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GEORGIIV. REGIS.

Cap. cxix.

An Act to enlarge the Powers of The Gas Light and Coke Company, and to amend several Acts passed in the Reign of His late Majesty relating to the said Company. [27th June 1823.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting certain Powers and Authorities to a Company to be incorporated by Charter, to be called "The Gas Light and Coke Company," for making inflammable Air for lighting of the Streets of the Metropolis, and for procuring Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor and Essential Oil, from Coal, and for other Purposes relating thereto*: And whereas His late Majesty by His Royal Charter, bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of April One thousand eight hundred and twelve, did incorporate the said Company, in pursuance of and subject to the Provisions of the said Act, by the said Name of "The Gas Light and Coke Company," and did thereby amongst other Things enable the said Company to have, take, purchase, receive, hold, keep, possess, enjoy, and retain, to them and their Successors, any Messuages, Lands, Rents, Tenements, Liberties, Privileges, Franchises, Hereditaments, and Possessions whatsoever, and

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Charter, 30th April 1812. 50 G.3.c.163.

of what Kind, Nature, and Quality soever, under the Regulations and Restrictions expressed in the said Charter: And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled
 54G.3. c.116. *An Act for enlarging the Powers of an Act of His present Majesty, for granting certain Powers and Authorities to The Gas Light and Coke Company:* And whereas an Act was passed in the Fifty-sixth Year of
 56G.3. c.87. the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter and enlarge the Powers of Two Acts of His present Majesty, for granting certain Powers to The Gas Light and Coke Company:* And whereas an Act was passed
 59G.3. c. 20. in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act to alter and enlarge the Powers of The Gas Light and Coke Company, and to amend Three Acts of His present Majesty relating to the said Company:* And whereas the said Company have proceeded in the Execution of the various Powers granted to them by the said recited Acts and Charter, and have established very large and expensive Works in several Parts of the Metropolis, and have already afforded a considerable Supply of Gas in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Parishes adjacent: And whereas the Inhabitants of various Parts of the Metropolis, who are still unsupplied with Gas, have applied to the said Company to be supplied therewith: And whereas the said Company will still be better enabled to carry into full Effect the Powers and Authorities granted to the said Company, and to afford a greater Supply of Gas to the Public than they have hitherto supplied, if the said Company were authorized and empowered to raise a further Sum of Money, and if the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Acts or some of them were altered, enlarged, amended, and extended: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to raise and contribute among themselves, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, in addition to the Money which they were authorized and empowered to raise by and under the said recited Acts or any of them, for the Purposes thereof, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Three hundred thousand Pounds, in such Proportions as they shall think fit, which said Sum and every or any Part thereof when raised shall be laid out in carrying the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act into Execution, and shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds each, and such new or additional Shares so to be created by virtue of this Act, and the several Shares made or created by virtue of the said recited Acts or either of them, shall to all Intents and Purposes be and they are hereby declared to be consolidated and to be one and the same Joint Stock and Property; and all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and Parties whomsoever, their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, who have severally subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe for one or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for or demanded under and by virtue of the said recited Acts or any or either of them, and who shall severally subscribe for One or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for or demanded under and by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and

