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An Act to establish a Company for lighting the Borough of *Stamford* in the County of *Lincoln*, and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* in the County of *Northampton*, with Gas. [17th June 1823.]

WHEREAS the Borough of *Stamford* in the County of *Lincoln*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, within the Liberty of *Peterborough*, in the County of *Northampton*, are very populous and of considerable Trade, and also a great Thoroughfare for Travellers: And whereas the most Honourable *Brownlow Marquis and Earl of Exeter*, is the Lord of the Soil in the principal Streets, Lanes, and other public Places within the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid: And whereas the Streets, Lanes, and other public Places within the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, are not lighted, and it would tend greatly to the Safety, Convenience, and Advantage not only of the Inhabitants of the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, but of all other Persons resorting to and travelling through the same, if the said Streets, Lanes, and other public Places were effectually lighted: And whereas it has been ascertained that Gas or Inflammable Air, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, may be procured from Coal, and that such Gas or Inflammable Air may also be procured from other Substances, and also from Oil: And whereas the same Gas being conveyed by Means of Pipes may be safely and beneficially used, as well for lighting the several Streets, Lanes, and other public Places

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within the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, as also for lighting Dwelling Houses, Shops, Manufactories, and other Buildings therein; and the said Coke may be usefully employed as Fuel, and the said Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil may be used and applied in various Ways with great Advantage: And whereas the Persons herein-after named are willing at their own Charges to erect Works for the Preparation of such Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, and to extract and make the said several Articles from Oil, Coal, or other Substances, and to apply the same to the 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,

Proprietors. That the Reverend *Richard Atlay, Eliza Atkins, Edward Askew, James Althorpe, the Reverend John Butt, the Reverend William Belgrave, Edward Cayley, the Reverend Christopher Cookson, Edward Clarke, John Drakard, Stephen Eaton, Henry Fryer, Nathaniel Farrant, Robert Hunt, Robert Hunt junior, James Hurst, John Howes, Samuel Judd, Sir Charles Kent Baronet, Lady Sophia Kent, William Lawson, Thomas Mills, Richard Newcomb, Richard Newcomb junior, Henry Newcomb, Robert Nicholls, John Noon, William Thomas Newzan, John Roden, Matthew Rooe, William Reed, James Richardson, William Kilner Scott, Nicholas Clarke Stevenson,*

Incorporated. *Francis Simpson, James Torkington, Richard Turnill, A. J. West,* and all and every such other Person or Persons as from Time to Time shall become a Subscriber or Subscribers, and be duly admitted a Proprietor or Proprietors as herein-after mentioned, and their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby declared to be one Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of 'The *Stamford and Saint Martin's Stamford Baron Gas Light and Coke 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 in 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

Purposes of the Company. Laws of this Realm; and that the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Essential Oil, and other Products from Oil, Coal, and other Substances, and for lighting the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, with Gas, and shall have full Power from Time to Time to make Contracts, or agree with the Trustees or Commissioners for the Repair of any Turnpike Roads, or with the Surveyors of any Highways within the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, and with the Commissioners acting under the Authority of any Act which shall or may hereafter be in force for paving, lighting, watching, cleansing, regulating, and improving the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, or with any other Persons who shall for the Time being have the Controul, Direction, or Management of the public Lighting of the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, or any Part or Parts thereof,



thereof, or with any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Corporation or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing and desirous to contract or agree with the said Company for the Lighting with Gas of the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, or any Streets, Squares, Lanes, Roads, Passages, or other public Places therein, or any Churches or Chapels, or any Theatres or other Places of public Exhibition, Manufactories, Shops, Inns, Taverns, Dwelling Houses, or other Buildings within the said Borough of *Stamford*, and Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, and to sell and dispose of such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Essential Oil, and other Products as aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves a Sum of Money by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds, and that the said Company shall not exercise the Powers granted by this Act until the whole of the said Sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds shall have been subscribed for that Purpose; but that the said Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company may be augmented under the Provision herein-after in that Behalf contained.

Company to raise the Sum of 4,500*l.*

III. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons by or for whom any Subscription shall be made or accepted, or any Payment made pursuant to the Orders of any General Meeting or Meetings to be held by the said Company for that Purpose, for or towards the raising of the said Capital Sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds as aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the said Capital Joint Stock of the said Company, in proportion to the Monies which he, 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 Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted to be a Proprietor or Proprietors in the same.

Subscribers to share the Stock in proportion to their Subscriptions.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the Lands and Hereditaments, Manufactories, Gasometers, Machinery, Apparatus, and Works of the said Company and their Successors, shall be liable and answerable for the just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company; and that the several Persons composing the said Company shall severally and respectively stand responsible and answerable for all just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company, to the full Amount of their several and respective Shares in the Capital of the said Joint Stock.

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

V. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds shall be divided into Shares of Twenty-five Pounds Sterling each, and that no Person or Persons shall be a Subscriber or Subscribers for a less Sum than Twenty-five Pounds Sterling; and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and as such Personal Estate shall be transmissible accordingly.

Stock to be divided into Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each, and to be Personal Estate.

VI. And



For enforcing  
Payment of  
the Sums  
subscribed.

VI. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed, or such Parts or 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 herein-after mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall 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 for and recover the same by Action of Debt, or otherwise, in His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same from such 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; and in which Action no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed.

Names of  
Proprietors  
to be entered,  
and Certi-  
ficates of  
their Shares  
delivered to  
them.

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or their Committee of Management, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who 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 the Owner from selling or disposing of such Share or Shares, or from enjoying every other Benefit to which he or she may be entitled as the Owner thereof, and which said Certificate may be in the Form or to the Effect following; that is to say,

‘ The *Stamford and Saint Martin's Stamford Baron Gas Light and Coke Company*, Number  
‘ THESE are to certify, that *A. B.* of \_\_\_\_\_ is a Proprietor of  
‘ the Share, Number \_\_\_\_\_, being One Share of the *Stamford and Saint Martin's Stamford Baron Gas Light and Coke Company*, subject to  
‘ the Rules, Orders, and Regulations of the said Company of Proprietors;  
‘ and that the said *A. B.* his [*or her*] Executors, Administrators, [*or*  
‘ Successors], and Assigns, is and are entitled to the Profits and Ad-  
‘ vantages of such Share. Given under the Common Seal of the said  
‘ Company, the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our  
‘ Lord

‘ Passed under the Seal } *C. D.* Chairman.  
‘ in the Presence of } *E. F.* Dep. Chairman.’

VIII. And



VIII. 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 hereby required to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company, shall and may be given to 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, or Owners or Proprietors of any such Share or Shares, and that such Owners or Proprietors shall be entitled to give their Vote or Votes in respect thereof by the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as Proprietor of such Share or Shares, and his or her 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.

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

IX. And whereas it may happen that the original Holder or Proprietor of one or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking may die, become Insolvent or Bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or may transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register be made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk of the said Company, so that it may not be in the Power of the said Company, or any Officer acting for the said Company, to ascertain who is or are the actual Owner or Proprietor, 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 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 hereinafter specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons, before a Master or 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 have or hath 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 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.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.



Shares may  
be trans-  
ferred.

X. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several and respective 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),

Form of  
Transfer.

‘ I [or we] of in Consideration 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 *Stamford* and  
‘ *Saint Martin’s Stamford Baron* Gas Light and Coke Company, being  
‘ my [or our] Share [or Shares], Number [or Numbers], therein; to  
‘ hold to the said his Executors, Administrators, and As-  
‘ signs, 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 my Hand  
‘ and Seal [or our Hands and Seals], this Day of  
‘ in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and .’

