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An Act for lighting with Gas the several Parishes of *Saint Botolph Aldgate*, and *Saint Paul Shadwell*, and certain Parts of the Parishes of *Saint George in the East*, otherwise *Saint George Middlesex*, and *Saint John of Wapping*, and of the Hamlets of *Mile-end Old Town* and *Ratcliff*, in the County of *Middlesex*. [17th June 1823.]

WHEREAS divers Streets and Public Places, Dwelling Houses and Buildings, situate and being within the several Parishes of *Saint Botolph Aldgate*, and *Saint Paul Shadwell*, and within certain Parts of the Parishes of *Saint George in the East* otherwise *Saint George Middlesex*, and *Saint John of Wapping*, and of the Hamlets of *Mile-end Old Town* and *Ratcliff*, in the County of *Middlesex*, are, with great public Advantage and Utility, and to the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants of the said Parishes and Places, and within the Line and Limits specified and directed by this Act, now lighted with Inflammable Air or Gas conveyed by means of Pipes : And whereas considerable Sums of Money have been expended by certain Persons for producing or making Inflammable Air or Gas from Coal or other Materials, and in laying down Pipes in certain Parts of the several Parishes and Hamlets

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before mentioned, and within such Line and Limits as are herein directed, for the Conveyance of such Inflammable Air or Gas; and such Persons have entered into Contracts with various Commissioners, Trustees, and other Persons, for lighting many of the Streets, public Places, and private Houses and Buildings, with such Inflammable Air or Gas: And whereas very considerable Sums of Money will be required to be expended in completing the aforesaid Works, and it will be necessary to raise a Capital for such Purposes, and the Persons carrying on the said Business are not able of themselves to raise sufficient Money for the Completion of such Works, and divers other Persons are willing to advance Money for the Purposes before mentioned, and to become Sharers in the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Money to be advanced, as Joint Proprietors; but inasmuch as such Undertaking cannot be carried on effectually without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That *Thomas Davis, William Jones, William Martin, Robert How, William Gardiner, and William Stone*, and all and every such other Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time, in such Manner as is herein-after mentioned, become Proprietors of Shares in the Undertaking hereby established, their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and are hereby united into a Company for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, under the Regulations herein-after contained, and shall be one Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of *The Ratcliff Gas Light and Coke Company*, and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, with full Power and Authority to use the same, and shall and may sue and be sued, and prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment for any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence indictable by the Laws of this Realm; and it shall be lawful for the said Company to make Inflammable Air or Gas from Coal or other Materials, and also Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and any other Products and Matters to be obtained in and from or necessary for the Manufacture, Production, and Use of such Air or Gas, and to sell and dispose of the same Products and Matters, and every Species of Refuse or Residuum thereof respectively, in such Manner as the said Company shall think proper.

Power to the
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II. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority, subject to the Provisions and Restrictions in this Act contained, to supply and light with Inflammable Air or Gas, to be made from Coal or other Materials, the several Shops, Inns, Taverns, private Houses, public Establishments, Manufactories, Churches, Chapels, and the Passages leading thereto, as well as the Streets, Squares, Roads, Bridges, Passages, Markets, and all other public and private Parts and Places situate and being within such Parts of the said several Parishes of *Saint Botolph Aldgate*, and *Saint Paul Shadwell*, and of *Saint George in the East* otherwise *Saint George Middlesex*, and *Saint John of Wapping*, and of the Hamlets of *Mile-end Old Town* and *Ratcliff*, in the said County of

Middlesex, as lie within a Line commencing at *Irongate Stairs* on the *River Thames* near the *Tower of London*, and continued in a straight Line from thence to *Manor Row*, *Little Tower Hill*, from thence in a North-westerly Direction to *Union Row*, *Rosemary Lane*, to *Church Lane*, *Cable Street*, in the Parish of *Saint George in the East*, from thence in a North-westerly Direction to the *Commercial Road*, at the Corner of *Church Lane* aforesaid, from thence along the Exterior of the North Side of the *Commercial Road* to *White Horse Street*, *Stepney*, in the Hamlet of *Ratcliff*, and through the Centre of *White Horse Street*, *Butcher Row* and *Ratcliff Cross*, to the *River Thames*, at *Ratcliff Cross Stairs*, in the County of *Middlesex*, and from thence along the Northern Bank of the said River to *Irongate Stairs* aforesaid, and which said Parts of the said Parishes and Hamlets aforesaid, as are within such Line as aforesaid, shall be, and shall be deemed to be the Limits of this Act, and of all the Powers, Authorities, and Privileges by this Act conferred and allowed to the said Company, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, subject to the Provisions and Restrictions herein mentioned, by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make and erect such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, Erections, and Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Water-courses, Reservoirs, and other Works, and to sink and lay Pipes of such Construction and in such Manner as the said Company shall think necessary or proper for carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution, and also in a careful and workmanlike Manner, doing thereby as little Damage as may be, to break up the Soil, Pitchings, and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Bridges, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages within the Limits of this Act, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes, and set up and erect Posts and Pillars in, under, across, and along such Streets, Highways, Roads, Bridges, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages, within the Limits of this Act, and 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 Positions of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stopcocks, Syphons, and Plugs, or Branches, Posts and Pillars, and also to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe laid or to be laid in any Street, Highway, Road, Way, Lane, Footpath, or Passage, within the Limits of this Act, into any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same from any of such Mains or Pipes, and to fix, place, and maintain any Apparatus or Conveniences necessary or requisite, or deemed adviseable for securing to any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, or public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply, and also to alter or amend any Work which shall have been erected or placed when the same shall be bad or imperfect, or be injured or damaged, in such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things, of the same or the like Nature,

To erect Works.

To break up Pitchings and Pavements in the Streets, &c.

To affix Service Pipes.

Company to
compensate
for Damage.

Company to
remove
Pipes, &c.
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Nature, as shall from Time to Time be necessary and convenient for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution: Provided always, that a proper Compensation be made by the said Company for any Damage to be done by the said Acts respectively; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize or empower the said Company to sink or make any such Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, and Reservoirs, in any Situation or Direction where the same can, shall, or may interfere with any public or private Drain, Sewer, or Well, nor to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, from any Main or Pipe, into or against any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, or so to continue the same, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners of Sewers for the District, or their Clerk or other Officer or Agent, or the Owner and Owners and Occupier or Occupiers for the Time being of every such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid; and provided also, that the said Company shall at their own Expence, at the Expiration or Determination of the Tenancy or Tenancies of any such Occupier or Occupiers so giving Consent as aforesaid, or within Twenty Days after the Expiration or Determination of such Tenancy or Tenancies, upon receiving Notice in Writing for that Purpose, for and 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 any Pipe or Pipes, Tube or Tubes, Cocks, Branches, or other Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe which shall have been introduced or laid by the said Company in 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 any Damage or Injury which may have happened to any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, by reason of the Introduction or Removal of such Pipes, Cocks, Tubes, or other Apparatus, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and in Default thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for such Owner or Owners, or such new Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require, or any Person or Persons acting under their, his, or her respective Authorities or Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, Branches, or other Apparatus to be removed, taken, and carried away, and the Damage, if any, done to any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, by reason of such Removal, to be repaired and made good, and the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing 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; and if such reasonable Costs and Charges shall 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 acting within the Limits of this Act, all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress
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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 such Justice or Justices as 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.

III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to or for the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to break, or take up, or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, the Pavement or Ground in any Public Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or other Public Place, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Pipes, (except Service Pipes of a Diameter not exceeding One Inch in the Bore,) without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements or Roads, Ground or Soil, in or on such Street, Road, Bridge, or Public Place, signified under the Hand or Hands of their Clerk or Clerks, or other proper Officer or Officers, to be for that Purpose from Time to Time first obtained; but that nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to prevent the said Company from laying down, repairing, or altering such Main Pipes, after such Consent obtained as aforesaid, or from opening, taking up, or removing any Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement, or otherwise, in or of any Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Place whatsoever within the Limits of this Act, for the Purpose of laying down, repairing, or altering any Service Pipes or Apparatus leading from such Main Pipes after such Consent obtained as aforesaid.

Company not to break up Pitchings or Pavements without Consent of Commissioners or Trustees.