Power to raise a further Sum not exceeding 300,000*l.*

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

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

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the said Gas Light and Coke Company shall not (except as herein-after mentioned) lay down any Mains, Pipes, or Apparatus for the Supply of Gas, nor shall supply and light with Gas any Shop, Inn, Tavern, private House, Manufactory, public Establishment, or any Streets, Squares, Roads, Bridges, Passages, Markets, and other Parts and Places in all Parishes and Parts of Parishes, Hamlets, and other Places in and adjacent to the Metropolis and its Environs on the West Side of the North-western End of *Vauxhall Bridge*, the Centre of the *Vauxhall Bridge Road*, and of *Eaton Street*, *Upper Eaton Street*, and *Grosvenor Place* to *Hyde Park Corner*, the North Side of *Piccadilly* to the Corner of *Park Lane*, and the Western Side of the Centre of *Park Lane*, crossing *Oxford Street*; and also on the North Side of the North Side of *Oxford Street* to *John Street*, on the West Side of the Centre of *John Street* and *Great Portland Street* to the Corner of *Mortimer Street*, on the North Side of the Centre of *Mortimer Street* in an Easterly Direction; the Centre of *Charles Street* and *Goodge Street* to *Tottenham Court Road*, crossing *Tottenham Court Road*; the East Side of the Eastern Side of *Tottenham Court Road* in a Southerly Direction; the North Side of the North Sides of *High Street Bloomsbury*, *High Holborn*, and *Holborn*, to the South-west Corner of *Gray's Inn Lane*, the West Side of the West Side of *Gray's Inn*

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

Restraining the Company from supplying Gas in certain Places.

Inn Lane to opposite the End of *Elm Street*, the North Side of the North Sides of *Elm Street*, *Mount Pleasant*, *Bayn's Row*, *Exmouth Street*, and *Middleton Street* to *Islington Road*, and from thence to *Owen's Row*, from thence crossing *Goswell Street* to the *City Road* at *Dalby's Terrace*, the North Side of the Centre of the *City Road*, *Brunswick Place*, *Charles Street*, *Queen Street*, and the Southern Side of *Hoxton Square* by *Fuller's Alms Houses* to *Shoreditch Church*, *Austin Street*, *Castle Street*, and *Turk Street*, to the North-western Corner of *Virginia Street*, and also on the East Side of the East Sides of *Tyson Street*, *Brick Lane*, and *Osborn Street*, crossing *Whitechapel* to *Church Lane*, the East Side of *Church Lane*, the South Side of *Ayliffe Street*, the East Side of *Mansell Street* and *Little Prescott Street* to *Rosemary Lane*; the Southern Side of *Rosemary Lane* in a Westerly Direction along *Queen Street*, and along the Eastern Side of the *Tower* to the River *Thames*.

Penalty for
supplying
Gas in Places
last-named,
&c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Gas Light and Coke Company shall (except as herein-after mentioned) supply Gas for any public or private Purpose in any Street, Square, Passage or Place, or to any House, Manufactory, or Building without the Line herein-before particularly described, the said Gas Light and Coke Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every Light so supplied for every Year that any such Light shall be continued, to be recoverable and recovered with full Costs of Suit, by any Person who shall sue for the same, by Action of Debt or on the Case, in which no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance shall be allowed; One Half of such Penalty to belong to the Person who shall so as aforesaid sue for the same, and the other Half to be paid to the Poor of the Parish in which such Offence shall be committed: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to prevent the said Gas Light and Coke Company from retaining Possession of the Main and Service Pipes and Apparatus already laid, or prevent their supplying Gas for any public or private Purpose in any Street, Square, Passage or Place, or to any House, Manufactory, or Building along *King's Road*, *Theobald's Road*, across *Kingsgate Street* and *Orange Street* up *King Street* to *Great Russell Street* and along *Great Russell Street*, and in any Street, Passage, or public Place lying between the said several Streets and *Holborn*, *Broad Street* and *Tottenham Court Road*, and up *Duke Street* to *Edward Street*, *Edward Street*, *Wigmore Street* and *Mortimer Street*, to the Line herein-before described and in any Street, Passage, or public Place lying between the said several last-mentioned Streets and *Oxford Street*, for the Period of Four Years, to be computed from the passing of this Act, after the Expiration of which Time the said Main and Service Pipes and Apparatus in the said several Streets, Squares, Passages or Places so as aforesaid to be lighted by the said Gas Light and Coke Company for Four Years as aforesaid, shall be given up to the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, upon their paying the Gas Light and Coke Company the fair Value of such Main and Service Pipes, and also the fair Costs and Expences of laying them down; such Value, fair Costs and Expences to be ascertained by Three competent Persons, one of whom to be nominated by the said Gas Light and Coke Company, within Fourteen Days after thereunto required by the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, one other by the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company,