Transfers to  
be registered.

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 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; 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, and shall be accounted as such 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, shall receive any Interest or Dividend for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any Meeting or Meetings as a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

Power to  
raise more, if  
required, by  
Loan or new  
Shares.

XI. And be it further enacted, That in case the aforesaid Sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds shall be found insufficient for the Purposes of this Act, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company from Time to Time to raise any further Sum or Sums of Money for completing their said Undertaking, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of One thousand one hundred and twenty-five Pounds, either by way of Loan on Security of the Property and Effects belonging to the said Company, or by raising and creating new and additional Shares in the said Concern, or by both of the said Ways and Methods; and in case it shall at any Time or Times be deemed advisable by the said Company to raise any Part or Parts of the said further Sum of One thousand one hundred and twenty-five Pounds by the Creation of new and additional Shares in the said Concern, then it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise the same, either amongst themselves, in such Proportions as to them shall seem meet, or by the Admission of new Subscribers into the said Concern, and for such Purpose to create such



Number of new and additional Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each as may be deemed expedient; and every Subscriber towards raising such further Sum by Shares shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and stand interested in all the Profits, Privileges, and Advantages of the said Undertaking, and a Part of the Corporation hereby created, and shall be liable to the like Burthens in proportion to the Amount of his or her Subscription, as generally and extensively, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the same had been originally Part of the said Capital Stock of Four thousand five hundred Pounds, any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and in case it shall at any Time or Times be deemed advisable by the said Company to raise any Part or Parts of the said further Sum of One thousand one hundred and twenty-five Pounds by way of Loan, then it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Committee of Management for the Time being, by and with the Advice and Direction of any General or Special Assembly of the said Company, to be held according to the Directions of this Act, to borrow and take up the same at Interest for the Use of the said Company, and thereupon to grant, execute, and deliver to or in favour of the Lenders thereof, such Mortgages, Assignments, Bonds, Obligations, Debentures, or other Securities in Writing, as may be required, thereby binding the said Company, and the Estates, Stock in Trade, and the Income and Profit thereof, for the Re-payment of the Sum or Sums borrowed, with Interest for the same, upon such Terms and Conditions, not being contrary to the Laws of this Realm, as shall be mutually agreed upon in that Behalf between the said Company and the Lenders of such Money; and every such Assignment or Security may be in the Words or to the Effect following; that is to say,

WE acting in pursuance of an Act Form of  
Assignment.  
 passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King George the  
 Fourth, intituled [*here set forth the Title of this Act*], in Consideration  
 of the Sum of advanced and lent to the said Company  
 by of in the County of  
 for the Purposes of the said Act, do hereby grant and assign unto the  
 said. [*or his Trustee or Trustees, as the Case may be*], his  
 [*or her or their*] Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, such Pro-  
 portion of the Property and Effects belonging to the said Company as  
 the said Sum of doth or shall bear to the whole Sum  
 which may at any Time be borrowed by virtue of the said Act; to be  
 had and holden from the Day of the Date hereof, until the said Sum  
 of with Interest after the Rate of *per Centum per*  
*Annum* for the same, shall be fully paid and satisfied. In witness  
 whereof we the said Company have hereunto set our Common Seal, the  
 Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand  
 eight hundred and

And every such Security shall be good, valid, and effectual in the Law, and shall entitle the Person or Persons to whom the same shall be made, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Payment thereof, and to all Profits and Advantages thereof, according to the Form of Words of such Assignment, and the true Intent and Meaning of this Act.



Power to  
erect Works  
on Common-  
able Lands.

XII. And whereas it is necessary to authorize and empower the said Company to erect and construct Gasometers, Manufactories, and other Works necessary for the Purposes of this Act: And whereas it may be expedient for the said Company to purchase or acquire Part of the Waste or Commonable Lands within the Manors of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, for the Site of the Buildings and Works necessary to be erected or provided for carrying this Act into Execution: And whereas the said *Brownlow* Marquis and Earl of *Exeter* is Lord of the Manors of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, and as such is entitled to the Soil of the Waste or Commonable Lands within the said respective Manors, and he is willing to relinquish or convey his Estate, Right, and Interest in the Soil of such Part or Parts of the said Waste or Commonable Lands, not exceeding altogether Three Acres Statute Measure, as may be required by the said Company for the Site of the same Buildings and Works, without receiving any Consideration or Recompence for the same; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manors, or either of them for the Time being, by any Deed or Deeds, Instrument or Instruments in Writing under his, her, or their Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, to convey and assure unto the said Company and their Successors any Part or Parts of any Common or Waste Lands within the Manors of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, or either of them, not exceeding Three Acres Statute Measure as aforesaid, for the Purposes of this Act; and the Conveyances thereof respectively by the said *Brownlow* Marquis and Earl of *Exeter*, or the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the Manors wherein the same shall be situate, to the said Company of Proprietors, shall be effectual for the Purpose of vesting in them the Fee Simple thereof, as fully and effectually as if every Person having Right of Common upon such Common or Waste Lands, or the Right to the Soil thereof, had joined in and executed such Conveyance; and that such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon between the said Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manor of *Stamford* for the Time being, and the said Company of Proprietors, as a Compensation for any Right of Common upon any such Commons or Waste Grounds within the said Manor of *Stamford*, shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors to the Churchwardens of the said respective Parishes of *All Saints*, *Saint Mary*, *Saint Michael*, *Saint John*, and *Saint George* in *Stamford* aforesaid, according to and in proportion to such Sums as they severally contribute out of the Poor Rates within the said respective Parishes to the Vagrant or County Assessment made by the Magistrates for the Borough of *Stamford* aforesaid within the same, and shall be by such Churchwardens respectively applied for such general or public Purposes within such respective Parishes, as a Vestry of every such Parish, to be convened by such Churchwardens for that Purpose, shall direct; and that such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be agreed upon between the said Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies of the said Manor of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* for the Time being, and the said Company of Proprietors, as a Compensation for any Right of Common upon any such Commons or Waste Grounds within the said Manor of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors to the Churchwardens of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, and shall be by such Churchwardens applied for such



such general or public Purposes within the said Parish, as a Vestry, to be convened by such Churchwardens for that Purpose, shall direct; any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

XIII. And whereas it may be necessary for the said Company to erect and construct some of the said Gasometers, Manufactories, and other Works necessary for the Purposes of this Act, upon Lands or Hereditaments not consisting of Waste or Commonable Lands; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Committee of Management to be appointed in pursuance of this Act for the Time being, and they are hereby respectively empowered, to contract and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments not consisting of Waste or Commonable Lands, and not exceeding, with the Waste or Commonable Lands so to be conveyed to the said Company as aforesaid, the Quantity of Three Statute Acres in the whole, and to be situate within the said Borough of *Stamford* or Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, or both of them, 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, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees of Lunatics or Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves and their respective Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for themselves, who are or shall be seised or interested in their own Rights, or with any other Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be willing to sell the same, or his, her, or their Right and Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors to hold the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Estate, Right, or Interest therein so purchased as aforesaid, without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever.

