by or

Regulations for the General Meetings of the Company.

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legally vested in him as such Representative); nor shall any Person be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, or any Adjournment thereof, in respect of any Share or Shares which he or she may possess in the said Undertaking, unless such Person shall have fully paid and satisfied all Arrears of Money which shall or may have become due in pursuance of any Call or Calls made or to be made by the Committee of Management for or in respect of such Share or Shares; nor unless such Person, not being One of the Persons named in this Act, shall have been a Proprietor of the said Company for the Space of Three Calendar Months or upwards previously to any such Meeting or Adjournment; nor shall any Person vote at any of the Meetings of the said Company, upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking, in which such Person or Persons shall be interested, otherwise than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors to or of the said Undertaking; and that upon any Difference of Opinion, any Proprietor present may require the Votes at any General Meeting of the said Company to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open for more than One Hour; and that the Chairman of every such Meeting shall be entitled to vote, and in case the Number of Votes including the Chairman's Vote shall be equal, such Chairman shall also have the casting Vote; and if at any General Meeting a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act shall not assemble and proceed to Business in One Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if Seven Proprietors be not present when any Business shall be to be decided upon, the Meeting shall adjourn to the same Day in the following Week, or to some other Day to be appointed by the Members present at such Meeting, (Two Proprietors only being hereby declared sufficient for the Purposes of Adjournment,) or in Default thereof, by the Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them.

Notice of Meetings, &c. to be given by the Clerk of the Company.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Notices hereinbefore directed to be given of any General Meetings or Adjournments respectively, and all Notices to be given to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not hereby otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors, or to such individual Proprietors respectively who shall be residing in *England*, either by public Advertisement to be inserted in some Newspaper circulated in the Eastern Parts of the County of *Kent*, by Letters from the Clerk of the said Company sent by Post to each and every of the said Proprietors entitled to vote at such Meetings respectively, or to the individual Proprietors entitled to such Notice (as the Case may be), or by the Delivery of such Letters to such respective Proprietors, either in Person or by leaving the same at the last or usual Places of Abode of the said Proprietors respectively; and that the same Notices shall be deemed and considered the same as Personal Notices.

In case of Death of Proprietor, it shall not be necessary to give Notice of Meeting in respect of his Share until after Proof.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case of the Death or Bankruptcy of any Proprietor, it shall not be necessary to give Notice of any Meeting in respect of the Share or Shares of such Proprietor, until after satisfactory Proof shall have been given to the Clerk to the Company of the Names and Residence of the Person or Persons legally entitled to the Share or Shares of the Proprietor so dying or becoming Bankrupt.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time, at any of their General Meetings, to make such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws as to them shall seem meet and proper for the good Government of the said Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the Committee of Management, and for the regulating of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in or about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking in all Respects whatsoever, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, and to make others, and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Persons offending against such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any one Offence, as to the said Company at a General Meeting shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws so made as aforesaid (being reduced into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed) shall be binding upon all Persons, and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same: Provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* called *England*, or any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act: Provided also, that Copies thereof shall be printed and fixed and continued in the Office of the said Company, or some other Building of the said Company; and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall be subject to Appeal in manner by this Act directed.

General Meetings may make Bye Laws.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company at any General Meeting of the said Company to nominate and elect by Ballot, and to appoint under the Common Seal of the said Company, any Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers, and some other Person to be Clerk to the said Company, and also an Engineer, and a Receiver or Collector, and any other Officers that may be necessary or proper, with such Salaries, Gratuities, or Recompence as the said General Meeting shall think proper; and from Time to Time to remove any such Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk, Engineer, or Officers, Receiver or Collector, or other Officers, and to nominate, elect, and appoint another Person or Persons in his or their Room or Stead: Provided always, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Person who shall be appointed Treasurer, Clerk, Receiver, or Collector for any of the Purposes of this Act, for the faithful Execution of their respective Offices, before they shall enter thereupon respectively.

Power to appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers.

Treasurers, Receivers, and Collectors to give Security.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or for the Committee of Management to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Company; and if any Person shall act in both Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person, being the Partner of any such Clerk, shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of such Treasurer shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, every Person shall

Same Person not to act as Clerk and Treasurer.

shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Committee
of Manage-
ment.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting of the said Company, or at some Adjournment thereof, Five Members of the said Company shall be elected and chosen a Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company; and such Committee of Management shall continue in Office, and be respectively Members of the said Committee, until the Half-yearly Meeting which shall be held in *January* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, or until others or another shall be appointed in their or any of their Stead in pursuance of this Act; and at the said last-mentioned Half-yearly Meeting, or at some Adjournment thereof, and also at the Half-yearly Meeting to be held in *January* in every succeeding Year, or at some Adjournment thereof, a new Committee of Five Members shall from Time to Time be elected and appointed out of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking, to be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company, who shall continue in their Office until the next yearly Appointment of a Committee of Management as aforesaid, or until others or another shall be duly elected into their or any of their Places under the Provision herein-after in that Behalf contained; provided, that nothing herein contained shall render any one of the Committee whose Office shall have expired, ineligible to be re-elected a Committee Man, if otherwise duly qualified; provided also, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected, nor to serve or act as a Member of the said Committee, who shall hold any Place of Profit under the said Company, or who shall be concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts under this Act, or who shall offer to take, or succeed in taking, or shall participate in any manner in any Work to be done for the said Company, whether by Contract or otherwise; or be a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any Article provided, made use of, or manufactured by the said Company.