pany, and the Third by the Person whom the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being, or his Appointee for that Purpose, shall appoint, or by any Two of the Persons so nominated; and provided also, that all the other Main and Service Pipes and Apparatus now belonging to the Gas Light and Coke Company without the Line first herein-before described, shall be given up to the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, upon a like Valuation and Payment as aforesaid, whenever the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being, or such Appointee as aforesaid, shall certify that the Inhabitants of the District without the Line first herein-before described may, in his Judgment, depend upon an equal Supply of Gas Light from the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, to the Supply which they have heretofore received from the said Gas Light and Coke Company; and until such Certificate shall be granted, it shall be lawful for the said Gas Light and Coke Company to continue such Supply of Gas without the Line aforesaid, as if this Act had not been passed; and upon such Certificate as aforesaid being granted, the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company shall pay to the said Gas Light and Coke Company the Value of such Main and Service Pipes and Apparatus, as the said Gas Light and Coke Company shall be possessed of without the Line first herein-before described, and which they are not at liberty to retain for Four Years from the passing of this Act as aforesaid, and also the fair Costs and Expences of laying down such Main and Service Pipes and Apparatus, such Value, fair Costs, and Expences being to be ascertained in the Manner herein-before directed as to the Valuation of the Main and Service Pipes to be given up to the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, at the End of Four Years from the passing of this Act, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: Provided also, that the said Gas Light and Coke Company shall not be compelled or compellable to give up to the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company any of such Main and Service Pipes and Apparatus as aforesaid, upon such Valuation and Payment as aforesaid, until the End of the current Quarter of the Year in which such Valuation and Payment of such Main and Service Pipes and Apparatus, or such Parts of them as are from Time to Time to be given up, shall have been made and completed; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Gas Light and Coke Company to supply Gas for public and private Purposes in any Part of *Grosvenor Place* near *Hyde Park Corner*, and in *Piccadilly* between *Hyde Park Corner* and *Park Lane*, and in *Park Lane*, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided also, that until the said Gas Light and Coke Company shall be required in pursuance of this Act to give up the several Mains, Pipes, and Apparatus hereby directed to be given up to the said Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, the said Gas Light and Coke Company shall have full Power and Authority to supply Gas from any Part of the present Mains of the said Gas Light and Coke Company, to any Person or Persons residing upon the Line of such Mains who shall be desirous of being supplied therefrom; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Company may supply Gas in Places herein mentioned.

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priators.

VI. And be it further enacted, That at every General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company, holden after the passing of this Act, all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors, according to their respective Number of Shares, and according to the Proportions following; (that is to say), One Vote for Two Shares, Two Votes for Four Shares, Three Votes for Eight Shares, Four Votes for Sixteen Shares, Five Votes for Twenty-four Shares, Six Votes for Thirty-six Shares, Seven Votes for Fifty Shares, Eight Votes for Sixty-five Shares, Nine Votes for Eighty-two Shares, and Ten Votes for One hundred Shares and upwards; and the Chairman of every such Meeting shall not only be entitled to vote in respect of his Shares, but in case of an Equality of Votes shall also have an additional casting Vote; but nevertheless it is hereby provided, that no Proprietor shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting of the said Company, in respect of any Share or Shares which he or she may possess or be entitled to in the said Undertaking, unless such Person shall have fully paid all Arrears due in pursuance of any Call or Calls which shall have been made upon or in respect of such Share or Shares by the said Court of Directors for the Time being, nor shall any Person vote at any Meeting of the said Company upon any Question in which such Person shall be interested in any other way than as being a Proprietor of the said Company.

No Proxy to
be in force
more than
Six Calendar
Months.