Power to erect Works on other Lands not consisting of Commonable Lands.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful 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 (by and with the Consent of their Lessor or Lessors, but not otherwise), and all Wardens, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves and their respective Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their respective Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femmes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for themselves, who are or shall be seised or interested in their own Rights, and for all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised or possessed of or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which the said Company are hereby enabled to purchase for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, to contract and agree with the said Company, or their said Committee of Management, for the absolute Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey the same or any

Disabled Persons, &c. empowered to sell.



Part thereof, and all the Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever, of, in, and to the same, unto the said Company and their Successors, for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other 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 Party or Parties so conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their several Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or having Title to claim by, from, through, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any particular Estates; and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar all Dower of the Wife or Wives of such Party and Parties, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of such Party or Parties claiming under them or any of them respectively, any Law, Statute, Usage, Custom, or other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Wardens, Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees and Trustees, and all other Persons whomsoever, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

On Payment  
of Purchase  
Money Lands  
to vest in the  
Company.

XV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Monies so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments by the said Company, to the Party or Parties respectively entitled to receive the same, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England*, for the Purpose of being disposed of in the Manner herein-after directed (as the Case may require), and upon Conveyance being made of the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in the Manner herein-after directed, which is hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, all the Owners and Occupiers and other Persons interested of and in the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for or in respect of which such Monies shall be so paid as aforesaid, shall be divested of all Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim, and Demand at Law or in Equity, of, in, and to the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments; and the Fee Simple or absolute Interest of and in the same shall thenceforth become and be vested in the said Company and their Successors for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

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

Form of Con-  
veyance to  
the Company.

I [or we, as the Case may be] of  
in Consideration of the Sum of paid to me [or to  
us, or into the Bank of *England*, as the Case may be] by the *Stamford*  
and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron Gas Light and Coke Company*,  
established



established under or by virtue of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of  
 the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled [*here insert*  
*the Title of this Act*] do hereby grant and convey to the said Company  
 and their Successors, all [*here describe the Premises to be conveyed*] and  
 all my [*or our*] Right, Title, or Interest in and to the same and every  
 Part thereof; to hold the same unto and to the Use of the said Com-  
 pany and their Successors for ever [*or as the Case may be*], during all  
 the Remainder of my [*or our*] Estate and Interest in the said Pre-  
 mises. In witness whereof I [*or we*] have hereunto set my Hand  
 and Seal [*or our Hands and Seals, or our Common Seal, as the Case*  
*may be*] this Day of in the  
 Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and

XVII. And whereas the said Company under the Provisions of this Act may purchase Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may be found inconvenient or unnecessary, or not wanted for the Purposes thereof; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, from Time to Time 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, and Hereditaments which may have been so purchased, and which shall be inconvenient or unnecessary, or shall not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act, and to purchase other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in lieu thereof, by virtue of the Powers herein-before contained; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale or Sales of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Part or Parts thereof, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Company, to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold, which Receipt or Receipts shall be sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Money therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons having *bonâ fide* paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money, or any Part thereof, or be bound to see to the Application of the same, nor be bound or required to ascertain or inquire into the Necessity or Propriety of any such Sale or Sales.

XVIII. And whereas the said Company of Proprietors are enabled to purchase Three Statute Acres of Land by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all other Persons whomsoever, are empowered to sell and convey such Quantity or Number of Acres to the said Company: And whereas it is expedient to restrain the said Company from selling any such Lands so purchased from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees, for or in behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trusts, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, and again purchasing other Lands from the same, or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate,

Power to  
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not wanted.

Restraining  
the Company  
from selling  
more than  
Three Acres  
of Land pur-  
chased from  
incapacita-  
ted Persons.



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

Application  
of Purchase  
Money  
amounting  
to 200*l*.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted or agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased 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, Warden, Feoffee, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Idiot, or any other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account there, *exparte* the *Stamford and Saint Martin's Stamford Baron Gas Light and Coke Company*, to the Intent that such Monies shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Party or Parties 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 same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, standing and being settled 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



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

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, which shall belong to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Idiot, or any other Person or Persons under any 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 Party or Parties who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased for the Purposes of this Act, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in Cases of Infancy, Lunacy, or Idiocy, to be signed in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in the Manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be named by the Party or Parties making such Option, and approved by Three or more Members of the said Committee of Management for the Time being (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties); in order that such Principal Money and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in the 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.

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XXI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted or agreed to be paid as aforesaid shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Party or Parties who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments so purchased for the Purposes of this Act, in such manner as the said Committee of Management for the Time being, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit; or in Cases of Infancy, Lunacy, or Idiocy,

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then to the Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees of the Infants, Lunatics, or Idiots entitled to such Rents and Profits, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Infants, Lunatics, or Idiots respectively.

In Cases of doubtful Titles, the Party in Possession to be deemed the Owner.

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

Costs of Purchases to be made in lieu of settled Estates, to be defrayed by the Company.

XXIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Party or Parties 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 Bank of *England*, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said High Court of Chancery, to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, together with the Charges of obtaining such Order, to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for the Purposes aforesaid, as the said Court shall direct.

Regulations as to General and Special Meetings and Adjournments, &c.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall assemble at the Town Hall or some other convenient Place in *Stamford*, on the Fourth *Thursday* next after the passing of this Act, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, 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 they shall be duly convened to in manner herein-after mentioned; and every such Assembly shall be called or stiled a General Meeting; and One such Meeting shall be held Yearly and every Year on the First *Thursday* in the Month of *April*, between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon; and the First of the said Yearly Meetings shall be held on the First *Thursday* in the Month of *April* which shall next happen after the passing of this Act, and shall be stiled the First Yearly General Meeting; and the next Yearly General Meeting shall be held on the First *Thursday* in the Month of *April*



*April* in the succeeding Year, and so on successively; provided that at least Seven Days previous Notice of every General Meeting, and Seven Days previous Notice of the Day to which any General Meeting shall be adjourned, shall be given by the Clerk to the said Company in manner herein-after mentioned, and that at every such General or Special Meeting a Chairman shall be appointed, and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors and Proxies present, and not declining to vote, according to their respective Number of Shares (that is to say), One Vote may be given for and in respect of every Share; 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 or Persons shall have fully paid and satisfied all Arrears of Money which shall or may become due in pursuance of any Call or Calls made or to be made by the said Committee of Management, for or in respect of such Share or Shares, 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 or Special Meeting of the said Company to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open for more than Two Hours, 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 decisive or casting Vote; and if at any General or Special Meeting a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act or adjourn (Five Proprietors being hereby declared sufficient to act, and Three only for the Purpose of Adjournment), shall not assemble and proceed to Business in One Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if such sufficient Number be not present when the whole or any Part of the Business to be transacted shall be decided, the Meeting shall stand adjourned to the same Day in the following Week, or may be held on some other Day to be appointed by the Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That any Female Proprietor of One or more Share or Shares in the said Joint Stock, being of the Age of Twenty-one Years, and entitled to vote in respect of such Share or Shares at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give her Vote or Votes at such General or Special Meetings as aforesaid by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Member of the said Company entitled to vote; and any other Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Joint Stock, being of the Age of Twenty-one Years, and resident beyond the Distance of Ten Miles from *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, and entitled to vote as aforesaid, shall have like Power and Authority to give his or their Vote or Votes by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Member of the said Company; and the Appointment of such Proxies shall be entered amongst the Proceedings of the said Company, and may be made in the Form following; (that is to say),

Empowering  
Proprietors  
to vote by  
Proxy, and  
Committees  
for Lunatics  
or Idiots.

I A. B.