For supply-
ing Vacancies
in Commit-
tee.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Member of the Committee of Management to be elected by virtue of this Act shall die or become disqualified, or shall for the Space of Six Calendar Months refuse or neglect to attend the Meetings of the said Committee, it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting to be held pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect some other Proprietor to be a Member of the said Committee in his Stead, and every such Proprietor so elected shall continue in Office as a Member of the said Committee so long as the Person in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have been entitled to have continued if such Death, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect had not happened.

No Person to
act as a Com-
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Five Shares.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be eligible to be elected one of the Committee for managing the Affairs of the said Undertaking, unless at the Time of the Election he shall be possessed of Five Shares in the said Undertaking; nor unless such Person,

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not being one of the Persons originally named in this Act, shall have been Proprietor of the said Company for the Space of Three Calendar Months or upwards previously to any such Election.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall and may hold their Meetings at such Place within the Town and Port of *Dover* aforesaid, and at such Times, and adjourn their Meetings from Time to Time and from Place to Place as they shall think fit; and at every Meeting one of the Members of the said Committee present at such Meeting shall be elected Chairman; and all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management at any of their Meetings, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of the Members then present, the Number present not being less than Three; and in case of an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, including the Vote of the Chairman for the Time being, such Chairman shall have the decisive and casting Vote; and that if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee, Three Members qualified to vote shall not attend, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned till the next Day, if not a *Sunday*, and if the next Day shall be a *Sunday* then to the *Monday* following, by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present, then by the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and that any Three or more Members of the Committee may at any Time, when they shall think fit, call a Meeting of the Committee, by Notice in Writing, signed by such Three or more Members, to be sent by the Post or otherwise to the Residence or Address of every Member of such Committee.

Meetings of the Committee, and Regulations for their Proceedings.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to elect a Chairman, and to meet and adjourn from Time to Time and Place to Place as aforesaid, and also at any Time to call Special General Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and to appoint the Time and Place of holding General Meetings, and to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out or disposed of, for the Purpose of the same, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and in making and entering into Contracts or Agreements for lighting of the said Town and Port of *Dover*, and the Places adjacent, or any of such Streets, Squares, Markets, Places, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Public Passages, and Public or Private Houses or Buildings as aforesaid, and in ordering, directing, or employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid, and in making, enforcing, and rescinding all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, subject to such Orders, Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company.

Power of Committee.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Orders and Proceedings of every Meeting, as well of the Company as of the Managing Committee, shall

Proceedings to be entered.

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

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

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That whenever Two or more Persons shall be jointly possessed of or entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as a Proprietor of such Share or Shares, shall for the Purposes of this Act be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall and may be given to such Person whose Name shall so stand first in the Books of the said Company; and such Notice to such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Notice to all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, for all the Purposes for which such Notice is intended to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any such Share or Shares; and all such Owners or Proprietors shall be entitled to give their Votes in respect thereof by the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as a Proprietor of such Share or Shares, and his Vote shall on all Occasions be deemed and allowed to be the Vote for or in respect of the whole Property in such Share or Shares, without Proof of the Concurrence of the other Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares.

Power for the Proprietors to vote by Proxy.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That any Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company's Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Share or Shares at any General Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking: Provided nevertheless, that no one Person shall deliver in Proxies for more than Ten Proprietors; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

‘ I *A. B.* of one of the Proprietors of and in the *Dover Gas*
 ‘ I Light Company, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of
 ‘ to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence to vote,
 ‘ to give my Assent to, or Dissent from, any Business, Matter, or Thing
 ‘ relating to the said Undertaking, that shall be mentioned or proposed at
 ‘ any General Meeting of the said Company, in such Manner as he the said
 ‘ *C. D.* shall think proper, according to his Opinion and Judgment, for
 ‘ the Benefit of the said Undertaking, or any thing relating thereto. In
 ‘ witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand, the Day
 ‘ of ’

Committeeto make Calls.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have full Power at any Time or Times to make such

such Call or Calls upon the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, or their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Amount of the Subscriptions for their respective Shares, in such Instalments as such Committee shall deem requisite and necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; and every Order for a Call shall be signed by the Chairman of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, and Two of the Members of the said Committee at least, present at some Meeting of the said Committee duly held; and the Sum or Sums of Money so to be called for, shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company for the Time being, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Fourteen Days previous Notice shall be given, in such Manner as the said Committee shall direct and appoint in that Behalf; and if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Proportion of the Money so to be called for, by the Space of Six Weeks next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, at some General Meeting to be held after such Neglect or Refusal, to declare all and every or any of the Share or Shares of such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid to be forfeited; and from thenceforth the said Share or Shares so declared to be forfeited, and all the Profit and Benefit thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them on account thereof, shall be vested in the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, to and for the Uses and Purposes herein-after mentioned.