VII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, no Proxy shall be in force or be capable of being used at any General or Special Court of Proprietors after the Expiration of Six Calendar Months from the Date thereof; any thing in the said recited Acts or any of them to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Qualification
of the Govern-
or, Deputy
Governor and
Directors.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act no Owner or Proprietor of Shares in the said Undertaking shall be qualified to be elected, and to sit and act by virtue of such Election as Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director of the said Undertaking, unless at the Time of such Election he shall *bond fide* hold and possess, and shall continue to hold and be possessed of Twenty-four Shares at the least in the Joint Stock or Capital of the said Undertaking, any thing in the said recited Acts or any of them contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and such Regulations, Restrictions, and Directions shall be applicable to such Twenty-four Shares, as are contained in the said recited Acts or any of them, in respect of the Shares thereby directed to be held by the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors; and such Oaths shall be administered to the Person or Persons so elected, or acting as Governor, Deputy Governor and Directors by virtue of this Act, in respect to such Twenty-four Shares, as are directed by the said Charter to be administered to the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors of and in the said Undertaking: Provided always nevertheless, that no Person shall be capable or qualified to be elected, or to act by virtue of such Election as Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director as aforesaid, unless there shall have been at the Time of such Election, and during the Period for which such Person shall be so elected, the full Sum of One thousand two hundred Pounds actually paid to the Treasurer of the said Company, in respect of the Shares which such Person shall hold and be possessed of in the said Undertaking.

IX. And

IX. And be it further enacted, That there shall be elected at the General Court of Proprietors to be held in the First Week in *November* in every Year, from among the Members of the said Body Corporate, Three Auditors to examine and pass the Accounts of the said Company, who shall continue in Office for the Term of One Year; and that from and after the passing of this Act no Owner or Proprietor of Shares shall be qualified to be elected and to act as such Auditor of and in the said Undertaking, unless at the Time of his Election or Re-election, and during the whole Period for which he shall be elected, he shall hold and possess and shall continue to hold and be possessed of Twelve Shares at the least in the Joint Stock or Capital of the said Undertaking, and upon which Shares the full and entire Sum of Six hundred Pounds shall have been and shall continue to be fully paid to the Treasurer of the said Company, in respect of the Shares which such Person so elected or acting as Auditor shall hold and be possessed of in the said Undertaking.

Election and
Qualification
of Auditors.

X. And be it further enacted, That no Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor of the said Company shall hold any Contract, or be beneficially employed or in any Manner interested or concerned, directly or indirectly, in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the said Company; and in case any Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor, shall hold any Contract, or shall be in any Manner beneficially employed or concerned, directly or indirectly, in supplying any Articles or Materials for the Use of the said Company, then and in every such Case, every such Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor, shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Five hundred Pounds, together with full Costs of Suit, to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Complaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed; and one Half of such Penalty, when recovered, shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Half shall be paid to the said Company, to be applied to the Purposes of this Act; and the Person or Persons so convicted shall be absolutely disqualified from acting any longer as Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor of the said Company; and no Proprietor of the said Company, or any Governor, Deputy Governor, Director, or Auditor of the said Company, interested in any such Contract, Matter, or Thing as aforesaid, shall vote in any Question touching or concerning the same.

Governor,
&c. not to be
concerned in
any Contract.

XI. And be it further enacted, That no Person being Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director of the said Company, shall be qualified to act as such in the Management and Conducting of the Affairs of the said Company, if at any Time or Times during the Period he shall so be Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director, he shall be a Director or Auditor, or a Member of any Committee of Management of any other Gas Light or Coke Company; and in every or any such Case, such Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director, shall immediately be deemed ineligible and unqualified to act in the Management of the Affairs of the said Company, and such Offices shall be deemed vacant and be filled up in such Manner as is directed by the said recited Acts in all Cases where

Governor or
Director not
to be Govern-
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tor of any
other Gas
Company.

Offices

Offices become vacant by Death, Resignation, Removal, or becoming ineligible or unqualified.

Fitters-up to be approved of by the Company.