Form of  
Proxy.

‘ I *A. B.* of . . . . . One of the Proprietors of and in the  
 ‘ *Stamford and Saint Martin’s Stamford Baron Gas Light and Coke*  
 ‘ Company, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of  
 ‘ to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence to vote or give my  
 ‘ Assent to or Dissent from any Business, Matter, or Thing relating to  
 ‘ the said Undertaking, that shall be mentioned or proposed at any Ge-  
 ‘ neral or Special Meeting of the said Company, in such Manner as he  
 ‘ the said *C. D.* shall think proper, according to his Opinion and Judg-  
 ‘ ment, for the Benefit of the said Undertaking, or any thing relating  
 ‘ thereto; this my Proxy to continue in force until I shall revoke the  
 ‘ same by Writing under my Hand, or by the Appointment of a new  
 ‘ Proxy. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, the  
 ‘ . . . . . Day of . . . . . in the Year of our Lord One thousand  
 ‘ eight hundred and . . . . .

And the Committee or Guardian of any Proprietor of One or more Share  
 or Shares in the said Joint Stock, who shall be a Minor, Lunatic, or Idiot,  
 shall be entitled to vote in respect to such Share or Shares at any General  
 or Special Meeting of the said Company.

General  
Meetings  
may make  
Bye-laws.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have  
 full Power and Authority from Time to Time, at any of their General or  
 Special Meetings as aforesaid, 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 said Com-  
 mittee 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 superintending 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 or Special Meeting shall seem meet  
 and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws so made as afore-  
 said being reduced into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Com-  
 pany 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 this Realm, or any of the  
 express Directions or Provisions of this Act; provided also, that Copies  
 of such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws shall be printed, affixed, and con-  
 tinued in the Office or other conspicuous Part of the Buildings and Pre-  
 mises of the said Company; and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws  
 shall be subject to Appeal in manner by this Act directed.

Notice of  
Meetings,  
&c. how to  
be given.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Notices  
 herein directed to be given of any General or Special Meetings of  
 Proprietors, or any Adjournments thereof respectively, or to any of the  
 said Proprietors, and not herein otherwise provided for, shall be given  
 by Advertisement, to be inserted in some one Newspaper printed or  
 circulated in the said County of *Lincoln*, or by Letters from the Clerk  
 of



of the said Company, sent by the Post to or left at the usual Place of Abode of the Proprietors respectively; and that such Notices when so published or given shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Notices.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting of the said Company to be held next after the passing of this Act, or at some Adjournment thereof, a Committee for managing the Affairs of the said Company shall be elected by a Majority of the Proprietors or Subscribers of Shares of and in the said Undertaking at such Meeting, and that such Committee shall consist of Seven Proprietors or Subscribers, and when elected they shall be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company until others shall be chosen in their stead as herein-after mentioned.

Appointment  
of Committee  
of Manage-  
ment.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Members of the First Committee of Management shall continue in Office, and be respectively Members of the said Committee for the Term of Two Years from the Day of their Election, and until others or another shall be appointed in their stead in pursuance of this Act; and at the Expiration of the said Term, and also at the Expiration of every succeeding Year, a fresh Committee of Members shall in manner herein-after mentioned 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 respective Offices for the Space of One Year, to be computed from the Day of Election, and until others or another shall be duly elected into their or any of their Places.

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and subse-  
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mittees One  
Year.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That at the Yearly General Meeting which shall be held in the Month of *April* which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, or at some Adjournment thereof, and at every Yearly General Meeting which shall be held afterwards in the said Month of *April*, or at some Adjournment thereof, a new Committee of Seven of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall be elected in the Place of the former Committee; and that every Vacancy in the Committee of Management, by Death, Resignation, or Disqualification, shall be filled up at a Special Meeting of the said Company, to be called for that Purpose, within Sixty Days next after such Vacancy shall happen; and that the Person or Persons so to be chosen to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies, shall (being duly qualified) continue in Office upon the same Terms, and only for the same Period, as the Person whose Place he shall supply would have continued if his Office had not been vacated before the Time at which he would, according to the Provisions of this Act, have gone out of Office.

Annual Elec-  
tion of Com-  
mittee.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons who shall have served or acted upon the said Committee, and who by the Expiration of the Term of Service, Rotation, or otherwise, shall go out of Office, shall and may, notwithstanding such Service, or the Expiration of such Term, if otherwise properly qualified, be eligible

Members  
may be re-  
elected.

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to be re-elected to and to serve and act as a Member or Members of the said Committee of Management.

No Person holding less than Two Shares to be of the Committee.

XXXII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be qualified to be elected a Member of the said Committee, unless such Person shall have subscribed for or have been possessed of at least Two Shares in the said Undertaking for the Space of Three Calendar Months previous to such Election, nor unless the said Number of Two Shares be entered and continue in the Name of such Person in the Books of the said Company; and if such Person, having been duly qualified at the Time of such Election, shall afterwards cease to be possessed of such Number of Shares in the said Undertaking, such Person shall from thenceforth be disqualified from serving or acting upon the said Committee: 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, or be concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts under the said Company, or shall be a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, or be concerned in any thing manufactured or made use of by the said Company.

Committeemen contracting for Work to be disqualified.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person who shall be elected a Member of the said Committee of Management shall be or become a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any of the Articles to be provided or manufactured by the said Company, or shall offer to take and succeed in taking, or shall participate in any Manner in any Work to be done for the said Company, every such Person shall be disqualified, and cease to be a Member of the said Committee of Management; and that if any Person hereby nominated or to be nominated by virtue of this Act a Member of the said Committee, shall at any Time cease to be a Proprietor of the said Undertaking, or shall refuse or neglect, unless prevented by Illness, or Absence from Home, to attend any Three successive Meetings of the said Committee, every such Person shall thereby cease to act or vote at such Committee, and shall be disqualified as aforesaid; and thereupon another Proprietor shall be elected in the stead of such defaulting Member to be a Member of the Committee.

A Special Meeting may be held to remove any of the Committee, or to elect others.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Three or more of the said Proprietors, being collectively possessed of or entitled to Twenty or more Shares in the said Undertaking, shall think it necessary or expedient so to do, then it shall and may be lawful for them to call a Special Meeting of the said Company, to be held at such Hour and Place within the said Town of *Stamford* as they shall think fit, provided Twenty-one Days Notice of the Time and Place and Purport of such Special Meeting be given by the Persons calling the same, by Advertisement in some Newspaper printed or circulated in the Neighbourhood of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid; and by a Letter from the Clerk or Clerks to be sent to or left for each Member of the said Committee at his Place of Residence; and at each Special Meeting it shall be lawful for the Proprietors then present, or the Majority of them, to remove all or any of the Committee, and to elect others in their stead, or in the stead of any Member dead or absent;