IV. Provided also, That after such Consent shall have been obtained, it shall not be lawful to or for the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken or taken up or disturbed, any of the Pavements or Ground in any Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Public Place, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing any Main Pipe or Pipes (except as aforesaid), or of altering the Position of any such Main Pipe or Pipes, except as aforesaid, unless Notice in Writing of their Intention to break or take up such Pavement or Ground, signed by the Clerk or Inspector or Surveyor to the said Company, specifying the Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Public Place, and the particular Part of such Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Public Place, in which such Pavement or Ground is intended to be broken or taken up, shall have been given to a Surveyor of such Pavement, Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Place, for the Time being, or to a Surveyor of the Parochial or other District or Place wherein such Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Public Place, the Pavement, Ground, or Soil whereof is so intended to be broken or taken up, shall be situate, or shall have been left for him at his Dwelling-house or Office, before such Pavement or Ground, or any Part thereof, shall be so broken or taken up; except in Cases of sudden Emergency, in which such Notice as aforesaid shall be given to such Surveyor of Pavements or Roads as soon as possible after such Pavements or Ground, or any Part thereof,

Notice to be given of breaking up Pavements, Roads, &c.

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be broken or taken up; and if the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, shall break or take up, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any of such Pavements or Ground, without such Consent being obtained as aforesaid, and such Notice being given or left as aforesaid, (except as aforesaid); or shall break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any such Pavement or Ground, for the Purpose of laying down any Main or Mains without such Consent as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay to the Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements or Roads, Ground or Soil, which shall be so broken or taken up or disturbed, or to their Treasurer, Clerk, or Surveyor, or to such other Person as they may appoint, the Sum of Five Pounds for every Square Yard of Pavement or Ground which shall be so broken or taken up without such Consent and Notice as aforesaid, (except as aforesaid); to be recovered and levied in such Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed are directed to be recovered and levied: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to enable the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes in, through, over, or upon any private Lands or Grounds without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners, and Occupier or Occupiers thereof respectively.

Requiring
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Pavements,
&c. after
the Pipes,
&c. have
been laid
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V. And be it further enacted, That whenever and so often as the said Company shall have lawfully broken up or removed the Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Street, Road, Highway, Lane, or public Place, or any Part thereof, the said Company shall, if required so to do, immediately thereafter reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement, in as good and sound a State or Condition as the same was or were in at the Time of being so broken up, and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor of the Commissioners or Trustees of such Pavement, Soil, or Ground respectively; and the said Company shall carry away all surplus Earth, Filth, and Rubbish occasioned thereby, at their own Costs and Charges; and that during the Works of the said Company, and reinstating such Ground, Soil, or Pavement as aforesaid, the said Company shall provide proper Watchmen with necessary Lights at Night, and otherwise secure and guard the said Works, so as to prevent any Damage or Inconvenience happening to Passengers, Cattle, or Carriages; and in case the said Company shall neglect and make Default in making good and re-instating such Ground, Soil, or Pavement as aforesaid, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice given to or left for the said Company at their Manufactory or Office so to do, or in case the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements or Roads, Ground or Soil, which shall be so broken, taken up, or disturbed, shall by virtue of any Power to them for that Purpose given in or by any Act of Parliament under which they may be appointed, require to employ their own Workmen to make good the same, then it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement; and the Charges and Expences thereof shall be reimbursed and repaid by the said Company or their Treasurer, to the
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said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Treasurer; and in Default of Payment thereof, within Ten Days next after Demand thereof in Writing shall have been made by the Clerk of the said Commissioners or Trustees, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, all such Sum or Sums of Money so paid by them shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid; and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Treasurer; and in case the said Company shall neglect to provide proper Watchmen with necessary Lights at Night, and otherwise secure and guard the said Works as aforesaid, the said Company shall, for every such Neglect, forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be recovered, levied, and applied in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners or Trustees for paving or repairing the said Streets, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages respectively, to require the said Company to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, within One Calendar Month next after being required so to do, by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Manner, and in such Place or Places as the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall think right and proper; and in Default thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order, or under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised, sunk, or altered, and that the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within Fourteen Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees, at the Office of the said Company, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, 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 Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Treasurer.

Company to alter Pipes when required by Commissioners.

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Damage to
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VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising, sinking, or altering any of the said Pipes, Cocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches, any Injury shall be wilfully or negligently done to the same by the said Commissioners, Trustees, or their Servants, then and in every such Case such Damage or Injury shall be made good as soon as Circumstances permit, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences thereof shall be paid by the said Commissioners or Trustees.

For the Pro-
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VIII. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as the Company hereby incorporated, their Successors or Assigns, or their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall dig or sink any Trench or Trenches, for laying any Pipe or Pipes for the Conveyance of Gas, (save and except Service Pipes of One Inch Diameter in the Bore), or shall open any Ground for any of the Purposes of this Act, (except for the Purpose of laying such Service Pipes) in, upon, or near to which any Water Pipe or Pipes belonging to any Company of Proprietors of Water Works shall be laid, the Company hereby incorporated, their Successors or Assigns, Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall and they are hereby required to give Twelve Hours previous Notice thereof, in Writing, to the Chief Clerk, or Engineer, for the Time being, of the Proprietors of such Water Works, to be left at the Office of the said Company of Proprietors or their Chief Clerk or Engineer; and on every such Occasion, the Company hereby incorporated, their Servants, Agents, and Workmen, shall, if required so to do, under the Inspection of the Chief Clerk or Engineer for the Time being of the said Water Works; protect and secure such Water Pipe or Pipes from any Injury or Damage, and shall also, if required, repair and make good any Damage that shall or may be done to any such Pipe or Pipes on any such Occasion; and in Default of repairing and making good any such Damage, the Company hereby incorporated, their Successors and Assigns, shall, for each and every such Default, forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and also the Costs and Expences which shall have been incurred by the said Water Company, in and about the protecting and securing of any such Water Pipe or Pipes, or in and about the repairing or making good any Injury or Damage that may have been done thereto by the Means aforesaid, such Costs and Expences to be ascertained by any Justice of the Peace for the said County, and to be recovered in the same Manner as any Expences or Penalty under this Act may be recovered.

Gas Pipes to
be laid Three
Feet from the
Water Pipes,
and in a par-
ticular Way.

IX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits hereafter to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas, in, under, through, along, across, or round any Road, Street, Square, Market-place, Lane, Alley, Passage, Court, or other Place in the said Parishes respectively, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance; and wherever the Width of the Carriageway or Footpath 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 by or by the Order of such Water Works Company, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through,
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along, across, or round any of the said Roads, Streets, Squares, Market-places, Lanes, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places in the Parishes aforesaid, unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Pipes across any of the said Company's Water Pipes, in which Case the said Gas Pipes shall, wherever practicable, be laid over and above the said Company's Water Pipes, at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith a Right Angle, as near as the Situation will admit, and that in such Cases the said Gas Pipes so crossing the said Company's 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 of the said Company's Water Pipes than Three Feet at least, where the width of the Road, Street, Square, Market-place, Lane, Alley, Passage, Court, or other Place will admit, and that such Gas Pipes so crossing the said Water Pipes shall for the whole length thereof be sufficiently bedded in with good sound Clay, of a proper Consistence and well worked, and drammed into the Trenches all round the said Gas Pipes, and that in laying down the said Gas Pipes, the said Gas Light 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 also, wherever practicable, lay and well and sufficiently bed each and every of the Joints of the said Main Gas Pipes, and also the Joints or Screws of the Branch or Service Gas Pipes connecting with the Main Gas Pipes, and also the Joints of the Service or Branch Pipes for conveying the Gas from the Main Gas Pipes to the Houses and other Buildings, and all other Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings which are, or shall, or may be made in any of the said Gas Pipes with such Clay as aforesaid all round the said several and respective Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings, and for Six Inches in length each way from the Centre of each and every of the Caps or Joints in the Main Pipes, and of the Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein, and for Three Inches at least from the Centre of each of the Joints in the Service Pipes, so as to make and keep all and every such Pipes, and the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively Air tight, and to prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom.

X. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes already laid down, or which shall hereafter be laid down or set up by the said Company in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, as soon as possible, after receiving Notice in Writing of any such Escape of Gas, from any Person or Persons whomsoever, stop and prevent such Gas from escaping, and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice in Writing being given of any such Escape of Gas, as far as possible, stop and prevent the Gas from escaping, and thereby remove the Cause of Complaint, that 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,

For preventing the Escape of Gas.

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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, by Information, to be laid and exhibited before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, for the County of *Middlesex*, and shall and may be recovered and levied, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, by the Warrant of any Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, in manner herein-after directed.

Power to contract for Lighting.