XII. And whereas great Danger has arisen to the Public in consequence of several Individuals having carried, fitted up, and furnished Pipes, Cocks, Branches, Materials, and other necessary Apparatus for the Purpose of supplying Gas from the Mains and Service Pipes of the said Company, and having used and applied bad or improper Materials and Workmanship for that Purpose; be it therefore enacted, That no Person or Persons shall carry, fit up, and furnish any such Pipes, Cocks, Branches, Materials, or Apparatus, or shall repair, alter, or renew any Pipe, Cock, Branch, Material, or Apparatus, or any Part thereof, or cause the same to be done, but under the Direction or Superintendence of some Person or Persons as shall have been previously approved of by the said Gas Light and Coke Company, and shall upon such Approval have been appointed by the said Company a Fitter-up for the Purposes aforesaid; but in case the said Company shall, without any reasonable or proper Cause, refuse or decline to appoint any Person to be a Fitter-up, it shall be lawful to and for the Person or Persons appointed for the Time being by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to superintend the Stations and Works of the said Company, to signify his Approbation of such Person or Persons to be a Fitter-up, and such Person or Persons shall thereupon be forthwith appointed by the said Company to be a Fitter-up accordingly; and in case any Person not being approved of and appointed as aforesaid, or having been approved of and appointed, his Appointment shall be suspended or revoked as herein-after mentioned, shall act as a Fitter-up, he shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every fitting-up, to be recovered in a summary Way by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the County, City, Borough, or Place where the said Offence shall be committed, and which Warrant such Justice is hereby required and empowered to grant, or by Action with full Costs of Suit by any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend so as to prevent any Person or Persons from employing any such Fitter or Fitters-up as he, she, or they shall think proper, provided that the Work be done under the Inspection and Superintendence of some Inspector or Officer of the said Company, to be appointed for that Purpose.

Regulating the Fittings-up.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Tubes which shall be used and employed in such fitting-up for the Conveyance of Gas shall for each particular Class of Work be of an uniform Quality and Size, which Quality and Size shall be conformable to the Regulations which the said Company shall make, and which they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to make in that Behalf; and in case any bad or improper Materials or inefficient Workmanship shall be used and applied in such fitting-up, it shall be lawful for the said Company to employ any other Person or Persons, not being a Workman or Servant in the Pay or Employ of the said Company, to make good the same, and to supply all necessary Materials; and the Expence attending such Employment, and such Materials, shall be paid by the Fitter-up occasioning the same, which shall and may be recovered as aforesaid by the said Company, with full

Costs of Suit; and when any such Fitter-up shall fit up for the Purpose of supplying any Light or Number of Lights, he shall, within Seven Days after completing the same, make a Return in Writing to the said Company of the Light or Number of Lights so fitted up by him, or in Default thereof shall pay for every such Light, for which he shall so fit up, the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid by the said Company, with full Costs of Suit.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for the said Company to suspend or revoke the Appointment of any Fitter-up, in case he shall use or supply any bad Materials or Workmanship, or shall execute any Work in an unskilful or inefficient Manner, or shall be found to have made a false Return of the Light or Number of Lights fitted up by him in any Instance, but not otherwise.

Appoint-
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Fitters-up
may be sus-
pended in
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XV. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Company to lay or place any Service Pipe under the Powers heretofore granted to them of any Diameter not exceeding Two Inches; and such Pipes shall be deemed and taken to be Service Pipes, although the Diameter thereof shall exceed One Inch, any Law, Statute, or Usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing in the said recited Acts or this Act or any of them contained, shall authorize or empower the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes through or against any Dwelling House, Manufactory, or public or private Building, or any other Place or Places, or to continue the same, without the Consent of the Owner and Occupier of every such Dwelling House, Manufactory, or public or private Building, through or against which any such Pipe or Pipes may be carried or laid for the Purposes aforesaid.

Increase of
Diameter of
Service Pipes

XVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Hus- bands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever; not only for and on Behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on Behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for themselves, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought necessary by the said Company of Proprietors to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act, and to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company or their Court of Directors for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company and their Successors, for the Purposes of this Act and the said recited Acts; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act and the said recited Acts, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Inrolment, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and

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Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Estate, Right, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several and respective Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar all Dower of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons, is and are and shall be hereby indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Application
of Purchase
Money when
amounting
to 200*l.* and
upwards.