On Non-payment of Calls, Shares to be forfeited.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Share or Shares of any Person or Persons of and in the said Undertaking shall be forfeited, or vest in and accrue to the said Company, until Notice shall have been published in some one of the Newspapers circulated in the Eastern Parts of the said County of *Kent*, Thirty Days at least before the holding of such General Meeting; in which Notice shall be contained a Statement and Account of the Money due from such Person or Persons for such Call or Calls in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, exclusive of the Interest thereon; and no such Share or Shares shall be forfeited to or vested in the said Company, if the Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares, or the Person or Persons appearing by such Affidavit to be Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares, shall, before the holding of such General Meeting, pay what shall be due thereon for such Call or Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest for the same, and all the Expences attending the Application for and advertising of the same as aforesaid.

No Share to be forfeited unless Notice be published in a Newspaper.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares of the said Undertaking shall by virtue of this Act have become forfeited to or vested in the said Company as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to sell or cause to be sold by Public Auction or Private Contract, and by Writing under the Common Seal of the said Company to assign and transfer, such and so many of the Share or Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters, as the said Company or their Committee shall from Time to Time find necessary, and to direct to be sold unto such Person

Company empowered to sell Shares become forfeited.

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If the Purchase Money for such Share shall be more than sufficient to pay the Arrears of Calls, and Interest and Expences thereon, the Surplus to be paid to the Owner on Demand.

Shares unsold to revert to the former Owners.

Executors and Administrators indemnified in paying Calls.

Proprietors of Shares forfeited not to be sued.

For ascertaining the Proprietor-

or Persons as shall become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and such Assignments and Transfers shall be good, valid, and effectual against the Owner or Owners of every such Share or Shares so forfeited to or vested in the said Company, and sold as aforesaid, and all Persons claiming under him, her, or them: Provided always, that in case the Money produced by the Sale of any such Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest thereon, and the Expences attending the Sale or Sales, and all other reasonable Charges and Expences incident to such Share or Shares, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid on Demand to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged, or shall appear by such Affidavit or Affidavits to have belonged: Provided also, that the said Company or their Committee shall not, by virtue of this Act, sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be sufficient, as near as may be at the Time of such Call, to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters for or on account of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after Payment of all and every of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares vested in the said Company as aforesaid, which shall remain in their Hands unsold, shall revert to and again become the Property of the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged, immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall die before such Payment shall have been made by him, her, or them of the full Sum to be called for in respect thereof as aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provision, by Will or otherwise, how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, then and in such Case the Executors or Administrators of such Proprietor or Proprietors, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians, of any Infant or other Person entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such Infant, and all other Persons whomsoever, for paying any Money which shall be called for as aforesaid, in respect of the Share or Shares of such deceased Proprietor or Proprietors.

XXXVII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall empower the said Company to sue the Proprietors of any Share or Shares which shall be declared to be forfeited in Manner and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act (except as to any such Share or Shares as shall revert as herein-before directed), for any Call or Calls of Money subsequent to the Declaration of such Forfeiture; but when any such forfeited Share or Shares shall be sold, the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof shall be liable to the future Calls, in the same Manner as if he, she, or they had been the original Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares.

XXXVIII. And whereas in case any original Holder or Proprietor of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, become Insolvent

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or Bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk of the said Company, it may not be in the Power of any Officer acting for the said Company to ascertain who is or are the Owner or Proprietor, or Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, in order to give him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, Notice or Notices of Calls to be made on such Share or Shares; or to maintain any Action or Actions, Suit, or other Proceedings against him, her, or them; or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely paying to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore enacted, That in all Cases where the Right and Property in One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers, or any Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, to any other Person or Persons, by any other legal Means than by a Transfer and Conveyance thereof in the Form and Manner herein-after specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons before a Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such other Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, and such Affidavit shall be delivered to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter into, and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book, or List of Subscribers and Proprietors of the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company.

ship of Shares
in certain
Cases.

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

Shares may
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ferred.

I [or we,] of in Con-
sideration of the Sum of paid to me [or us] by
of do hereby bargain, sell, assign,
and transfer to the said the Sum of
Capital Stock of and in the Undertaking called *The Dovor Gas Light*
Company; being my [or our] Share [or Shares], Number
[or Numbers] therein; to hold to the said
Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules,
Orders, and Restrictions, and on the same Conditions, as I [or we]
held the same immediately before the Execution hereof: And I [or we]
the said do hereby agree to take and accept the said
Share [or Shares] subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and
Conditions. As witness our Hands and Seals this Day of
, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and

Form of
Transfer.

And every such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company by an Entry of the Date, Names of the Parties, and the
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Transfers to
be registered.