XI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Company to contract with any Commissioners, Trustees, Persons or Bodies, having the Control, Direction, or Management of the lighting of the said Streets, Squares, Roads, Highways, Bridges, Lanes or Passages, Markets or other public Places within the Limits of this Act for the lighting of any such Streets, Squares, Roads, Highways, Bridges, Lanes or Passages, Markets or other public Places within the Limits aforesaid; and if the said Company 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 any such Contract, the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered in the same Manner in which other Penalties and Forfeitures are hereinafter directed to be recovered by virtue of this Act.

Company not to prejudice London Dock Company.

XII. And whereas it is necessary, that Provision should be made for preventing the Erection or fixing of any Lamp Posts, or Lamp Irons, or other Convenience necessary for lighting the Streets, surrounding the *London Docks*, in any such Manner, as to injure the Works and Premises, constructed by, or belonging to the *London Dock Company*, or so as to create any Hazard of the Security of the said Premises, being in anywise endangered; and also for preventing the laying, or placing any Mains or Pipes, or other Works necessary for lighting the Streets, in the Neighbourhood of the said Docks, upon any Lands or Premises of the *London Dock Company*, without the Consent of the said Company; be it therefore enacted, That the said *Ratcliff Gas Light and Coke Company*, shall not erect, place, or fix any Lamp Posts, or Lamp Irons, or any Stays or Fastenings for Lamp Posts, or Lamp Irons, upon or against any of the Walls of the *London Docks*, or within Four Feet of any of such Walls, where the same shall be practicable, or lay or place any Mains or Pipes, or other Works necessary for conveying Gas, in or upon any Lands or Premises, belonging to the *London Dock Company*, or under, by, or over any Bridge or Bridges constructed or to be constructed by the *London Dock Company*, without the Consent in Writing of the said Company, under its Common Seal, or under the Hands of the Directors of the said Company, or some Thirteen of them, first had and obtained.

Company authorised to purchase

XIII. And be it further enacted, That, for the Purposes of this Act, it shall be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee of Management, to be chosen as hereinafter is mentioned, and they are

are hereby empowered to treat, contract, and agree with the Owners and Proprietors, of the Gasometers, Receivers, Retorts, Buildings, Works, and Contrivances, for making Gas and Coke, and other Products and Articles as aforesaid, now erected and built, and of the Mains or Pipes for the absolute Purchase thereof, and all their Estate and Interest therein; and in all Contracts and Agreements relating thereto, and to the lighting of any Streets, Roads, Squares, Churches, Chapels, Dwelling Houses, or other Buildings or Places, public or private, situate and being within the Limits of this Act; and also to contract and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the Limits of this Act, and for the Freehold and Inheritance thereof, or any other Estate or Interest therein, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments respectively to the Person or Persons, Party or Parties, Body or Bodies, entitled thereto, or into the Bank of *England*, in manner directed by this Act (as the Case may be), the said Gasometers, Receivers, Retorts, Buildings, Works, Contrivances, Mains and Pipes, Contracts and Agreements, Lands and Premises, and all Benefit and Advantage thereof respectively, shall vest absolutely in *The Ratcliff Gas Light and Coke Company*, by this Act established, and their Successors; and the same may be taken and used by them for the Purposes of this Act, provided the Lands to be held for the Purposes of this Act shall not at any Time exceed in Quantity Six Statute Acres.

the Gas Works at Ratcliff, and other Lands and Buildings.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall 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 Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Feoffees in Trust, and other Trustees whomsoever, for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, and for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots or Femes Covert, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof which shall be thought necessary by the said Company to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, (but under such Restrictions as to Quantity as aforesaid,) to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company or their Committee of Management as aforesaid, 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 all Contracts, Bargains, Sales and Conveyances which shall be so made, by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or without any other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Enrolment, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the

Bodies Politic and others empowered to sell.

the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Possibility, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several Cestuique Trusts, and of all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under him, her, or them, or any of them, or claiming or to claim in Remainder, or Reversion, or Expectant, on any particular Estate, or by way of executory Devise, or springing Use, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar all Dower of any such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of any Person or Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing to the contrary in any wise 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 Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees and other Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons is, and are, and shall be indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

Application
of Purchase
Money,
amounting
to 200l. and
upwards.

XV. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used, by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body, Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical Tenant for Life, or in Fee-tail, or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid; such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex-parte*, the *Ratcliff Gas Light and Coke Company*, to the Intent that such Money 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 Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing and being settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, and 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 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 Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement,

Settlement shall be existing undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean time, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated, or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the mean time, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and Annual Produce of the Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement thereof were then actually made.

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

When less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

XVII. 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 Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall belong absolutely, and be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit, or in Cases of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees,

When not exceeding 20*l.*

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

In case of
not making
out Titles.

XVIII. 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 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 so purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; 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 to 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 Court.

XIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, Body or Bodies, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled for the like Uses, in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the 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, to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Upon Pay-
ment of
Purchase
Money, Pre-
mises to be
vested in the
Company.

XX. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money to be so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, 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 or Parties, and Person and Persons respectively to whom or to whose Use or Benefit the same shall be paid, into or out of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company and their

their Successors, and may be taken and used by them for the Purposes of this Act.

XXI. 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),

Form of Conveyance.

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

XXII. And whereas the said Company, under the Provisions of this Act, may purchase or acquire Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which may afterwards be found not necessary or inconvenient, or not wanted for the Purposes aforesaid; be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, for a valuable Consideration in Money, by Indenture under their Common Seal, to sell and convey all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased or acquired, and which shall not be necessary or convenient, or not wanted for the Purposes of the said Company; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being of 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 Discharge or Discharges to any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, for the Money which shall be therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons, Party or Parties, having *bond 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.

Resale of Lands not wanted.

XXIII. And whereas the said Company of Proprietors are enabled to purchase Six 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 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,

Restraining the Company from purchasing more than Six Acres, &c.

cutors, 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 any legal Disability or Incapacity, and again purchasing other Lands from 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, 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 on Behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, 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 Six Statute Acres; and in case the said Company shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Six Statute Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase of or from 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 on Behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Persons to 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 in stead of those Six Statute Acres, or any Part thereof, so sold or disposed of by the said Company.

Report of
Works to be
sent to the
Secretary of
State.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management of the said Company shall and they are hereby required, within Two Calendar Months after every Half-yearly General Meeting of the said Company, or oftener if required by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being, to transmit to the said Secretary of State a Report in Writing, signed by the Chairman, or Deputy Chairman, or one of the Members of the said Committee of Management, of the State of the said Company, and of their Works, and the Means possessed by the said Company for securing the Continuance of their Operations, and such other Matters relating to the Works and Proceedings of the said Company, as the said Secretary of State shall from Time to Time require; and in case the said Committee of Management shall not, within the said Period of Two Calendar Months after every such General Meeting as aforesaid, or within the like Period after being required by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, transmit to the said Secretary

Secretary of State such Report in Writing, the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds for every such Offence, to be recovered by His Majesty's Attorney General by Information in the Court of Exchequer, or by Action of Debt in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench for the Use of His Majesty.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That all the Stations and Works of the said Company shall be open at all convenient Times for the Inspection and Examination of such Person or Persons as the said Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being shall appoint from Time to Time for that Purpose; and the said Company shall, and they are hereby required to conform to such Regulations and Proceedings in the several Parts of their Works and Operations, as well in respect of those already erected or executed as of such as shall hereafter be erected and executed, as the said Secretary of State shall consider necessary and proper and shall direct to be adopted for the better and more effectual lighting the several Parts of the Parishes, Hamlets, and Places before-mentioned, as are within the Limits of this Act, where the Mains and Pipes of the said Company shall lie, and for more effectually securing a proper and permanent Supply of Gas for lighting the public Lamps therein, and for assisting and advancing the Benefits to be derived from an active and efficient Police, and for such other Purposes as to the said Secretary of State shall seem meet and proper for the Advantage of the Public.

Stations and Works to be open at all Times to the Inspection of Persons appointed by the Secretary of State.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply such of the Public Streets, Squares, Lanes, Passages, and other Public Ways in the said Parishes, Hamlets, or Places, as are within the Limits of this Act, as shall be contracted for, with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light than could be obtained from Oil, and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for Lighting with Gas any Public Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Way, by the said Company, shall contain a Clause providing that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Way, shall at all Times be better and cheaper lighted by the said Company than could be done by Oil, according to the average Expence of Lighting with Oil for the Space of Three Years immediately preceding.

Company to supply a better and cheaper Light than Oil.

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

Service Pipes to be kept fully charged with Gas.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to make Sewers or Cuts of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think fit, under the

Power to convey Washings, &c.