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

Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were then actually made.

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

Application of Purchase Money when less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

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

Application of Money not exceeding 20*l.*

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of

In case of questionable Title to the Money, Persons in Possession to be deemed entitled thereto, until the contrary shall be shewn:

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

Expences of Purchases to be allowed by the Court of Chancery.

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

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

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

Form of Conveyance.

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

‘ I [or we, as the Case may be] of _____ in Consideration of
 ‘ the Sum of _____ to me [or us] paid by the Gas Light
 ‘ and Coke Company, established under an Act passed in the Fiftieth
 ‘ Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled
 ‘ *An Act for granting certain Powers and Authorities to a Company to be*
 ‘ *incorporated by Charter, to be called “The Gas Light and Coke Company,”*
 ‘ _____ for

' for making Inflammable Air, for the lighting of the Streets of the Metropolis
 ' and for procuring Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor,
 ' and Essential Oil from Coal, and for other Purposes relating thereto, do
 ' hereby grant and release [or assign, as the Case may be], to the said
 ' Company of Proprietors and their Successors, all [here describe the
 ' Premises to be conveyed] and all my [or our] Right, Title, and Interest
 ' in and to the same and every Part thereof, to hold to the said Com-
 ' pany of Proprietors, and their Successors and Assigns for ever, [or as
 ' the Case may be] during all the Remainder of my [or our] Term, Estate,
 ' or Interest in the said Premises. In witness whereof I [or we] have
 ' hereunto set my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and Seals], this
 ' Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
 ' and

XXIV. And whereas in and by the said recited Act of the Fifty-ninth
 Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, the said Company are authorized
 and empowered to purchase and hold any Lands, with the Houses, Build-
 ings, Messuages, Tenements, and Erections thereon, for the Purposes of
 the said recited Acts and that Act, not exceeding the Extent of Ten
 Acres in the whole, without incurring and being liable to any of the
 Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other
 Law or Statute whatsoever; and by this Act 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 Feoffees in Trust,
 Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics
 and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on
 behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on
 behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics,
 Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of
 acting for themselves, are empowered to sell any Lands, Tenements, or
 Hereditaments to the said Company: And whereas it is expedient to
 restrain the said Company from selling any such Lands, Tenements, or
 Hereditaments so purchased from any Body or 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 abso-
 lute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Exe-
 cutors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics,
 and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves,
 their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique
 Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes
 Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for themselves,
 and again purchasing other Lands from the same or any other Body or
 Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole,
 and 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 Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians,
 Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not
 only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also
 for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue
 unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Persons under any
 Disability of acting for themselves, in lieu or stead of the Land so sold;
 be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company

Restraining
 the Company
 from pur-
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 than Ten
 Acres of
 Land from
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to purchase from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, 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 Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for themselves, more than such Ten Acres; and in case the said Company shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Ten Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase of or from, or to or for the same or any other Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable for any Life or Lives, and Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for themselves, to sell to the said Company any other Lands in lieu or instead of those Ten Acres or any Part thereof so sold or disposed of by the said Company.

Resale of
Lands not
wanted.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal, to grant and convey by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple, for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may have been so purchased, and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of the said recited Acts and this Act; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale or Sales of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Company, to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold, which Receipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge or sufficient Discharges to any 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.