Number of Shares transferred, for which Entry or Registering the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence and no more shall be paid to the Clerk or other Officer making the same, by the Person at whose Request such Registry shall be made; and a Copy of such Register, signed by the Clerk or other such Officer of the said Company, shall be sufficient Evidence of every such Sale and Transfer in all Disputes, and in all Trials before any Court, and by all Judges, Justices, and others, in the United Kingdom; and that until such Transfer shall be entered or registered in the Books of the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages thereof, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any Meeting or Meetings as Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

No Share to be sold after Calls are made.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, after the Day appointed for the Payment of any Call for Money, until the Money so called for in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares, intended to be sold, shall be paid, and that until such Money so called for shall be paid, in respect of such Share or Shares intended to be sold, such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void, and such Share or Shares shall be liable to Forfeiture under the Provisions herein-before contained, in such and the same Manner as if no such Sale or Transfer had been made.

Accounts to be settled yearly. Meeting to declare Dividends.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That any Half-yearly General Meeting, or any General Meeting, specially called for the Purpose, shall have full Power to call for, examine, and settle the Accounts of the said Company, and that at every Half-yearly General Meeting to be held on the Fourth *Tuesday* in the Month of *January*, or some Adjournment thereof, a yearly Dividend or Dividends shall be made out, of the Interest, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise, and such Dividend shall be at and after the Rate of so much *per Centum* for every Share, upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the said Subscribers, their Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine; provided that no Dividend shall be made, whereby the Capital of the said Company shall in any Degree be reduced or impaired, nor shall any Dividend be paid in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Call for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid.

Company to supply a better and cheaper Light than Oil.

XLII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply such of the public Streets, Squares, Lanes, Passages, and other public Ways in the said Town and Places adjacent as shall be contracted for, with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light than could be obtained from Oil; and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for lighting with Gas any public Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Way by the said Company, shall contain a Clause, providing

viding that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Way shall at all Times be better and cheaper lighted by the said Company, than could be done by Oil, according to the average Expence of lighting with Oil for the Space of Three Years immediately preceding.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes, which shall be put up by the said Company, for lighting the Streets, Squares, and other public Places of the said Town and Port, and Places adjacent, any or either of them, under any Contract or Agreement with the said Commissioners, or other Persons thereunto authorized, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stop Cocks shall be so formed and turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted. Service Pipes to be kept fully charged with Gas.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take, use, or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in their private Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings or Manufactories, shall refuse or neglect, after the Space of Ten Days after Demand, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company, according to the Terms and Stipulations with the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendant, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any Two of the Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, to levy the said Sum or Sums in respect whereof such Refusal or Neglect shall happen, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be first deducted, or the same with Costs of Suit may be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed. Remedy for Recovery of Rents.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, (subject to the Provisions and Restrictions herein mentioned) by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make and erect such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, and other Buildings, Cisterns, Machines, Engines, and other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works, and to sink and lay Pipes of such Construction, and in such Manner, as the said Company shall think necessary or proper for carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution; and also in a careful and workmanlike Manner, doing thereby as little Damage as may be, to break up the Soil, Pitchings, and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages within the said Town and Port of *Dover*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, or adjacent thereto; and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stop Cocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes in, under, across, and along such Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages, and in such Manner as shall be Power to break up the Soil and the Pavements of Streets.

be necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, or supplying any such Light as aforesaid; and from Time to Time to alter the Position of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stop Cocks, Syphons, and Plugs or Branches, and also to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus from any Main or Pipe laid in any Street, Highway, Road, Way, Lane, Footpath, or Passage, by the said Company by virtue of this Act, into a Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same from any such Mains or Pipes; and to fix, place, and maintain any Apparatus or Convenience necessary or requisite, or deemed advisable, for securing to any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply; and also to alter or amend any Work which shall have been placed when the same shall be bad and imperfect, or which shall be injured or damaged in such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings; and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things, of the same or the like Nature, as shall from Time to Time be necessary and convenient for the Purposes of carrying this Act into Execution: Provided always, that a proper Compensation be made by the said Company of Proprietors for any Damage to be done by the said Acts respectively; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize or empower the said Company, or their Successors, to sink or make any such Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, and Reservoirs in any Situation or Direction where the same can, shall, or may injure any present or future public or private Drain, Sewer, or Well, nor to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, from any Main or Pipe, into or against any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, or so to continue the same, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners, or Occupier or Occupiers for the Time being of every such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, as aforesaid: Provided also, that the Soil, Pitchings, Gutters, and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages within the present or future Jurisdiction of the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Acts of the Eighteenth and Fiftieth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, shall only be broken up with the Consent of such Commissioners, and under the Inspection of their Surveyor: Provided also, that all Works, to be done or repaired within the Jurisdiction of such last-mentioned Commissioners, be done under the Inspection of such Surveyor aforesaid (Emergencies excepted): Provided also, that all other public Streets, Roads, and Highways, shall only be broken up with the Consent of the Commissioners, Trustees, or Surveyors under whose Care or Superintendence the same Streets, Roads, or Highways may be, and under the Inspection of the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Commissioners or Trustees respectively: Provided also, that all private Roads or Ways shall only be broken up with the Consent of the Occupier or Occupiers, and Owner or Owners of the Soil thereof respectively.