[Local.]

25 P

Ways,

Ways, Lanes, Avenues, and Places within the said Parishes, Hamlets, Roads, or Places, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings or other waste Liquids which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers or Cuts, and immediately repairing at their own Expence all such Damage.

Penalty for conveying Washings into Rivers, Streams, &c.

XXIX. 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 said Gas Works, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring such 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 do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Water Way, Feeder, Pond, or Spring Head, Well, Drain, Sewer, or Ditch, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, 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 thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time that such Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing shall have ceased and determined: Provided also, that over and above, and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds (and whether such Penalty shall have been sued for or recovered or not), and 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, Water Way, Feeder, Pond, Spring Head or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any Person or Persons to whom the same shall belong, or by any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to the said Company, and the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them or him as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things from being drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing, from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case, the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds

for each and every Day such Washings, Waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be so emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied in such and the like manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by this Act directed to be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who in the Judgment of the 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.

XXX. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Pipe for the Conveyance of Gas to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, nor fit nor alter any of the Fittings of any Pipes, Tubes, or Lamps belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company in Writing first had and obtained, nor use Gas Burners of a larger Dimension than he, she, or they shall contract with the said Company to use and pay for, nor supply any Inhabitant or other Person with or permit him or her to use or waste any Part of the Gas supplied by the Company, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company and their Successors the Sum of Forty Shillings *per* Day, for each and every Day any such Communication Pipe shall remain, and for each and every such other 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, Place, or District, where the said Offence shall be committed, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant, the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture and the Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, being to be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Penalty or Penalties shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction or Common Gaol of the said County, Place, or District, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Penalty or Penalties, or Forfeiture, and all reasonable Charges be sooner paid and satisfied.

No Pipes of Communication to be laid without Company's Consent.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall wilfully, maliciously, or negligently do or commit, or cause to be done or committed any Injury or Damage to any of the Mains, Service Pipes, or other Apparatus belonging to the said Company, either by removing or disturbing the Ground or Soil wherein or whereon the same is or are laid or placed, or by the Compression or subsequent settling or lowering of the same at any Time or Times afterwards, or by any other Means whatsoever, or if any Person or Persons whomsoever shall wilfully or maliciously remove, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe,

Penalty for damaging Pipes, &c.

Post,

Post, Stopcock, Plug, Lamp-post, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or shall wilfully or maliciously waste, or unlawfully and improperly use any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or shall alter, exchange, or remove the Burners from the Pipes of Supply, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices for the County, Place, or District, where the said Offence or Offences shall be committed, shall for each separate Act or Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company and their Successors any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Pounds by way of Penalty, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage to be done, as the same shall be settled and ascertained by such Justice or Justices; 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, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, such Offender or Offenders shall and may be committed to the House of Correction, or Common Gaol of the County, Place, or District where the Offence shall be committed, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom such Offender shall be committed, or until such Forfeiture, Damage, and Costs shall be paid.

Satisfaction
for accidental
Damage
to Lamps,
&c.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage or injure any Lamp or Lamps hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their Private Expence, or any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto, or to the said Company, or waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, and shall not upon Demand by the said Company or their Clerk or Superintendent, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Parishes, Hamlets, Roads, or Places, and he and they is and are hereby required upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred; and upon hearing the Allegation and Proofs on both Sides, or Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to award such Sum or Sums of Money by way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons (as the Case may require) for such Damages, as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded within Three Days after Demand, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, or any One of them, and he and they is and are hereby required to cause the same to be raised and levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of such Justice or Justices.

XXXIII. And

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

Stock to be raised not to exceed 100,000*l.*

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of One hundred Pounds each, and that no Person or Persons shall be a Subscriber or Subscribers for a less Sum than One hundred Pounds; and that every Proprietor or Proprietors of a Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall be entitled to the Capital Stock and Effects of the said Company, and the Profits and Advantages attending the same, in Proportion to the Number of Shares he, she, or they may hold therein: Provided always, that all Shares in the Joint Stock and Undertaking of the said Company, and in the Net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Estate, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Stock to be divided into Shares of 100*l.* each, and to be Personal Estate.

XXXV. And in order to evince the Right of the several Parties who shall become Proprietors in the said Undertaking, be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the Committee of Management herein appointed for the Time being, shall and they are hereby required to cause, as soon as conveniently may be, the Names and Designations of the several Persons who have subscribed for, or may at any Time hereafter be entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book or Books to be kept by their Clerk, and after such Entry a Certificate under the Common Seal of the said Company, and countersigned by the Clerk, 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, and the Register thereof, shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified, but the want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner of any of the said Shares from selling or disposing thereof.

Certificates of Shares to be given.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That on the Second *Thursday* after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, a General Meeting of the Subscribers to the said Undertaking shall be holden at the *City of London Tavern*, in *Bishopsgate Street*, *London*, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and One of the Clock in the Afternoon, of which Five Days previous Notice shall be given in the *London Gazette* and Two or more of the *London Daily Newspapers*, at which General Meeting or Adjournment thereof a Treasurer or Treasurers and a Committee of Management, consisting of Five Proprietors, each possessed of Fifteen Shares at the least in the said Undertaking, shall be elected and chosen; and that after the said Committee shall have been elected,

First General Assembly of Proprietors.

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One of the Members thereof shall be elected Chairman of the said Company, and another of such Members the Deputy Chairman thereof, until the next General Meeting; and such General Meeting may be adjourned to such other Time and Place as the Proprietors of the Majority of Shares then present shall think fit.

General
Assemblies
to be holden.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall in the Months of *January* and *July* in each Year hold a General Meeting or Assembly of the said Proprietors, of which General Meeting or Assembly Five Days previous Notice shall be given in the *London Gazette* and Two or more of the Daily *London Newspapers*; and at every such General Meeting or Assembly to be holden in the Month of *January* or some Adjournment thereof, Three Members of the Company, qualified as aforesaid, who shall have been Members of the Committee elected in the preceding Year, shall be re-elected Members of the Committee of Management, and as soon as such Election shall have been made, Two other Members of the said Company, qualified as aforesaid, shall be elected Members of the said Committee; and after such Committee shall have been elected, One of the Members thereof shall be elected Chairman and One other of the Members thereof Deputy Chairman of the said Committee for the ensuing Year; but all the Members of the said Committee, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman elected in the preceding Year, shall be immediately re-eligible if otherwise duly qualified; and after such Elections as aforesaid shall have taken place, the Officer or Officers (if any) who shall not be re-elected shall go out of Office: Provided also, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected or to serve or act as Member of the said Committee who shall hold or derive any Place of Profit under the said Company.

Power to
make Bye-
laws.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That at any of such General Assemblies the said Company shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws, from Time to Time, as to them shall seem meet and proper for the good Government of the said Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the said Committee, and the Duties and Conduct of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the Superintendance 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 new or other Orders, and impose such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Officers, Workmen, and Servants of the said Company, and other Persons to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, or in the Superintendance or Management of the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence, as to the said Company at a General Meeting or Assembly shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws so made as aforesaid, being reduced into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed, shall be binding upon all such Persons, and be a sufficient Authority, in any Court of Law or Equity, to justify all Persons who shall act under the same: Provided

nevertheless, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws be not repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or to any of the Directions or Provisions of this Act: Provided also, that Copies of every such Bye-law shall be publicly affixed and continued in the Office of the said Company.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be eligible to be elected, or to serve or act as a Member of the Committee for managing the Affairs of the said Undertaking, unless at the Time of his Election, and during all such Time as he shall be a Member of the said Committee, he shall be possessed in his own Right of Fifteen Shares at least in the said Undertaking.

No Person to act as a Committee Man, unless possessed of 15 Shares.

XL. And be it further enacted, That Five or more Members of the said Company, holding in the Aggregate One hundred Shares or upwards in the said Joint Stock, may at any Time by Writing under their Hands, left at the Office of the said Company, require the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting, so as in such Requisition the Object for which such Meeting is required to be called be fully expressed; and in case of the Neglect or Refusal of the said Committee to call such Meeting, the same may be called by the said Members, by giving Five Days previous Notice thereof in the *London Gazette*, and Two or more of the *London Daily Newspapers*; and that every General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as shall be found expedient.