absent; and the Committee for the Time being shall produce their Accounts and a Report of their Proceedings at such Special Meeting, if required by the Notice calling or convening the same; provided that no Business shall be transacted at any such Special General Meeting, except 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.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall and may hold their First Meeting on the Sixth *Thursday* next after the passing of this Act, at the *Crown Inn*, or some other convenient Place in *Stamford*, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, and shall have full Power and Authority to adjourn such First Meeting, and again to meet and adjourn 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, not disqualified under the Provisions of this Act from voting upon such Question, 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 *Munday* 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 if by Accident or Neglect, or from any other Cause, such Committee, or their Clerk or other Person, shall omit to adjourn any Meeting, it shall be lawful for any Three or more Members of the said Committee to revive the Meetings of the said Committee, by calling a Meeting in such Mode as is herein-after directed with respect to calling a Special Meeting of the said Committee; and such revived Committee may be adjourned from Time to Time and Place to Place in the same Manner as the Meetings of the said Committee are before authorized to be held and adjourned; and that any Three or more Members of the Committee may at any Time, when they shall think fit, call a Special Meeting of the Committee, by Notice in Writing signed by Three or more Members, to be sent by the Post or otherwise, to the Residence or Address of every Member of such Committee.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management of the said Company for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and shall have full Power and Authority at any Time to call a Special General Meeting of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and to appoint the Place of holding General or Special Meetings, and to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, or laying out and disposing of all such Sums of Money to be issued or received,  
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laid out, or disposed of for the Purposes of the same, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and in making and entering into Contracts or Agreements for lighting the Streets, Market Places, Lanes, Ways, and other Places, and public or private Houses or Buildings within the said Town and Borough of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, and the Liberties thereof as aforesaid; and nominating, appointing, electing, placing, or displacing any Officer, Workmen, Agent, or Servant of the said Company (not being a Treasurer, Engineer, or Clerk of the said Company, who are to be elected and appointed and displaced at a General Meeting of the said Company as herein-after mentioned), and such Salary, Gratuity, Wages, or Recompence, as to the said Committee shall seem proper; and in ordering, directing, and 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 in Restraint, Controul, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted.

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make Calls.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall have full Power to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as such Committee shall from Time to Time find requisite and necessary for the Purpose of the said Undertaking, so that no one such Call do exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for or in respect of any One Share of Twenty-five Pounds, and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of One Calendar Month at least from each other; and that the Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company for the Time being, at such Time and Times as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Seven Days previous Notice shall be given by Letter from the Clerk of the said Company, sent by the Post, or in such other Manner as the said Committee shall direct or appoint in that Behalf; and if any Person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to pay his, her, or their Proportion of the Money to be called for by the Space of Twenty-one Days next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, then and in that Case such Share or Shares shall be forfeited, and all the Profit and Benefit thereof shall be vested in the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, to and for the Uses and Purposes herein-after mentioned; but no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture until personal Notice in Writing, under the Hand of the Clerk or Treasurer of the said Company, shall have been given to or left at the usual Place or Places of Abode of the Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares respectively, and which Notice shall contain 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 such Share or Shares shall be redeemable if the Owner or Owners thereof shall, within One Calendar Month next after the Delivery of such Notice, pay to the Committee of Management, or the Treasurer of the said Company, the full



full Amount of Money due thereon for such Call or Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest for the same, and all Expences attending the Application for the same as aforesaid.

XXXVIII. 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 last aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Committee of Management 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 Committee shall from Time to Time find necessary and direct to be sold, unto such Person or Persons as shall become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and such Transfers and Assignments 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 or Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest thereon, and the Expences attending the Sale or Sales, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged on Demand: 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.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall die before Payment shall have been made by him, her, or them of the full Sum to be called for in respect thereof as herein-after mentioned, without having made any sufficient Provision, by Will or otherwise, how such 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 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.



No Share to be sold after a Call until the Money is paid.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after a Call for Money shall have been made by virtue of this Act, 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 Payment of the said Call, until the Money called for in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares intended to be sold shall be paid; and until such Money so called for shall be paid, any such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void.

Appointment of Officers of the Company;

XLI. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Undertaking a Treasurer, Clerk and Engineer shall be appointed, to act until the First Yearly Meeting which shall take place next after the passing of this Act, and until others shall be appointed in their respective Places in pursuance of this Act; and that at such Yearly Meeting, and all succeeding Yearly Meetings, or some Adjournment thereof, the Majority of the Members present shall elect a Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, Engineer or Engineers to the said Company; and any General or Special Meeting after the First Yearly Meeting which shall take place from the passing of this Act, shall and may from Time to Time dismiss, remove, or suspend such Treasurer, Clerk, or Engineer, as they shall think fit, and appoint any other Person or Persons in his or their stead; and the said Offices of Treasurer, Clerk, and Engineer shall be annual Offices from the Period aforesaid; and the Persons appointed to fill the same shall not, after the Expiration of the Appointments made by this Act, be elected for a longer Period than One Year, or until others shall be appointed in their respective Places; but such Appointments may be renewed at the Pleasure of such General Meeting, if they should be desirous of re-electing such Treasurer, Clerk, or Engineer: Provided always, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Person who shall be appointed Treasurer, 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.

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Prohibiting the same Person from acting as Clerk and Treasurer.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to appoint the Person or Persons who may be appointed their Clerk or Clerks in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks, or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint any Person or Persons who may be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Partner or Partners of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Company, other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the



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

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the Orders and Proceedings of every Meeting, as well of the Company as of the managing Committee, 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 the said 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. Proceedings to be entered,

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That no Sum or Sums of Money shall be issued by the Treasurer or Treasurers, or other Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Company, on account of the said Company, without an Order or Orders in Writing, signed by the Chairman of the Committee of Management for the Time being, for such Payment only as may have been ordered by a Vote of such Committee. Treasurer, &c. not to issue Money without an Order, &c.

XLV. And in order to ascertain the Amount of the clear Profits of the said Undertaking, be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors, or their Committee of Management, shall and are hereby required, from the Time of the passing of this Act, to cause a true, exact, and particular Account to be kept, and annually made up and balanced on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in each Year, of the Money collected or received by the said Company, or their Committee of Management, or otherwise, for the Use of the said Company, by virtue of this Act, and of the Charges and Expences attending the erecting, making, supporting, maintaining, and carrying on the said Works, and of all Receipts and Payments on account of any Loan which may be raised under the Powers of this Act, and of all other the Receipts and Expenditure of the said Company, or their Committee of Management; and that at the General Yearly Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Undertaking, to be from Time to Time holden as aforesaid, or some Adjournment thereof, a Dividend shall be made by the said Yearly Meeting, out of the clear Profits of the said Undertaking, unless such Yearly Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of so much *per Centum* upon the several Sums invested by the Members thereof in the joint Stock of the said Company, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine; but such Dividend or Dividends shall nevertheless be subject to such Appropriation for raising the Sum of One thousand Pounds as is herein-after directed; Provided always, that no Dividend shall be declared or paid until the General Yearly Meeting which shall be holden next after the passing of this Act: Provided also, that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall be in any Degree 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; and when a Dividend or Dividends shall Accounts and Division of Profits to be annually balanced, &c.



shall be declared upon the clear Profits of the said Undertaking, according to the Directions herein-before in that Behalf contained, then and in such Case there shall be set apart from the said Dividend or Dividends a Sum equivalent to Twenty Pounds *per Centum* upon the Amount thereof, until the Sum of One thousand Pounds Sterling, but no more, shall be raised as a Fund for answering Contingencies; and such Per-centage which shall be reserved in manner aforesaid, shall from Time to Time be placed at Interest in such Government Security or Securities as the said Company shall for that Purpose order or direct; and the Interest or Dividends of such Sum or Sums of Money so to be invested shall be divided amongst the said Proprietors of the said Company according to the Amount of Capital which they shall severally have invested in the said Undertaking; but if by Accident or any unforeseen Event which may happen to the Works of the said Company, or to any Apparatus or other Works belonging thereto, or by any other Contingency which may happen or arise, the said Sum of One thousand Pounds Sterling shall be reduced or exhausted, in order to repair, make good, or provide for the same, then a further Appropriation, to be calculated according to the Rate herein-before directed for raising the original Sum, shall from Time to Time, and as often as the same shall happen, be again made out of the Dividend or Dividends to be from Time to Time declared upon the Profits of the said Undertaking, until that Part thereof which shall have been so expended shall be replaced, or until another Sum of not less than One thousand Pounds Sterling shall be set apart as aforesaid.