After Consent allowed
for Company

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Consent is required to be and shall be obtained by the said Company

pany to break or take up, or remove any Pavement, Soil, or Ground in or of any Streets, Squares, Market Places, Bridges, Highways, or other public Places in the said Town, Township, or Parish, in order to lay down any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, to convey Gas, or for any other Purpose which may be required under this Act, nothing in this Act contained shall, after such Consent obtained as aforesaid, and after Twenty-four Hours previous Notice (or in case of Emergency after Three Hours previous Notice) in Writing from the said Company or their Clerk, given to or left at the Place of Abode of such Surveyor or Surveyors, or of the Clerk to such Trustees or Commissioners, or the Person having the Property of such Soil or Pavement, be deemed or construed to extend to prevent the said Company from repairing such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, or from breaking or taking up, or removing any Pavement, Soil, or Ground, in or of any Streets, Squares, Market Places, Bridges, Highways, or other Public Place whatsoever, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing any such Main or Mains, or any Pipe or Pipes whatsoever, or for any other Purpose which may be required under this Act.

to break up Pavements, no further Consent necessary.

XLVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case any Pipe, Cock, or Branch shall be carried or laid from any Main or Pipe of the said Company into or through or against any private Dwelling House, Manufactory, Warehouse, Wharf, Building, Yard, or Ground, for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any other Dwelling House, Manufactory, Building, Yard, or Ground, in pursuance of and conformably to the Powers and Authorities in this Act contained, and the Owner or Occupier of any such private Dwelling House, Manufactory, Warehouse, Wharf, Building, Yard, or Ground, into or through or against which such Pipe, Cock, or Branch shall pass or be laid, shall be desirous that the same Pipe, Cock, or Branch shall be altered or removed and taken away, and of such their Desire shall give Notice in Writing to the said Company, then and in every such Case the said Company shall, at the Costs and Charges of the Parties requiring the same, within Five Days after Receipt of such Notice, alter or remove and take away, or cause to be altered or removed and taken away, all or any such Pipes, Cocks, and Branches as shall have been so introduced and laid therein or thereupon, from any such Main or Pipe of the said Company as aforesaid; and in Default thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for such Owner or Occupier, or any other Person or Persons acting under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, and Branches to be altered or removed and taken away, as the Case may require.

Company to remove Pipes, &c. on private Property, on Notice.

XLVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to break, take up, or disturb the Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement, in or of any Road or Highway within the Limits of this Act, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons in whom the Superintendence, Property, or Controul of any such Road or Highway is by Authority of Parliament or otherwise howsoever vested, under the Hand or Hands of their proper Officer or Officers; and that all and every the Works, Matters, and Things at any Time hereafter to be done or performed by the said Company, or their Servants, Workmen, or others, in, upon, through, or over any such Road or Highway, shall be subject

To be subject to all Acts of Parliament relating to Roads.

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to the Provisions, Regulations, Penalties and Notices, and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Rules, Directions, Forfeitures, Claims, Matters, and Things contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament for the making, amending, repairing, or improving any such Road or Highway, or otherwise relating thereto, so far as the same or any of them are applicable to Gas Light Companies, as fully and effectually as if the same had been amply re-enacted herein.

Situations of Pipes, &c. may be altered, if Commissioners desire it.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if for the Purposes of the said recited Acts of the Eighteenth and Fiftieth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, it shall at any Time or Times hereafter be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners acting under and by virtue of the same Acts, to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Mains, Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, within the present or future Jurisdiction of the said Commissioners, the said Company of Proprietors shall, at the Expence, Costs, and Charges of the said Commissioners, within Two Calendar Months next after being required so to do by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Mains, Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs, or Branches according to such Notice, in such Manner and in such Place or Places as the said Commissioners shall think right or proper; and in Default thereof it shall be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority (at the like Costs and Charges of the said Commissioners), to cause such Mains, Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised, sunk, or altered as aforesaid, so that in either of the said Cases as little Damage as possible be done thereby to the said Company or their Successors, and so that they be not thereby prevented from or inconvenienced or obstructed in lighting any public or private Lamp or Lamps, unless such Damage or Obstruction, from the Circumstances of the Case, be unavoidable.

Owners of private Grounds may alter the Position of Pipes.

L. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall at any Time hereafter break up the Soil, Pitching, or Pavement of any private Road or Way, for the Purpose of laying any Main or Pipe along, under, or across the same, with the Consent of the Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being, and after the same shall have been so laid and placed, it shall be lawful for such Owner or Owners at any Time or Times thereafter, if he, she, or they should deem it necessary or expedient, and at his, her, or their own Costs and Charges, to alter and vary the Position of such Pipe or Pipes, Main or Mains, and to relay the same, so that no Damage be done thereby to the said Company, and so that they be not thereby prevented from or obstructed in lighting any public or private Lamp, unless such Damage or Obstruction be unavoidable.