Company may require Committee to call Special Meetings. In case of Refusal, Five Members holding 100 Shares may convene such Meetings.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That no Member of the said Company shall be entitled to be present, or to vote at any General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, or Adjournment thereof, unless he shall have subscribed for at least Five Shares in the Joint Stock of the said Company within Twenty-one Days after the passing of this Act, or unless he shall afterwards have been entitled to or continued possessed of at least Five Shares in the said Joint Stock for at least Three Calendar Months before such Meeting at which such Member shall desire to vote; and that every Member of the said Company qualified to vote as aforesaid shall have One Vote at such General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, or any Adjournment thereof, for or in respect of every Five Shares he may hold in the Joint Stock of the said Company; but no Person or Persons shall be entitled to vote in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Instalment thereof, to be called for as herein-after is mentioned, until such Instalment or Call shall have been paid; and that no Person or Persons shall vote at any General Meeting, or Special General Meeting, or Adjournment thereof, upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking in which such Person or Persons shall be anywise interested other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, to or of the said Undertaking.

Proprietors to vote according to the Number of their Shares.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares in the said Joint Stock shall be the Property of more than One Person, the

Shares standing in Owner

the Names of
more than
one Person.

Owner or Proprietor whose Name shall have been entered first in Order on the Books of the said Company shall, for all the Purposes of the said Company, be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required to be given to the Proprietor of any Share or Shares of the said Company, shall and may be given to or served upon such Person whose Name shall so stand first in Order in the Books of the said Company, and such Service upon such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Service upon all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares for all the Purposes for which such Service is intended to be made upon the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares, and such Person shall be entitled to any Vote or Votes which may be given in respect of such Shares.

Empowering
Proprietors
of Shares to
vote by
Proxy.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That any Female, Infant, or other Proprietor of any Shares in the said Undertaking, entitled to vote in respect of such Shares at any General or Special General Meeting of the Company, or any Adjournment thereof, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General or Special General Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Member of the said Company entitled to vote; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form following; *videlicet,*

‘ I A. B., one of the Proprietors of and in *The Ratcliff 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 the General or Special General
‘ Meeting of the said Company to be holden on the _____ Day of
‘ _____ in such manner as he the said C. D. shall think proper, according
‘ to his Opinion and Judgment, for the Benefit of the said Undertaking,
‘ or any Thing relating thereto. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
‘ my Hand the _____ Day of _____

Regulation
of General
Meetings.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That at every General or Special Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company, the Chair shall be taken by the Chairman of the said Company, and in his Absence by the Deputy Chairman of the said Company, and in their Absence by a Member to be elected by the Members present; and that at every such General Meeting all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Members and Proxies present and not declining to vote, according to their respective Number of Votes; and, upon any Difference of Opinion, any Member may require such Votes to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open more than One Hour; and that such Member as shall be in the Chair shall be entitled to vote, and shall also have a casting Vote, in case the Number of Votes shall be equal; and the Orders and Proceedings of every General or Special General Meeting, or Adjournment thereof, shall be entered by the Clerk in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the presiding Chairman of such Meeting; and such Orders and Proceedings, so
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entered and signed, shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and that no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting, besides the Business for which it shall have been called; and no other Business shall be transacted at any adjourned Special General Meeting, than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place; and if at any General or Special General Meeting Five Members entitled to vote shall not assemble and proceed to Business in One Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if that Number be not present when the Whole or any Part of the Business to be transacted shall be decided upon, the Meeting shall adjourn to the same Day in the following Week, or some other Day to be appointed by the Committee of Management.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That any Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Members of the said Committee of Management, may at any Time be removed from their respective Office by a General Meeting specially called for that Purpose; and any Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Member of the said Committee, may at any Time vacate his Office, by sending his Resignation in Writing to the Office of the said Company; and in case any Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Member of the said Committee, shall during the Continuance of his respective Office, by Transfer, Forfeiture, or otherwise, reduce the Number of Shares in the said Joint Stock held by him respectively below the Number of Fifteen Shares, or shall otherwise become disqualified to be a Member of the said Committee, then and in every such case the Office of such Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Member of the said Committee, shall instantly determine and become vacant; and every Vacancy in the Offices of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Members of the said Committee, by Death, Removal, Resignation, or becoming ineligible or unqualified as aforesaid, shall be filled up at a Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose, within Thirty Days next after such Office respectively shall become vacant; and every Person who, in consequence of a Vacancy occasioned by any other Cause than that of going out of Office, according to the Rotation aforesaid, shall be appointed Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or a Member of the said Committee, shall be deemed only a Substitute for the Person whose Place he shall supply, and shall 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 must necessarily have gone out of Office.

Chairman and others may be removed,

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the General Meeting shall from Time to Time elect some Person to be Treasurer of the said Company, and it shall not be necessary that such Person be a Member of the said Company; and any General Meeting may from Time to Time dismiss, remove, or suspend such Treasurer, from Time to Time as they shall think fit; and the First Treasurer shall be elected at the First General Meeting to be holden after the passing of this Act, or some Adjournment thereof.

General Meeting to elect a Treasurer.

Treasurer
and Clerk
not to be the
same Person.

XLVII. 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, and 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.

Notices of
Meeting to
be given by
the Clerk of
the Com-
pany.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Notices by this Act directed to be given of any General or Special Meeting or Adjournment thereof respectively, or to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not herein otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors, or to such Individual Proprietors respectively, by Letters from the Clerk of the Company sent by the Post to each and every Proprietor entitled to vote at such Meetings respectively, or to the Individual Proprietors entitled to such Notice (as the Case may be); and that such Notices shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Notices.

General
Meetings to
examine Ac-
counts, and
Half-yearly
Meetings to
declare.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That any General Meeting or General Meetings specially called for that Purpose, shall have full Power to call for and examine the Accounts of the said Company; and that at every Half-yearly General Meeting, or some Adjournment thereof, a Dividend or Dividends shall be made, out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of so much for every One hundred Pounds upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the Members thereof, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine: Provided, that no Dividend shall be made, whereby the Capital of the said Company shall in any degree be reduced or impaired, nor within Six Calendar Months after the passing of this Act; and that no Dividend shall be paid in respect of any Share or Shares, after a Day appointed for Payment of any Calls for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid.

L. And be it further enacted, That any Half-yearly General Meeting or Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose, or Adjournment thereof respectively, shall have full Power to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Subscribers and Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as such Meeting shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, so that no one such Call do exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds for or in respect of any one Share of One hundred Pounds, and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of One Calendar Month at least from another; 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; and that the said several Sums of Money so called for shall be paid at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such General Meeting, of which Time and Place Twenty-one Days previous Notice at least shall be given in Two or more of the Daily *London* Newspapers.

General Meetings may make Calls on Subscribers.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management of the said Company, or any Three or more of them, shall hold their Meetings at such Time and Place as they shall from Time to Time think proper; and any Three or more Members of the said Committee may at any Time call a Meeting of the said Committee, by any Notice in Writing, sent by Post or otherwise, to the Residence of every Member of the said Committee, when they shall think fit; and that all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by them, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of the Members then present; and in case of an equal Number of Votes, the Member for the Time being in the Chair shall have the casting Vote, besides his own Vote; and that if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee Three or more Members qualified to vote shall not attend, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned to the next Day if not on a *Sunday*, but if the next Day should be a *Sunday*, then to the Day following, by the Members or Member then present, or if none be present, by the Clerk to the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and the Proceedings of every Committee shall be entered in a Book, to be kept by the Clerk for that Purpose, and signed by the Person in the Chair.

Regulations concerning Meetings of the Committee.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall and may call a Special General Meeting of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and shall appoint the Time and Place of holding every General Meeting, and shall at least give Seven Days Notice of every General Meeting by Advertisement in Two or more of the *London* Newspapers, and shall give Five Days such Notice of every adjourned General Meeting, and such Notice shall be given for every Special Meeting which shall be required to be held by Five or more Members holding in the Aggregate One hundred Shares or upwards.

Powers and Duties of Committee as to calling General Meetings.

LIII. And

Special Meeting of the Company may be convened by Members on Neglect of Committee.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Committee of Management for the Time being shall refuse or neglect for the Space of Seven Days to comply with any such Requisition, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the Members who shall have signed such Requisition to call a Special General Meeting of the Company, by Advertisement in Two or more of the *London* Newspapers, specifying the Place where and the Time when such Meeting is to be held, the Time not being less than Five Days after such Notice, and the Place somewhere in One of the several Parishes or Hamlets herein-before mentioned; and the Decision and Determination of the Proprietors present at such Meeting or some Adjournment thereof, or the major Part of them, according to the Number of Votes they shall have a Right to give respecting such Matter or Matters, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes.