No Burners
of larger Di-
mensions
than those
contracted
for with the
Company to
be used.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall use Burners of larger Dimensions than he, she, or they respectively shall contract or pay for, or shall enlarge any Orifice in such Burners, or increase the Number thereof, or supply any Inhabitant or other Person with any Part of such Gas, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Fifty Pounds for each and every such Offence, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Borough, or Place where the Party offending shall be or reside, 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

Sale are deducted, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County, City, Borough, or Place respectively, 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, if they shall so think fit, also to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of the Person so offending by such Supply of Gas as aforesaid, notwithstanding any Contracts or Agreements which may have been previously entered into.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously remove, take away, break, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or shall wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously extinguish or put out any or either of the Public Lamps and Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any one or either of the Cases aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of one credible Witness, before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Borough, or Place respectively where such Offence shall have been committed, shall, for each such separate and distinct Offence, forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than Twenty Shillings, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage to be done, as the same shall be ascertained by such Justice or Justices; such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied under the Warrant of such Justice or Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every 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 and Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture or Damage as aforesaid, such Offender or Offenders shall or may be forthwith committed to the House of Correction, or to the Common Gaol for the said Counties, Cities, or Borough respectively, there to remain for any Time to be fixed by the said Justice or Justices, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, Damages, and Costs shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalty for wilfully damaging Pipes or wasting Gas.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure any Lamp or Lamps, hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their private Expence, or any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto, or to the said Company, or carelessly or accidentally waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or keep the Lights burning for a longer Time than he, she, or they respectively shall contract to pay for, and shall not, upon Demand by the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendent, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, or the Ex-

Satisfaction for accidental Damage to Lamps, &c.

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cess 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 County, City, Borough, or Place where such Person or Persons shall be or reside, and he and they is and are hereby required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him or them the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred, and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or on Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to award such Sum or Sums of Money by way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons (as the Case may require), for such Damages or Excess, as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded within Three Days after Demand, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, or any one of them, and he and they is and are hereby required to cause the same to be raised and levied in such and the like Manner as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture is by this Act directed to be raised and levied.

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nesses.

XXIX. 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 Prosecution, or on behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and shall refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time, and 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 appearing shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, or in case of a Quaker or Quakers on solemn Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer), and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for Attendance as a Witness.

Punishing
Persons
giving false
Evidence.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses who shall be examined by or before any Justice of the Peace or otherwise under this Act, upon Oath, or in case of a Quaker or Quakers on solemn Affirmation, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, and shall be thereof convicted, he, she, or they so giving false Evidence shall be subject to the same Punishment as if he, she, or they had been convicted of Perjury.

Power to de-
pute Persons
to prove
Debts under
Commission
of Bank-
ruptcy.

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

XXXII. 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 use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in their private Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other public or private Buildings or Manufactories, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Ten Days after Demand in Writing, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendant, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, or the Authority of the Court of Directors, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace for the said Counties, Cities, or Borough (and such Justice or Justices are hereby authorized and empowered, upon Application made to him or them, to grant such Warrant or Authority as may be deemed necessary for the Purpose), 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) on Demand to such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be first deducted, or the same with Costs of Suit may be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record by Action of Debt or on the Case, Bill, Plaint, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and also, that after such Refusal or Neglect as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Clerk or Engineer, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, or the Authority of the said Court of Directors, to cause the Gas so supplied to any such private Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other public or private Buildings, Manufactories, or Places as aforesaid, to be withheld in such Manner as the said Company, or their Clerk or Engineer, shall for that Purpose think proper.

For Recovery of Rents.

XXXIII. 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 Gas Light and Coke Company, or in the Process of obtaining the said Gas, into any River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, or Spring Head, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, or 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, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and the whole of such Penalty shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable, unless the same be sued for within Six Calendar Months from the Time that such

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

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Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing shall have ceased and determined: Provided also, that over and above and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, and whether such Penalty shall have been sued for or recovered or not, in case any of the said Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, into any River, Brook, or running Stream, or any Reservoir, Aqueduct, 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 Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day after such Notice given as aforesaid, such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be so emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied, 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 to be done or committed.