Company to be remunerated for Loss sustained by altering Pipes, &c. in certain Cases.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising, sinking, or altering any of the said Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches, either by the said Commissioners, or any such Owner or Owners as last mentioned, any Damage, Loss, or Injury shall be done, accrue, or be sustained to or by the said Company or their Successors, either by losing the lighting of any such public or private Lamp or Lamps as aforesaid or otherwise, then and in every such Case, such Damage, Loss, or Injury, to be fixed and ascertained by One or more Justice or Justices of the

Peace for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, shall be made good to the said Company of Proprietors by the said Commissioners, or by the said Owner or Owners, as the Case may be, as soon as Circumstances shall permit, and in Default of Payment thereof by any such Owner or Owners, for One Calendar Month after Demand shall be made by the said Company or by their Clerk or Superintendant, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, the same shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Owner or Owners, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said Town and Port, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Company as the Case may require.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Commissioners shall refuse or neglect to attend to inspect any of the Works hereby directed to be done under his Inspection, and which shall have been consented to by the said Commissioners, after being thereunto required by Notice in Writing from the said Company or their Clerk, given to or left at the Place of Abode of the said Surveyor, the said Company are hereby fully authorized to do and perform such Works without the Inspection of such Surveyor, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Non-attendance of Surveyor of Commissioners not to retard the Works.

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Stop Cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus, shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill in the Trenches, and make good Pavements, Gutters, and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned by such Works; and if after such Pavements, Gutters, or Roads shall have been so repaired and made good, the same shall within Twelve Calendar Months give way, or require relaying or repairing in consequence of such Pavements, Gutters or Roads having been broken up for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, the same shall be forthwith done and performed by and at the Expence of the said Company; and the said Company shall, and they are hereby required to repair any Damage arising from any Drains, Sewers, or Cuts which may be made for carrying off the Washings or Waste Liquids aforesaid, without any Delay, and shall, in the mean Time, fence, guard, and light the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, in such Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages, the same several and respective Acts to be done under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Commissioners, in all Cases where such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus, shall be laid or repaired in or under any of the public Streets, Roads, Ways, Foot-paths, or other Places now or hereafter to be within the Jurisdiction of the said Commissioners, and under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Commissioners or Trustees of any other Roads or Highways which may be so broken up, and under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Owner

Pavements to be made good when Pipes are laid.

Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being in all other Places: Provided always, that if there should be any wilful or negligent Delay in the said Company, or in any of their Agents or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, in filling any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads as aforesaid, or in fencing, guarding, and lighting the Place where any such Ground shall be opened as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or their Surveyor or Surveyors, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners, as to any Street, Highway, Way, Lane, Passage, or Place within their Jurisdiction as aforesaid; so broken up, and to and for the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Trustees or Commissioners or Trustees of any other such Road or Highway as aforesaid; and to and for the Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being in all other Places, to fill in such Ground; and remove such Rubbish, and repair and make good any Pavement or Road so broken up, and to fence, guard, and light such Place so opened as aforesaid, and the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors or their Treasurer, to the said Surveyor or Surveyors, or Owner or Owners, as the Case may require; and in default of Payment thereof for Ten Days next after Demand shall be made by any such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees, as the Case may require, or by such Owner or Owners, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Port, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs, Charges, and Penalties shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Treasurer, or as the Case may require, to the said Owner or Owners.

Power of
Commission-
ers of Pave-
ment, &c.
not to be
affected.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the Effect of depriving the said Commissioners for carrying into Execution the said Acts of Parliament of the Eighteenth and Fiftieth Years of His late Majesty's Reign, or their Successors, or any other Person or Persons, of any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them at present possess, or of interfering with any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them may hereafter acquire, of lighting the public Streets, Highways, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and other Places, Houses, Manufactories, or Buildings, in the said Town and Port, and the Liberties and Precincts of the same, or adjacent thereto, as aforesaid, with Gas Lights, or in any other Manner, or to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Rights, Powers, and Authorities of the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the said recited Acts of the Eighteenth and Fiftieth Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, or to remove any of the Disabilities or Restrictions, or to take away any of the Penalties or Forfeitures contained therein or imposed thereby, but that the said Acts, and all and every the Matters, Powers, Authorities,

Authorities, Privileges, Disabilities, Restrictions, Provisions, Articles, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Clauses therein contained, shall be and continue in full Force and Effect to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, so far as the same are not expressly varied, altered, or affected by the Provisions herein contained, or any of them, in such and the like Manner as if this Act had not passed.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person being a Proprietor of the said Gas Company shall be entitled to be present and to vote at any Meeting to be holden by the Commissioners acting under the said recited Acts of the Eighteenth and Fiftieth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty, upon any Question which shall arise relative to any Contract to be entered into between the said Commissioners and the said Gas Company for lighting the said Town and Port of *Dover* with Gas, or upon any other Matter or Question which shall relate to or in anywise concern the said Gas Company, upon Pain of forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Gas Light Proprietors, being Commissioners of Paving, not to vote on Contracts with the Company.

LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe or Tube, to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, nor supply any Inhabitant or other Person with any Gas from any such Pipe belonging to the said Company, on Pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Forty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe shall so remain or such Supply be furnished; every such Penalty of Forty Shillings to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant, and the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture, and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction in and for the said Town and Port, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges to be fixed by such Justice or Justices in the Event of Commitment, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company, if they should so think fit, also to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of the Person so offending, notwithstanding any Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements, which may have been previously entered into.