Power to the Committee to appoint Clerks.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall appoint all the Clerks, Officers, Servants, and Workmen, and Tradesmen of the said Company, and dismiss, remove, and suspend them as they shall think fit, and may require Security from the Clerks and Officers, and also from the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being of the said Company, if they shall think the same necessary.

General Powers of the Committee, &c.

LV. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and shall have Power and Authority to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out, or disposed of for the 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 entering into the Contracts for the lighting of any Parishes, Places, Streets, Roads, Ways, Houses, or Buildings as aforesaid, and in ordering, directing, and employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced from such Manufacture of Air or Gas as aforesaid, and in making, enforcing, and rescinding, compounding or compromising all Contracts or 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.

Company may appoint Persons to prove under Commission of Bankruptcy.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the Committee of Management thereof, 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 the present 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

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to Time to make any other as the said Company or Committee shall think fit.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person who shall directly or indirectly be interested or concerned in doing any Work for or on behalf of the said Company, or in supplying any Materials, Articles, or Things to or for the Use of the said Company, shall be eligible to be nor shall be a Member of the said Committee; and in case any such Person shall act as a Member of the said Committee, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, to be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, in which Action or Suit respectively, no Protection, Essoign, or Wager of Law, or more than one Imparance shall be allowed.

Persons interested in Articles manufactured by the Company, not eligible on the Committee.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers, or other Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Company, shall not issue any Sum or Sums of Money on Account of the said Company, without an Order or Orders in Writing signed by Three or more Members of the said Committee, and that the Receipts of the said Treasurer or Treasurers, for all Monies payable to him or them on Account of the said Company, shall be effectual Discharges for the same.

Treasurer not to issue Money without an Order.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed or who shall hereafter subscribe or advance any Money for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall or may 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, and to such Person or Persons as shall be directed by any General or Special Meeting; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay the same at the Time and in the Manner required for that Purpose, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same by Action of Debt or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same, from such appointed 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 being jointly possessed of any One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, then from all, any, or either of such Persons.

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Subscriber or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Part or Portion of the Money to be called for by any General or Special Meeting as aforesaid by the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then in such case such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall (whether or not the same

In Default of Payment of Calls Shares to be forfeited.

Notice to be given.

shall then have been sued for in any Court of Law or Equity) absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, or Interest in the said Undertaking, and the Capital Stock in respect of the Share or Shares upon which such Call or Calls shall have been made, and all Profits and Advantage thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them on Account thereof to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Company, unless otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting; and that all Shares which shall or may be so forfeited shall or may be sold at a Public Sale for the most Money that can be gotten for the same, and the Produce thereof shall go to and make Part of the Capital or joint Stock of the said Company, but that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, until after Thirty Days Notice shall have been given by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the said Company, or Three of the Committee of Management, to the Owner or Owners thereof by Notice in Writing left at his, her, or their usual or last Place of Abode, and that every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor and Proprietors, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns so forfeiting against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions for any Breach of Contract, or other Agreement between such Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns.

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

Shares unsold to revert to the former Owners.

LXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Money produced by the Sale of any such Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Call as aforesaid, and legal Interest thereon, and the Expences attending the Sale or Sales, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid on Demand to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged: Provided also, that the said Company or their Committee shall not by virtue of this Act, sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred, any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be sufficient, as near as may be at the Time of such Call, to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters, for or on account of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after Payment of all and every of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares vested in the said Company as aforesaid, which shall remain in their Hands unsold, shall revert to, and again become the Property of the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

Executors, &c. indemnified in Payment of Calls

LXII. 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 aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provisions as aforesaid by Will or otherwise how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, then and

and in such case the Executors or Administrators of such Proprietor and 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.

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

Property of the Company liable for their Debts and Engagements.

LXIV. And whereas in Cases where the original Holder or Proprietor of One or more Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, become insolvent, or bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person or Persons, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof, with the Clerk to the said Company, it may not be in the Power of the said Company to know who is the Owner or Proprietor, in order to give him, her, or them, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, Notice or Notices of Calls to be made on such Share or Shares, and to maintain any Action or Actions against him, her, or them, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely paying to him, her, or them, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That in all the Cases aforesaid, 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 or 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 Masters Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares shall have passed to such other Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns; and such Affidavit shall be transmitted 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 in the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company; and that in all or any of the said Cases, it shall be lawful for the Subscribers and Proprietors at any General Meeting after Twenty-one Days previous Notice shall have been given by the said Treasurer or Clerk to the Owners or Persons claiming by such Affidavit to be Owner or Owners thereof, and such Person or Persons, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall not have paid his, her, or their Portion of the Money becoming payable by virtue of any Call or Calls as aforesaid, to declare at any General Meeting the same Share or Shares to be and to have become forfeited, and the same shall be and become forfeited,

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

forfeited, and shall be sold and disposed of in such Manner as the said Members at any Meeting or Meetings shall direct, or otherwise become consolidated in the General Fund of the said Company.

Shares may
be trans-
ferred.

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

Form of
Transfer of
Shares.

I, *A. B.* of _____, in Consideration of _____ paid to me by *C. D.* of _____ do hereby bargain, sell, and transfer to the said *C. D.* Share or Shares [*as the Case may be*] in the *Ratcliff Gas Light and Coke Company*, Number _____ in the said Undertaking, to hold to the said *C. D.* his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules, Orders, and Restrictions, and on the same Conditions that I held the same Share or Shares immediately before the Execution hereof, and I, the said *C. D.* do hereby agree to accept and take the said Share or Shares, subject to such Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and Conditions. As witness our Hands and Seals, this _____ Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord _____

And that every such Transfer shall be produced to the Clerk of the said Company, and shall be by him registered in the Books of the said Company, and the Register thereof shall specify the Date, Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred; and for making such Register, the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and no more; and a Memorial of such Register, signed by the Clerk or other Officer of the said Company, duly authorized thereto, shall be sufficient Evidence of every such Sale, and received as such in all Trials before any Court in the United Kingdom, and that until such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share or Shares, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be deemed a Proprietor, or have any Part or Share in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages thereof, nor shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any Meeting or Meetings, as Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking in respect of such Share or Shares, until the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after such Transfer shall have been registered.

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

LXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after any 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 the Payment of the said Call, until the Money so 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, and all and every Person or Persons making default herein, shall be subject and liable

liable to forfeit such his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, to and for the general Benefit of the said Undertaking, unless he, she, or they shall, at the Time of such Sale or Transfer, pay to the Treasurer of the said Company the full Sum of Money called for upon every Share so to be sold or transferred, such Forfeiture, nevertheless, to be first notified and declared in manner directed by this Act with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for not answering the Calls to be made thereon as aforesaid.

LXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend, to authorize or empower the said Company to light or cause to be lighted any Parts or Places, or in any Manner either directly or indirectly to supply with Gas any Person or Persons in any Parts or Places without the Limits of this Act, and being on the Outside of the Line aforesaid, but they are hereby expressly prohibited and restrained from so doing at any Time or under any Pretence whatsoever; and if the said Company, or their Successors or Assigns, or any of their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, or any other Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, shall offend herein, the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, and each and every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Shillings for each and every Cubic Foot of Gas so supplied, and the Sum of Twenty Shillings for each and every Lamp or other Light so lighted, for each and every Hour in which the same shall be so lighted; and such several Penalties shall be recoverable in a summary Way, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, and shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so offending, or of the said Company, at the Discretion of the Person or Persons prosecuting for such Offence, by the Warrant of any such Justice or Justices as aforesaid, to be granted in like Manner, and subject to the like Provisions, and to be recovered and applied in like Manner as is herein provided touching other Penalties directed and imposed by this Act, or each and every such Forfeiture and Penalty, if amounting to or exceeding the Sum of Twenty Pounds, shall and may be recoverable, with full Costs of Suit, by any Person who shall sue for the same, 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.

Company
not to light
without the
Limits of
this Act.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offender or Offenders is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and be recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the County wherein the Offence shall arise, in a summary Way, and any such Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders, or the said Company if they offend, upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer), and in default of Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, or of the Goods

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and Chattels of the said Company if they shall offend and be convicted as aforesaid of any Offence in this Act mentioned, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; and one Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained (the reasonable Charges for such Distress and Sale being first deducted), shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish or Hamlet wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor of such Parish or Hamlet; and in case such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction by any Person or Persons offending and convicted, then it shall be lawful for such Justice to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, unless the said Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice for his or their Appearance before him on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant or Warrants of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Five Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice is hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant or Warrants it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then it shall be lawful for any such Justice of the Peace, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction or Common Gaol for the County wherein such Offence shall arise, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months.