Receipt of Parents or Guardians of Minor Subscribers to be a sufficient Discharge to the Company.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where Money shall be payable under the Provisions of this Act, to any Proprietor in the said Undertaking, who shall be a Minor under the Age of Twenty-one Years, the Receipt of the Parent or Guardian for the Time being of such Minor shall be a sufficient Discharge to the said Company and their Treasurer for the same.

Power to break up the Soil and Pavement of Streets, and for laying Pipes and lighting Houses, &c.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, or their Committee of Management for the Time being, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered by their Engineer, Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make and erect such Buildings, Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Works and Apparatus, upon any of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may be acquired or purchased for that Purpose as aforesaid, as the said Company, or their Committee of Management for the Time being, shall from Time to Time deem expedient or proper; and also to erect, set up, place, and affix any Posts, Pillars, Pilasters, Lamp Irons, Lamps, and other Apparatus in any of the said Streets, Lanes, Roads, Passages, and public Places, or upon or against the Walls of any Dwelling Houses or other Buildings therein, either Public or Private, and also to break up the Soil and Pavement of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places, or any Part of them, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes, and to form, lay, and make any Cut, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works and Devices in, under,



under, across, along, and upon such Place or Places as aforesaid, in such Manner as shall 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, re-lay, re-make, and maintain such Pipes, Stopcocks, Syphons, and Plugs, or Branches, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works and Devices; and 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, Lane, Road, Passage, or other Place, by the said Company, by virtue of this Act, into or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any public or private Lamp from any of such Mains or Pipes; and to erect and set up any other Apparatus necessary or requisite for securing to any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring or ascertaining the Extent of such Supply; and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been placed, or which shall be injured or damaged, and to do all such Acts, Matters, and Things as the said Company and their Successors shall from Time to Time think necessary and convenient for completing and amending, repairing, improving, supplying, and sustaining the same, provided a proper Compensation be made for any Damage which may be done thereby; but nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes through or against any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings, Hereditaments, and Premises, or continue the same when so carried or laid down for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any other Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, or public or private Buildings, Hereditaments, and Premises, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner and Occupier of every such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings, Hereditaments, and Premises, through or against which any Pipe or Pipes may be carried or laid for the Purposes aforesaid; nor to authorize or empower the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes through, in, or upon any private Lands or Grounds, or continue the same, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner and Occupier thereof: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed, deemed, or taken to empower or authorize the said Company, or their Servants or Workmen, or any other Person or Persons, to break, disturb, alter, or in any Manner injure any of the Pipes, Channels, or Aqueducts of or belonging to the said *Brownlow* Marquis of *Exeter*, or the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies for the Time being as aforesaid, within or under any of the said Wastes or Commonable Lands, or within or under the said Borough of *Stamford*, and the Townships of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, or either of them.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Trustees or Commissioners for the Repair of any Turnpike Roads, or the Surveyors of any Highways within the said Borough of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, shall at any Time or Times hereafter be desirous of having any of the said Streets, Lanes, Alleys, and other public Passages and Places lighted with Gas, the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to contract and agree with the said Trustees, Commissioners, and Surveyors respectively, to light

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Company to contract with Surveyors of the Highways.



the same with Gas, upon the Terms and Conditions herein-after specified; (that is to say), that the said Company shall supply such Quantity of Gas Lights at such Number of Lamps, with such Sort of Burners, of such Dimensions, Constructions, and Qualities, to be set up in such Situations, and to continue burning at such Times, and for such Number of Hours, and under such Regulations consistently with the Provisions of this Act, as the said Trustees, Commissioners, or Surveyors respectively, shall from Time to Time direct, upon the said Companies receiving annually for every such public Lamp so required some yearly Price or Sum, to be mutually arranged and contracted for Once in every Three Years, or oftener, between the said Trustees, Commissioners, and Surveyors, and the said Company; and all Contracts so entered into shall be binding on the several Parties thereto, and also on their and his Successors or Successor; and all such Trustees, Commissioners, and Surveyors as aforesaid, are hereby authorized to pay, out of the Monies which shall come to their Hands respectively, in their Characters of Trustees, Commissioners, and Surveyors, all such yearly Sums as shall become payable by them respectively in pursuance of any such Contract.

Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil Light.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply all the public Streets, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places in the said Town and Borough, and Liberties thereof, and of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, which shall be lighted under or by virtue of this Act 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 Street or Place by the said Company, shall contain a Clause providing that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such Street or Place 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.

Service Pipes to be kept fully charged with Gas.

L. And be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put up by the said Company for lighting the Streets and other public Places of the said Town and Borough, and the Liberties thereof, and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks 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.

Power to convey Washings.

LI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, or any Person acting under their Authority, to make such Sewers, Drains, or Cuts of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think expedient, under the Streets, Squares, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, Market Places, Passages, and other Places within the said Town and Neighbourhood, 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, and all Persons acting under their Authority, doing as little Damage as may be  
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in making the said Sewers, Drains, and Cuts, and immediately repairing, at their own Expence, all such Damages; provided that none of such Washings or Liquids, or any Lime or other Ingredient, Matter, or Thing which shall arise or be made in the manufacturing or producing of the said Gas, or in or by the Prosecution of any of the Works aforesaid, shall be conducted or conveyed into any River, Brook, or Stream of Water whatsoever.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Company shall at any Time empty, drain, or convey, or cause or suffer to be emptied, drained, or conveyed, or to run or flow any Washings or other waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the Works of the said Company, or in the Process of obtaining the said Gas, into any River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, Spring Head, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or to 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, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, Spring Head, or 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 every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than one Impar lance shall be allowed; and the Whole of such Penalty shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time of such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall have ceased and determined: Provided also, that over and above and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, and whether such Penalty shall or shall not be recovered, in case any of the said Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid into any River, Brook, or running Stream, or any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, 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 Company, and the said 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 emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid,

Penalty on  
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said, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing, shall be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who in the Judgment of the Justice or Justices before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage by any such Act so done or committed.

Stopping  
the Escape  
of Gas.

LIII. 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 Borough of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, 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 Borough of *Stamford*, or *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, 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 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.