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

LVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wantonly or maliciously hinder or interrupt the Workmen or Servants, or any of them, in the Service of the said Company, in doing or performing any of the Works, or in Exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or shall in anywise cause or procure such Interruption or

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen,

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Hindrance to take place, and shall be thereof convicted before any Justice or Justices acting in or for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, either on Evidence of any credible Witness, or by Confession of the Party accused, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors any Sum to be adjudged by such Justice or Justices, not exceeding Five Pounds; and such Sum so adjudged to be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may by virtue of this Act be recovered.

Power to
convey Wash-
ings, &c.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to make Sewers or Cuts of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think fit, under the Ways, Lanes, Avenues, and Places within the said Town and Port of *Dover*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof or adjacent thereto, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings or other waste Liquids which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers or Cuts, and immediately repairing at their own Expence all such Damage; provided, that no such Washings or other waste Liquids, or any other Matter or Thing made or arising in the Manufacture of such Gas, shall be conducted or conveyed into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, and that no such Sewer or Cut shall be made in any Situation where the same can, shall, or may in any manner interfere with, prejudice, or affect any of the present or future public or private Wells, Sewers, or Drains within the said Town and Port of *Dover*, or the present or future Limits or Liberties thereof, or adjacent thereto, or without the Consent of the Commissioners or Trustees for the Time being, having the Direction or Management of any public Streets, Highways, Roads, Paths, or Passages, or the Owner or Owners, Occupier and Occupiers of any private Lands or Grounds, through, under, or across which such Sewers or Cuts shall be made.

Penalty on
Company for
conveying
Washings
into any River,
Stream, &c.

LIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Gas Light Company shall at any Time drain or convey, or cause or suffer to be drained or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings or other waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the Works of the said Gas Light Company, or in the Process of obtaining the said Gas, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, or Spring Head, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch, communicating therewith, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook or Running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Water-way, Feeder, Pond, or Spring Head, Well, Drain, Sewer, or Ditch, whereby the said Water, or any Part thereof, shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then in each and in every such Case the said Gas Light 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, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparance, shall be allowed; and one Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety to the Corporation or Company, or other the Person or Persons against whom any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall have been done

done or committed, or which shall have been injured thereby: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time that such Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing shall have ceased and determined: Provided also, that over and above and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, 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 drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in Manner aforesaid, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, or any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Water-way, Feeder, Pond, Spring Head, 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 to the said Gas Light Company, and the said Gas Light Company shall not within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, from being 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 Gas Light 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 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, levied, and applied in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by this Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied.

LX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down or set up by the said Company in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall at their own Expence, immediately after receiving Notice by Parole or in Writing (to be left or given at their Office or usual Place of transacting their Business) of any such Escape of Gas, from any Inhabitant of the said Town and Port of *Dover*, or the Liberties or Precincts thereof, 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 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 from Time to Time recoverable in a summary Way on the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices for the said Town and Port of *Dover* or County of *Kent*, or other Justice or Justices having Jurisdiction, as the Case may require, and shall and may be recovered with all reasonable Charges by Distress and

Stopping the
Escape of
Gas.

and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company by the Warrant of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, to be granted in like Manner and subject to the like Provisions as are herein directed touching other Penalties to be recovered from the said Company.

Penalty for
damaging
Pipes, &c.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously remove, take away, break, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, Lamp or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or shall wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously extinguish or put out any or either of the public Lamps and Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any one or either of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted, on the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, or County of *Kent*, within their respective Jurisdictions, shall, for each separate and distinct Act or Offence herein-before enumerated, forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage to be done, as the same shall be ascertained by such Justice or Justices; such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied under the Warrant of such Justice or Justices by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any) on Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels, or if it shall appear to the said Justice or Justices, either by Confession or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath or have not any Goods or Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture or Damage aforesaid, such Offender or Offenders shall or may be forthwith committed to the House of Correction in and for the said Town and Port, there to remain for any Time to be fixed, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, Damages, and Costs so directed to be levied shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Satisfaction
for accidental
Damage to
Lamps, &c.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure any Lamp or Lamps hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their private Expence, or any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto, or to the said Company, or waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, and shall not, upon Demand by the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendant, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town and Port of *Dover*, or County of *Kent*, within their respective Jurisdictions, and he and they is and are hereby required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred; and upon hearing the Allegation and Proofs on both Sides, or on Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to award such Sum or Sums of Money, by way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons (as the Case may require) for such Damages, as
such

such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable ; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded, within Three Days after Demand, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, or any one of them, and he and they is and are hereby required to cause the same to be raised and levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rule, Order, or Bye-Law of the said Company of Proprietors, or any Thing done in pursuance thereof, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this Act, may, within Six Calendar Months after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the Eastern Division of the County of *Kent*, the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten clear Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Clerk of the said Company, as representing the said Company, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said Town and Port, or County of *Kent*, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon ; and the said Justices, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, shall, in a summary Way, hear and determine such Complaint at such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or if they think proper, may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the Eastern Division of the said County of *Kent*, and if they see Cause, may mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of any such Rule, Bye-Law, Order, or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, or Costs to either of the Parties, as they shall judge reasonable and proper ; and all such Determinations of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Appeal may be made to the Sessions.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on behalf of the Prosecutor or on behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and should refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Costs, Charges, and Expenses, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of Appearance, or appearing should refuse to be examined on Oath, or being a Quaker or Quakers, on solemn Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer), and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case any such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Compelling the Attendance of Witnesses, and respecting Service of Notices.