LXIX. 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 alledging more than the Substance of the Offence; *videlicet*,

Form of
Conviction.

‘ } BE it remembered, That on the _____ Day of
‘ to wit. } One thousand eight hundred and _____
‘ _____ is or are convicted before me [*or as the Case may be*]
‘ of His Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the County of _____
‘ by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the Fourth Year of the
‘ Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled [*here insert*
‘ *the Title of this Act*] of having [*specifying the Offence, and the Time*
‘ *and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case may be*],
‘ contrary to the said Act, and for which I [*or we, as the Case may be*]
‘ do adjudge the said _____ to have forfeited the Sum of _____
‘ _____ Given under my Hand and Seal [*or, as the Case may*
‘ *be, Hands and Seals*] the Day first above written.’

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses, and respecting Service of Notices.

LXX. 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 the behalf of the Prosecutors or on behalf of the Person or Persons
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accused, and shall refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, after having been paid or tendered a reasonable Sum for his or her Costs and Expences, 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.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses who shall be examined by or before any Justice or Justices 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.

Persons giving false Evidence to be punished.

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

Appeal to be made to the Quarter Sessions.

LXXIII. 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

Proceedings to be within Six Calendar Months.

respecting such Offence or Offences shall have been lodged before some Justice of the Peace within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Directing what shall be deemed a Service of Notices, &c. on the Company.

LXXIV. 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, Summons or Summonses, or other legal Proceedings, the Service thereof upon the Clerk of the said Company, or at any of the Offices of the said Company, or left at the last or usual Place of Abode of the Clerk to the said Company, or upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, or upon any Member of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

Proceedings not to be quashed for Want of Form.

LXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Order, Judgment, Conviction, or other Proceedings to be had, made, or taken in pursuance of this Act, shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form, or be removed by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or elsewhere, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any Action 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.

Expences of the Act how to be paid.

LXXVII. 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 Committee out of the Monies subscribed for the Purposes of this Act.

Company not to erect Gasometers in Wapping.

LXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend, to authorize the Company hereby incorporated to erect, build, or make, or cause or procure to be erected, built, or made, within any or either of the Streets, Lanes, and other Places, under the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners of *Wapping* Pavement, nor within the Parish of *Saint John of Wapping* aforesaid, any Gasometer or Gasometers, or any Building, Apparatus, or Convenience for the Purpose of making or receiving Gas, except Iron or other conducting Pipes, nor to authorize the said Company to make Inflammable Air or Gas from Coal or other Materials, or to make Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, or any other Products or Matters

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to be obtained in and from, or necessary for the Manufacture or Production of Gas, within such Streets, Lanes, and Places in the Parish of *Saint John of Wapping* aforesaid, or of the District commonly called *Wapping Pavement*; without the Consent in Writing of the major Part of the said Commissioners for the Time being, as shall attend at a Meeting duly convened for that Purpose, being first had and obtained; and if the said Company shall at any Time erect, build, or make, or cause or procure to be erected, built, or made, any Gasometer, Building or Apparatus, or Convenience for the Purpose of making or receiving Gas, except Iron or other conducting Pipes, within the Parish or District last mentioned, or shall within such Parish or District make Inflammable Air or Gas from Coal or other Materials, or shall make Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, or any other Products or Matters to be obtained in and from, or necessary for the Manufacture or Production of Gas, without first obtaining the Consent of the Commissioners as aforesaid, the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Three hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered by the said Commissioners, or their Clerk, together with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparance, shall be allowed.

LXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, change, annul, defeat, or make void all or any of the Powers, Authorities, Duties, Matters, and Things given and granted to or vested in or required to be done or performed by the Commissioners of Pavement usually called *The Ratcliff Pavement*, acting under the Authority of Two several Acts of Parliament, the first whereof was passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for paving and regulating Rosemary Lane, from the Parish of St. Botolph Aldgate, to Cable Street; also the said Cable Street, the Footpath in Back Lane, Part of the Precinct of Wellclose, the Street leading from Nightingale Lane to Ratcliff Cross, Butcher Row, and Brook Street, and the several Streets, Lanes, and Passages opening into the same, and for removing all Obstructions and Annoyances therefrom, and preventing the like for the future*; and also under a certain other Act of Parliament, passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better paving, improving, and regulating the Streets of the Metropolis, and removing and preventing Obstructions therein*; but that all such Powers and Authorities, Duties, Matters, and Things whatsoever, so given and granted, or vested in or required to be done or performed by the said Commissioners under the said Acts of the Eleventh and Fifty-seventh Years of the Reign of His said late Majesty, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and remain and continue vested in, and be executed, done, and performed by the said Commissioners and their Successors, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as the same might or could have been executed, done, and performed

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Act not to alter the Power of the Ratcliff Paving Commissioners.

11 G. 3. c. 23.

57 G. 3. c. 29.

by the said Commissioners, in case this present Act had not been made.

Act not to alter the Power of the St. George's Paving Commissioners.

17 G. 3. c. 22.

22 G. 3. c. 86.

57 G. 3. c. 29.

LXXX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, change, annul, defeat, or make void all or any of the Rights, Powers, Authorities, Duties, Matters, and Things given and granted to or vested in or required to be done or performed by the Commissioners of Pavement, usually called *The Saint George's Pavement*, acting under the Authority of the several Acts of Parliament herein-after mentioned; *videlicet*, an Act made and passed in the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for opening Communications between Wapping Street and Ratcliff Highway, and between Old Gravel Lane and Virginia Street, and for paving certain Streets intended to be built, and also certain other Streets and public Passages and Plates within the Parishes of Saint George and Saint John of Wapping in the County of Middlesex*; a certain other Act made and passed in the Twenty-second Year of His said late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act for explaining and amending Two Acts, one made in the Eleventh and the other in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty, for paving certain Streets in the Parishes of Saint John of Wapping and Saint George in the County of Middlesex, and for other Purposes, and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to other Parts of the said Parishes, and also for opening certain Communications within the said Parish of Saint George*; and a certain other Act made and passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better paving, improving, and regulating the Streets of the Metropolis, and removing and preventing Obstructions therein*; but that all such Rights, Powers, and Authorities, Duties, Matters, and Things whatsoever, so given and granted, or vested in or required to be done or performed by the said Commissioners under the said several Acts of Parliament herein-before mentioned, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and remain and continue vested in, and be executed, done, and performed by the said Commissioners and their Successors, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as the same might or could have been executed, done, and performed by the said Commissioners in case this present Act had not been made.

Act not to alter the Power of the Commercial Road Trustees.

42 G. 3. c. 101.

LXXXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed, adjudged, deemed, or taken to extend, to invest the said Company or their Successors with any Powers or Authorities to lay down Pipes in or upon, or to encroach upon, break up, alter, or interfere with the Turnpike Road called *The Commercial Road*, or the Branches of Road leading therefrom, or any Part thereof, or the Sewers or Gutters, Cesspools, Sinks, Drains, or Watercourses thereunto belonging respectively, and made or repaired under and by virtue of an Act made and passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining, and for watching, lighting, and watering a Road from*
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*the West India Docks, to communicate with a Street called Church Lane or Church Street, Whitechapel, and for making and maintaining a Branch of Road therefrom, to communicate with Queen Street, in the Parish of Saint Anne, all in the said County of Middlesex; for opening, widening, and improving certain Streets and Passages therein mentioned, and for more effectually amending and keeping in repair a Road from Ratcliff Highway, through Cannon Street, in the County of Middlesex, into the Road leading into the County of Essex, and also from the West End of Brook Street into Cable Street, and from Upper Shadwell Street into the Back Lane in the County of Middlesex; and a certain other Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act made in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty, for making, maintaining, watching, lighting, and watering several Roads to communicate with the West India Docks, in the Isle of Dogs, in the County of Middlesex, and also of several Acts for repairing the Cannon Street Road, in the said County; and also for making, maintaining, watching, lighting, and watering a new Branch to communicate with the East India Docks; or to authorize and empower the said Company, or their Successors, to light with Gas the said Road, and Branches of Road, any or either of them, or to prejudice, prohibit, defeat, alter, annul, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction given to or vested in the Trustees or other Persons acting under and by virtue of the said Acts respectively, or either of them, or under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the said several Roads, or any of them, without the Special Licence and Consent in Writing of the Trustees of the said Road and Branches of Road being first obtained at a Meeting to be held for any or either of the Purposes aforesaid respectively.**

LXXXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, change, annul, defeat, or make void all or any of the Rights, Powers, Authorities, Duties, Matters, and Things given and granted to or vested in or required to be done or performed by the Commissioners acting under the Authority of a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for more effectually paving the Streets and other Places within that Part of the Parish of Saint Botolph Aldgate, which lies in the County of Middlesex, and Part of a Street called East Smithfield, in the Precinct of Saint Catherine; and for cleansing, lighting, and watching the same, and for preventing Annoyances therein; and a certain other Act made and passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better paving, improving, and regulating the Streets of the Metropolis, and removing and preventing Obstructions therein; but that all such Rights, Powers, and Authorities, Duties, Matters, and Things whatsoever, so given and granted or vested in or required to be done or performed by the said Commissioners under the said several Acts of Parliament herein-before mentioned, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and remain**

Act not to alter the Power of the St. Botolph Paving Commissioners.