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the Pavement,  
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LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors, or their Workmen, in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, or Branches, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works, shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill in the Trenches and make good the Pavement and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned thereby, and repair any Damage arising from any Drains, Sewers, or Cuts which may be made for carrying off the Washings or waste Liquids without any Delay, and shall in the meantime fence or guard and affix sufficient Lights during the Night, at or near the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, in such Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages: Provided also, that if there shall be any wilful or negligent Delay in the said Company of Proprietors, or any of their Agents, Officers, or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, in filling in any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good such Pavements or Roads, then and in every such Case it shall and may be



lawful to and for the Trustees, Commissioners, or Surveyors, and to and for any other Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, having the Care and Management of the Highways or Turnpike Roads for the Time being, where such Delay shall happen, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under his or their Authority, to fill in such Grounds and remove such Rubbish, and to repair and make good the Pavement of any Street, Highway, Way, Lane, Passage, or Place so broken up, and properly to guard and fence every such Trench, and to place and maintain every such Light and Lights during the Night, as to him or them shall appear necessary for the Purposes aforesaid; and the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company or their Treasurer; and in default of Payment thereof for Seven Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor, or other Person acting by or under such Trustees, Commissioners, or Surveyors, having the Care and Management of the Highways or Turnpike Roads where such Delay shall happen, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, (and which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized to administer), 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, or such other Person or Persons, 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 Borough of *Stamford* or Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice and Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs, Charges, and Expences shall be paid to such Surveyor or other Person by whom such Demand is hereby authorized to be made.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or interfere with the Right of the said *Brownlow* Marquis of *Exeter*, or the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies, for the Time being as aforesaid, to take up, repair, and continue the several Pipes, Aqueducts, or Conduits for the Conveyance of Water from *Wothorpe* in the County of *Northampton*, to the said Borough of *Stamford* or Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, or to put down any new or additional Pipes, Aqueducts, or Conduits, from any of the said Water Pipes for that Purpose.

Act not to interfere with the Rights of the Marquis of *Exeter*, &c.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round any Street, Square, Market-place, Lane, Alley, Passage, Court, or other Place in the Borough of *Stamford* or *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance; and whenever the Width of the Carriageway in such Street or Place will allow thereof, at the Distance of Three Feet at least from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe or Conduit already laid down or hereafter to be laid down, by or by the Order of the said *Brownlow* Marquis of *Exeter*, or the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies, for the Time being as aforesaid, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Squares,

Gas Pipes to be laid Three Feet from Water Pipes.

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Market-places, Lanes, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places in the Borough of *Stamford*, or the Township of *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* aforesaid, (unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Pipes across any of the Pipes of the said *Brownlow* Marquis of *Exeter*, or the Lord or Lords, Lady or Ladies, for the Time being as aforesaid, in which Cases the said Gas Pipes shall be laid over and above the said Water Pipes at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith a Right Angle), and that in such Cases the said Gas Pipes so crossing the said Water Pipes shall be at least Six Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the said Gas Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of the said Water Pipes than Three Feet at least; and that in laying down the said Gas Pipes, the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall in no Case join Two or more Gas Pipes together previously to their being laid in the Trench, but shall lay each Pipe as near as may be in its Place in the Trench; and shall in such Trench properly form the jointing with the other Pipes to be added thereto, with proper and sufficient Materials; and shall also make and keep all and every such Pipes, and all Pipes connected or communicating therewith, and all the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively Air-tight, so as to prevent in every respect the said Gas from escaping therefrom, or from any Part thereof, upon pain of forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of Ten Pounds, to be recovered and applied as any other Penalty is herein directed to be recovered and applied.

Penalty for  
contaminat-  
ing the Water.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Water conveyed in any Pipes, Aqueducts, or Conduits, or in any Reservoir, shall be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Gas Light Company, the said Gas Light Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as any Penalty is hereby directed to be sued for and recovered, and shall be applied to and for the Use and Benefit of the Proprietor or Proprietors, Owner or Owners of such Water; and in case any such Water so conveyed in any Pipes, Aqueducts, or Conduits, or in any Reservoir, shall be contaminated or affected by the Gas of the said Gas Light Company, in any Way whatsoever, that then and in every such Case and Cases the said Gas Light Company shall, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice thereof in Writing, signed by such Proprietor or Proprietors, Owner or Owners, his, her, or their Agent or Agents, to be left at the usual Office or Place of transacting Business of the said Gas Light Company, cause the most proper and effectual Measures to be taken effectually to stop, and prevent from escaping from their Works, Mains, or Pipes, or contaminating or affecting the Water of any such Proprietor or Proprietors, Owner or Owners; and in case the said Gas Light Company shall not within Twenty-four Hours next after each and every such Notice so left as aforesaid, effectually stop and prevent Gas from so escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of every such Complaint, and prevent all and every such Contamination, whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Gas Light Company shall on each and every Complaint, whereof Notice shall be given as aforesaid, forfeit and pay to such Proprietor or Proprietors, Owner or Owners as aforesaid, for his, her, and their Use and Benefit, over and above the before-mentioned Penalty of Twenty Pounds,



Pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid, the Sum of Ten Pounds for each and every Day during which the Water of any such Proprietor or Proprietors, Owner or Owners shall be and remain contaminated, tainted, or affected by the Gas of the said Gas Light Company; and in default of Payment thereof as aforesaid, such Penalty or Penalties shall and may be recovered by Information, to be exhibited on the Oath of One credible Witness, by and in the Name of any such Proprietor or Proprietors, Owner or Owners, prosecuting such Information against the said Gas Light Company, before any Justice of the Peace for the Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough*, with Costs to be assessed by such Justice, and to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Gas Light Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered to grant, and such Penalty or Penalties, and Costs, when so levied, shall be paid to the Proprietor or Proprietors, Owner or Owners so prosecuting such Information against the said Gas Light Company.

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

For ascertaining whether the Water has been contaminated by the Gas.

LIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall at their own Expence, on the Expiration or Determination of the Tenancy or Tenancies of any Occupier or Occupiers who shall have consented to the Company carrying or laying any Pipe or Pipes through or against any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings,

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



Buildings, Hereditaments, and Premises, or continuing the same when so carried or laid down for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any other Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, or public or private Buildings, Hereditaments, and Premises as aforesaid, or within Ten Days after the Expiration or Determination of such Tenancy or Tenancies, upon receiving Notice in Writing for that Purpose, for or on Behalf of the Owner or Owners, or the succeeding Occupier or Occupiers of any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, remove, take, and carry away, or cause to be removed, taken, and carried away any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches from any Main or Pipe which shall have been introduced or laid by the said Company of Proprietors in or against any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, pursuant to the Power for that Purpose herein-before contained, and repair and make good such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, where the same shall have been so introduced, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for such Owner or Owners, or such new Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require, or any other Person or Persons acting under their, his, or her respective Authorities or Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, or Branches to be removed, taken, and carried away, and the Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings where the same shall have been introduced, to be repaired and made good, and the reasonable Costs and Charges for the same shall be immediately paid by the said Company, or their Treasurer for the Time being, to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within One Calendar Month next after Demand shall be made by such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers (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 Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, and which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized to administer), all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require.

Penalty for  
damaging  
Pipes.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously remove, take away, 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, and 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 Cases aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath or Affirmation of one or  
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more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town or Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, (and which Oath such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized to administer) shall forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damages to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices to be done; such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any) on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or 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 as aforesaid, such Offender or Offenders shall and may be forthwith committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said Borough of *Stamford*, or the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the Liberty of *Peterborough*, in the said County of *Northampton*, there to remain for any Time to be fixed, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless the said Penalty and Damage, with such reasonable Costs as aforesaid, be sooner paid.

LXI. 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 any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto, or to the said Company, and shall not, upon Demand by the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendent, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, or the Excess of Gas obtained and used, 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 Borough or Liberty aforesaid, wherein the Offence shall arise, and he or 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 Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or on Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to proceed *ex parte*, and to award such Sum or Sums of Money by Way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons, as the Case may require, for such Damages as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded, within Ten 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 in such and the like Manner as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture is by this Act directed to be raised and levied.