For prevent-
ing the
Escape of
Gas.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any Pipes which shall be laid down or set up by the said Company in pursuance of this Act or the said recited Acts, 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 Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice by Parole or in Writing being given of any such Escape of Gas, effectually stop and prevent the Gas from escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case the said Company shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every Day after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid; which Penalty shall from Time to Time be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses before some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Counties, Cities, or Borough, 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 directed touching other Penalties to be recovered from the said Company.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits to be hereafter laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas in, under, through, along, across, or round any Street, Square, Lane, or other Place in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark* and Parishes adjacent, under the said recited Acts and this Act, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance, and whenever the Width of the Carriage-way in such Street or Place will allow thereof, at the Distance of Three Feet at least from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe already laid down or hereafter to be laid down for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Squares, Lanes, or other Places aforesaid, unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Pipes across any of the Water Pipes, in which Cases the said Gas Pipes shall be laid under or over the said Water Pipes, at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith a right Angle, and that in such Cases the 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 Gas Light and Coke Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall in no Case join Two or more Gas Pipes together previous to their being laid in the Trench; but shall lay each Pipe as near as may be in its Place in the Trench; and shall in such Trench properly form the Jointing with the other Pipes to be added thereto, with proper and sufficient Materials, and shall also make and keep all and every such Pipes, and all Pipes connected or communicating therewith, and all the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively, Air-tight, and in all and every respect prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom and from every Part thereof, upon Pain of forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of Five Pounds; to be recovered and applied as any Penalty is herein or by the said recited Acts or any of them directed to be recovered and applied.

For Protection of Water Pipes.

XXXVI. And whereas by the said recited Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, it was provided, that if the said Company should contract with any Commissioners or Trustees for lighting any Parish or Place, or Part of any Parish or Place, and should not duly perform such Contract, then and in such Case it should be lawful for such Commissioners or Trustees to determine such Contract, giving Six Months Notice thereof; and then and in such Case, and also at the Expiration of any such Contract, it should be lawful for such Commissioners or Trustees either to purchase the Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Branches of Pipes, and other Materials belonging to the said Company, and employed in lighting such Parish or Place, or Part of a Parish or Place, at a reasonable Price to be settled by Two Persons, one to be named by the said Commissioners or Trustees, and the other by the said Company, and in case such Persons should differ, by a Third Person to be named by such Two Persons as an Umpire between them, One Month at the least previous to the Expiration of the Term of such Contract, or to the Expiration of such Six Months Notice for determining such Contract, or to

Repeal of Clause respecting Contracts.

to remove such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Branches, and other Materials, at the Expiration of such Contract or Determination thereof by such Notice, and in the meantime to permit such Commissioners or Trustees to lay such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Branches, and other Articles as should be necessary for the Supply of such Parish or Place, or Part of a Parish or Place, at the Expiration or sooner Determination of such Contract; be it therefore further enacted, That from and immediately after the passing of this Act, so much of the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Penalty on
the Company
on Breach of
Contract.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, if the said Company shall contract with any Commissioners, Trustees, and other Persons or Bodies having the Controul, Direction, or Management of the Lighting of any Parish or Place, or any Part of any Parish or Place, and shall not duly perform any Contract entered into by them with any such Commissioners or Trustees as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay unto such Commissioners or Trustees, for every Breach or Neglect in the Performance of such Contract, the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered in the same Manner in which other Penalties and Forfeitures are by the said recited Acts or this Act directed to be recovered.

Recited Acts
and this Act
to be con-
strued as one
Act.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all the Powers, Authorities, Regulations, Directions, Privileges, Penalties, Forfeitures, Clauses, Restrictions, Matters, and Things whatsoever, contained in the said recited Acts, so far as the same were in force at the Time of passing this Act, and so far as the same are not expressly altered or repealed by this Act, shall extend and be construed to extend and operate, and be in force with respect to the Sum of Money allowed to be raised, and to the additional Shares to be made or created under this Act, and also with respect to all Matters and Things whatsoever which may happen or arise in the Execution of this Act, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if the same and every Part thereof were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and were made Part thereof; and the said recited Acts and this Act shall, as to all Matters and Things whatsoever, be construed as one Act.

Public Act.

XXXIX. 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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