47 G. 3. Sess. 2. c. 38.

57 G. 3. c. 29.

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and continue vested in, and be executed, done, and performed by the said Commissioners and their Successors, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as the same might or could have been executed, done, and performed by the said Commissioners in case this present Act had not been made.

Act not to
alter the
Powers of
Shadwell
Paving Acts.

50G.3.c.208.

57G.3.c.29.

LXXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, change, annul, defeat, make void, lessen, or in any Manner affect the Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities given and granted to or vested in the Trustees and Commissioners acting under the Authority or in pursuance of Two several Acts of Parliament, one made and passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for better regulating, maintaining, and employing the Poor within the Parish of Saint Paul Shadwell in the County of Middlesex; for better lighting, watching, paving, cleansing, repairing, and improving the Streets and other public Places in the said Parish; and for repealing Three Acts severally passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of King George the Second, and in the Tenth and Fifteenth Years of His present Majesty, relative thereto;* and the other made and passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for the better paving, improving, and regulating the Streets of the Metropolis, and removing and preventing Obstructions therein;* but that all such Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities whatsoever, so given or granted to or vested in the said Trustees and Commissioners under the said recited Acts, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and remain and continue vested in and executed by the said Trustees and Commissioners, and their Successors, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as the same might or could have been executed, done, and performed in case this present Act had not been made.

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29G.2.c.87.

11G.3.c.21.

LXXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to alter, change, annul, defeat, make void, lessen, or in any Manner affect the Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities given and granted to or vested in the Trustees and Commissioners acting under the Authority and in pursuance of several Acts of Parliament, one made and passed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Second, intituled *An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch and Bedels, and better enlightening, paving, and cleansing the Streets and other Passages, and repairing the Highways within the Parishes of Saint John Wapping, Saint Paul Shadwell, the Hamlet of Ratcliff, the Parish of Saint Anne, in the County of Middlesex, and the Precinct of Wellclose in the Liberty of the Tower of London;* another Act passed in the Eleventh Year of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for paving Wapping Street in the County of Middlesex, and the several Streets and Passages leading into the same, and for removing all Encroachments and Obstructions therefrom, and preventing the like for the future; and for opening a Passage from Hermitage Street into Nightingale Lane, and for paving such Passage, and the East Side of Nightingale Lane;* another

paving such Passage, and the East Side of Nightingale Lane; another Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint John of Wapping, in the County of Middlesex, and for providing a proper Workhouse and Burial Ground for the Use of the said Parish, and for opening certain Communications, and making certain Streets within the said Parish*; another Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of His said late Majesty, intituled *An Act for explaining and amending Two Acts, 22 G. 3. c. one made in the Eleventh, and the other in the Seventeenth Year of His present Majesty, for paving certain Streets in the Parishes of Saint John of Wapping, and Saint George in the County of Middlesex, and for other Purposes, and for extending the Provisions of the said Acts to other Parts of the said Parishes, and also for opening certain Communications within the said Parish of Saint George*; also another Act passed in the Twenty-third Year of His said late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for amending an Act made in the last Session of Parliament for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the Parish of Saint John of Wapping, in the County of Middlesex, and for providing a proper Workhouse and Burial Ground for the Use of the said Parish, and for opening certain Communications, and making certain Streets within the said Parish*; also another Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for amending and rendering more effectual several Acts for better assessing and collecting the Poor and other Rates of the Parish of Saint John of Wapping in the County of Middlesex, and for more effectually paving, widening, and improving the Streets and other Places within and adjoining to the said Parish*; but that all such Rights, Powers, Privileges, and Authorities whatsoever, so given and granted to or vested in the said Trustees and Commissioners, under the said recited Acts, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and remain and continue vested in and executed by the said Trustees and Commissioners and their Successors, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as the same might or would have been executed, done, and performed, in case this present Act had not been made, and as if all the Clauses, Directions, Provisoos, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Acts were repeated and re-enacted in the Body of this Act.

LXXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed, adjudged, deemed, or taken to extend, to invest the said Company or their Successors, with any Powers or Authorities to lay down Pipes in or upon, or to encroach upon, break up, alter, or interfere with any of the Streets, Roads, Lanes, Ways, Squares, Passages, or Places, situate, lying, and being within the Parish of *Saint Anne*, (commonly called *Saint Anne Limehouse*,) in the County of *Middlesex*, or any Part or Parts thereof, or the Pavements, Sewers, Gutters, Cesspools, Sinks, Drains, or Watercourses therein, or thereunto belonging, or to light with Gas any Part of the said Parish, without the Special Licence and Consent in Writing of the Trustees and Commissioners for the Time being respectively, acting under and by virtue of an Act made and passed

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Company not to lay Pipes in *St. Anne's Limehouse*, without consent of Commissioners of Paving.

in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George*
 29 G. 22. c. the Second, intituled *An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch and*
 87. *Beadles, and better enlightening, paving, and cleansing the Streets*
and other Passages, and repairing the Highways within the Parishes
of Saint John Wapping, Saint Paul Shadwell, the Hamlet of Rat-
cliff, the Parish of Saint Anne, in the County of Middlesex, and the
Precinct of Wellclose in the Liberty of the Tower of London; and
 also under and by virtue of another Act made and passed in the
 Twenty-second Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George*
 29 G. 3. c. the Third, intituled *An Act for paving, and freeing from Nuisances*
 87. *and Annoyances, the several Streets, Ways, and Places, within the*
Parish of Saint Anne in the County of Middlesex, and Queen Street
and London Street in the Hamlet of Ratcliff, within the said Parish,
and for making Ways or Streets into the Street called Risby's
Ropeground, and through or across Shoulder of Mutton Alley, and
a Street called Ropemaker's Fields, to Three Colt Street, and from
the Bridge, in the said Street called Risby's Ropeground, into
Three Colt Street aforesaid; at Meetings to be held for the Pur-
poses aforesaid, or to prejudice, prohibit, defeat, alter, annul, or dimi-
nish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction given to or vested in the
said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, or other Persons acting
under and by virtue of the said Acts respectively, or either of them.

For protect-
 ing the East-
 London Wa-
 ter Works.

LXXXVI. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein con-
 tained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize or em-
 power the Company hereby incorporated, their Agents, Servants, or
 Workmen, in any Way whatsoever, to interfere with or abridge the
 Rights or Privileges of the Company of Proprietors of the *East London*
Water Works to supply the Inhabitants of the Parishes aforesaid or the
 Neighbourhood thereof with Water; and the Company hereby incor-
 porated shall be and they are hereby made answerable for any Damage,
 Spoil, Injury, or Mischief which shall be done to any of the Pipes or
 Works of the said Company of Proprietors or of any Person or Persons
 communicating therewith, or which shall or may be sustained by the
 said Company of Proprietors by reason or in consequence of any
 Act, Matter, or Thing to be done or executed by the Company here-
 by incorporated, or any of their Agents, Servants, or Workmen:
 Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be
 construed to extend, to enlarge or diminish any of the Rights or
 Privileges which the said Company of Proprietors may have or enjoy
 of supplying the Inhabitants of the said Parishes respectively with
 Water.

General
 Saving.

LXXXVII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty,
 His Heirs and Successors, their respective Rights, Privileges, and
 Franchises, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been
 made, and that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be con-
 strued to extend, to interfere with, alter, lessen, or in any Manner
 affect the Rights, Powers, and Authorities heretofore given or
 granted to or vested in any Commissioners, Trustees, or other Per-
 sons having the Superintendance, Control, or Management of any
 Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Public Place, or of any Public
 Sewers

Sewers or Drains, Pavement, Ground, or Soil of or in any Street, Road, Highway, Bridge, or Public Place.

LXXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be Public Act. 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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