Satisfaction  
for accidental  
Damage to  
Lamps.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wantonly or maliciously hinder or interrupt the said Company, or their Deputies, Agents, Workmen, or Servants, or any of them, in doing or performing any of the Works, or in exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or shall in any wise cause or procure such Interruption or Hindrance to take place, and shall be thereof convicted before any Justice or Justices acting in and for the said Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, either on Evidence or by Con-

Penalty for  
interrupting  
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fession, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum to be adjudged by such Justice or Justices, not exceeding Five Pounds; and such Sum so adjudged shall be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may be recovered; or the said Company may, at their own Option, sue for Damages sustained by them for such Hindrance or Interruption.

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

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained; nor use Burners of larger Dimensions or of a different Form, nor more in Number than he, she, or they shall respectively contract or pay for; or supply any Inhabitant, Lodger, or other Person with any Part of such Gas, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture, and the Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, shall be returned on Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Forfeiture shall not forthwith be paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction in and for the said Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, as the Case may be, 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 shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, if they shall so think fit, to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of the Person or Persons so offending by such fraudulent Consumption of Gas as aforesaid, notwithstanding any Contracts or Agreements which may have been previously entered into.

Remedy for Recovery of Rents.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take, or shall enjoy or use the Benefit of the said Gas, in, upon, or about their Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings or Manufactories, shall refuse or neglect, for 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, Engineer, or Superintendent, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any One or more of the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, 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



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*.

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 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.

Directing what may be deemed a Service of Notice, &c. on the Company.

LXVI. 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 shall, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Costs, Charges, and Expences, refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time, at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of appearing, or shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, such Person or Persons, not being a Quaker or Quakers, or being a Quaker or Quakers, shall refuse to be examined upon his, her, or their solemn Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice and 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 such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, or by any Rule, Order, or Bye-law made in pursuance thereof, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, in a summary Way, and who is and are hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders, upon Information by the Oath or Affirmation of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized to administer); and that 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 or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices, rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained (the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted); and one Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish where the

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

Offence



Offence or Offences shall be committed, for the Use and Benefit of the Poor thereof; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until return can conveniently be made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices for his, her, or their Appearance before such Justice or Justices on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress (such Day or Days not being more than Ten Days from the taking of any such Security), and which Security the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant, it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices of the Peace, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his or their Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the said Borough of *Stamford* or the Liberty of *Peterborough* aforesaid, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be sooner satisfied and paid.

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

Form of  
Conviction.

Borough of Stamford, }  
[or Liberty of Peter- }  
borough], to wit. }  
BE it remembered, That on the  
Day of in the Year of our  
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' is [or are] convicted before me [or us, as the Case may be]  
' of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough of *Stamford*,  
' or the Liberty of *Peterborough* in the County of *Northampton*, by virtue  
' of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King  
' *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [here set forth the Title of this  
' *Act*], of having [specifying the Offence, and the Time and Place when and  
' where the same was committed, as the Case 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  
' . Given under my Hand and Seal [or our  
' Hands and Seals] the Day and Year first above written.'

Proceedings  
to be within  
Six Calendar  
Months.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act, for any Offence or Offences against this Act, unless Information respecting such Offence or Offences shall have been lodged before a Justice within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence shall be committed.

Appeal.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall think himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any thing done or to be  
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be done in pursuance of this Act, or by any Bye-law, Rule, or Order to be made in pursuance hereof (and for which no particular Method of Relief is herein-before appointed), such Person or Person smay appeal to the Justices of the Peace for the said Borough of *Stamford*, or the Liberty of *Peterborough*, at their General or Quarter Sessions to be holden within the Space of Four Calendar Months next after the Cause of Appeal shall have arisen, such Appellant or Appellants first giving or causing to be given Fourteen Days Notice at least of his, her, or their Intention to bring such Appeal, and of the Cause thereof, to the said Company, or other the Respondent or Respondents; and within Ten Days next after such Notice given, entering into a Recognizance before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said Borough or Liberty, as the Case may be, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal at such General Quarter Sessions, and to abide the Order of and to pay such Costs as shall be awarded by the Justices at such Sessions; and the said Justice at such Sessions, upon due Proof of such Notice being given as aforesaid, and of the entering into such Recognizance, shall hear and finally determine the Cause and Matter of such Appeal in a summary Way, and shall award such Costs to either Party as they shall think proper; and the Determination of the Justices at such Sessions shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties.

LXXI. Provided always, 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 Lights 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, or from any other Cause whatsoever.

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

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act shall be paid and discharged by the said Company, or their Committee of Management, out of the Monies subscribed for the Purposes of this Act, in Preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Expences of the Act how to be paid.

LXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed or deemed or taken to extend to affect, extinguish, defeat, abridge, impeach, annul, prejudice, or destroy the Right, Title, or Interest of the most Honourable *Brownlow Marquis of Exeter*, Lord of the Manors of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, or the Lord of the Manors of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron* for the Time being, of, in, or to the Seigniories, Rights, Royalties, Franchises, Jurisdictions, Rents, Services, Liberties, Privileges, Powers, and Authorities appendant, appurtenant, incident, or belonging to the said Manors of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, or to any Rents, Tolls, Pickage, Stallage, Free Customs, Dues, Duties, Profits, or Advantages belonging, due, or in any wise appertaining

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to the said *Brownlow* Marquis of *Exeter*, Owner of the Fairs and Markets within the said Town of *Stamford* and *Saint Martin's Stamford Baron*, or the Owner of such Fairs and Markets for the Time being; but that the said *Brownlow* Marquis of *Exeter*, Lord of the said Manors, and the Lord of the said Manors for the Time being, shall have, hold, use, exercise, take, and enjoy all and every the Seigniories, Rights, Royalties, Franchises, Pre-eminences, Jurisdictions, Rents, Services, Powers, Authorities, Liberties, Privileges, Advantages, and Emoluments whatsoever to the said Manors belonging or incident, appendant, appurtenant, or usually exercised, holden, or enjoyed therewith; and the said *Brownlow* Marquis of *Exeter*, Owner of the said Fairs and Markets, and the Owner of the said Fairs and Markets for the Time being, shall and may demand, exact, take, and enjoy all such Rents, Tolls, Pickage, Stallage, Free Customs, Dues, Duties, Profits, and Advantages, with all Powers and Remedies for enforcing Payment thereof, in such and the like Manner, and as fully and beneficially to all Intents and Purposes, as if this Act had not been passed.

Corporation  
of *Stamford*.

LXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed or deemed or taken to extend to affect, extinguish, defeat, abridge, impeach, annul, prejudice or destroy the Right, Title, or Interest of the Mayor, Aldermen, and capital Burgesses of the Corporation of *Stamford*, and their Successors, to any Rents, Tolls, Pickage, Stallage, Free Customs, Dues, Duties, Profits, or Advantages belonging, due, or in anywise appertaining to the said Corporation and their Successors, Owners of the Fairs and Markets within the said Town of *Stamford*, or the Owners of such Fairs and Markets for the Time being; but that the said Corporation of *Stamford*, as Owners of the said Fairs and Markets, and the Owners of the said Fairs and Markets for the Time being, shall and may demand, exact, take, and enjoy all such Rents, Tolls, Pickage, Stallage, Free Customs, Dues, Duties, Profits and Advantages, with all Powers and Remedies for enforcing Payment thereof, in such and the like Manner, and as fully and beneficially to all Intents and Purposes as if this Act had not been 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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