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LXV. And

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

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

Proceedings
to be within
Six Calendar
Months.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act for any Offence or Offences against this Act, which are hereby directed to be recovered before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, unless Information respecting such Offence or Offences should have been lodged before some Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where such Offence shall have been committed within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence or Offences committed, or shall have ceased or determined.

Distress not
unlawful for
want of
Form.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That where any Distress shall be made for any Sum or Sums of Money to be levied under the Authority of this Act, or any Order or Bye Law made in pursuance thereof, the Distress itself shall not be deemed unlawful, nor shall the Party or Parties making the same be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers, on account of any Defect or Want of Form in any of the Proceedings relating thereto, nor shall the Party or Parties distraining be deemed a Trespasser or Trespassers *ab initio*, on account of any subsequent Illegality in the Party or Parties so distraining; but the Person or Persons so aggrieved may recover, by Action on the Case, full Satisfaction for the special Damage by him or them sustained in consequence of such Irregularity; but no Person or Persons shall recover in any such Action, if Tender of sufficient Amends shall, before such Action brought, have been made by or on behalf of the Party or Parties who shall have committed, or caused to be committed, any such Irregularity as aforesaid, or shall have been guilty of any Trespass or other wrongful Proceeding; and in case no such Tender shall have been made, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants, in any such Action, by Leave of the Court in which any such Action shall be pending, at any Time before Issue joined, to pay into Court such Sum of Money as he or they shall think fit, whereupon such Proceedings, Orders, and Judgments shall be made and given in and by such Court, as in other Actions where the Defendant is allowed to pay Money into Court.

Proceedings
not to be
quashed for
want of
Form, or
removed by
Certiorari.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Proceedings to be had touching the Conviction of any Offender against this Act, or any Order or Bye Law made in pursuance thereof, nor any Judgment or Determination to be made, or any other Matter or Thing to be done in, or transacted in, or relating to the Execution of this Act, shall be vacated or quashed for want of Form only, or be removed by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of

Record at *Westminster*, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any of the said Proprietors or their Surveyors or other Officers respectively, and such Person or Persons as they or any of them shall call to their Assistance, without any Warrant or other Authority than this Act, to seize and detain any Person or Persons (being unknown to such Proprietors, Surveyors, or other Officers) who shall commit any Offence or Offences against this Act, and take him, her, or them before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County or Place where the Offence or Offences shall be committed, or such Offender or Offenders shall be seized and apprehended; and such Justice and Justices shall, and is and are hereby required to proceed and act with respect to such Offender or Offenders according to the Provisions of this Act.

For securing transient Offenders.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders, or of applying the Penalties, is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where such Offence or Offences shall have been committed, in a summary Way; and such Justice is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending, which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer; and in Default of Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; and One Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained (the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted) shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety shall be paid to the Guardians or Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein the Offence was committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor in such Parish; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or in case the Offender shall declare before such Justice that he hath not any Goods or Chattels whereon to levy, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction for any Time to be fixed, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures and Costs shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LXXI. And for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That a Conviction in the Form or to the Effect following shall be good, without alleging more than the Substance of the Offence; *videlicet*,

Form of Conviction.

‘ Town and Port of Dover,
‘ in the County of Kent,
‘ to wit. } BE it remembered, That on the
‘ One thousand eight hundred and Day of in the Year of our Lord
is [or are] convicted
‘ before

‘ before me [*or us, as the Case shall be*] of His Majesty’s
 ‘ Justices of the Peace of and for the said Town and Port, by virtue of
 ‘ an Act passed in the Third Year of the Reign of King George the
 ‘ Fourth, intituled *An Act [here insert the Title of this Act]* of having
 ‘ [*specifying the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same*
 ‘ *was committed, as the Case shall be*], contrary to the said Act, and for
 ‘ which Offence I [*or we, as the Case shall be*] do adjudge the said
 ‘ to have forfeited the Sum of and
 ‘ for Costs. Given under my Hand and Seal [*or our,*
 ‘ *as the Case shall be, Hands and Seals*] the Day and Year first above
 ‘ written.’

Expences of
Act how to
be paid.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies to be subscribed by virtue of this Act.

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

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding by Indictment or otherwise against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any Actions against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works or Method of Lighting, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of Lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Persons employed therein.

General
Saving.

LXXIV. Saving always to the King’s most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the said Commissioners for carrying into Execution the said Acts of Parliament of the Eighteenth and Fiftieth Years of His late Majesty’s Reign, and their Successors, and to the Mayor, Jurats, and Common Councilmen of the said Town and Port of *Dover* and their Successors, and to the Warden and Assistants of *Dover* Harbour and their Successors, their respective Powers, Rights, Privileges, and Franchises, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not passed.

Public Act.

LXXV. 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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