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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. xii.

An Act to consolidate and amend the Provisions
of the Act relating to the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and
Coke Company. [5th May 1855.]

WHEREAS by an Act of the Fourth Year of the Reign of
His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for* 4 G. 4.
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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, the Ratcliff Gaslight and
Coke Company were incorporated, and were empowered to light with
Gas the several Parishes or Parts of Parishes and Places situate and
being within a certain District defined or intended to be defined by the
said Act, and to raise for the Purpose a Capital not exceeding in the
whole One hundred thousand Pounds, to be divided into Shares of
One hundred Pounds each: And whereas the whole of the said Capi-
tal has been subscribed, and the Sum of Eighty thousand Pounds has
been raised and expended: And whereas Doubts have arisen as to the
Construction of some of the Provisions of the said recited Act, and
particularly as to the Extent of the District within which the Powers
of the Company may be legally exercised, and it is therefore expedient
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that some of the Powers and Provisions of the said recited Act should be explained, amended, and enlarged; and the Objects aforesaid might be more conveniently accomplished if the said recited Act were repealed, and if further and other Provisions were made in lieu thereof; but the Authority of Parliament is necessary for the Purposes aforesaid: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen'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, in manner following; (that is to say,)

Recited Act
repealed.

I. From and after the passing of this Act the said recited Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed, but without Prejudice to any Acts or Proceedings previously had, transacted, or commenced under the same, or to any Demands or Liabilities arising in consequence thereof.

Short Title.

II. This Act shall for all Purposes be sufficiently cited or referred to as "*The Ratcliff Gas Act, 1855.*"

Re-incor-
porating
Company.

III. The several Persons and Corporations who at or immediately before the passing of this Act were Proprietors of Shares in the *Ratcliff Gaslight and Coke Company* incorporated by the said recited Act, and all other Persons and Corporations who shall hereafter become Shareholders in the Undertaking of the Company under the Provisions of this Act, shall and they are hereby united and incorporated by the Name of "*The Ratcliff Gaslight and Coke Company,*" and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession, and shall have a Common Seal, and shall and may by that Name sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, at Law and in Equity, in their Corporate Capacity, and in none other, and shall have Power to Purchase or take on Lease and to hold Lands for all or any of the Purposes of the Company, subject to the Restrictions herein-after contained; and the said Company shall, notwithstanding the Repeal of the said recited Act, be liable for all Debts, Obligations, and Engagements, and for all Liabilities, of what Nature or Kind soever, except as herein-after mentioned, owing or incurred by the Company under the repealed Act, for which the said Company would have been liable if the said recited Act had not been repealed.

Provisions
of 8 & 9 Vict.
cc. 16. & 18.
and
10 & 11 Vict.
c. 15. incor-
porated.

IV. The several Acts of Parliament following, (that is to say,) "*The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,*" except so much thereof as relates to the Recovery of Damages not specially provided for, and Penalties; "*The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,*" (except so much of the last-mentioned Act as relates exclusively to the Purchase and taking of Lands by Compulsion, and to the Recovery of Forfeitures, Penalties, and Costs); and "*The Gasworks Clauses Act,*

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Act, 1847," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act, save in so far as any of the Provisions of the said Acts respectively may be expressly modified by this Act.

V. "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," shall be held applicable as well to the Mains, Pipes, and Works of the Company already laid down and constructed, as to the Mains, Pipes, and Works hereafter to be laid down and constructed by them.

10 & 11 Vict.
c. 15. to
apply to
existing
Works.

VI. The Objects and Purposes for which this Act shall and may be put in force by the Company shall be the manufacturing and supplying Gas within the Limits herein-after specified, and the Sale of Coke and other residual Products arising or produced from the Manufacture of Gas, and the Purchase of such Lands, Buildings, and Materials, and the Construction and Performance of such Works and Services, as may be expedient or necessary for the Purposes of or in connexion with the Objects aforesaid.

Purposes of
the Com-
pany.

VII. The Limits within which this Act may be put in force by the Company shall be the following; (that is to say,) the Company shall have full Power to supply and light the *Thames Tunnel*, and any of the Buildings, Lands, and Premises belonging thereto or connected therewith (except as after mentioned), and also the several Shops, Inns, Taverns, private Houses, Manufactories, public Establishments, Streets, Bridges, Passages, Markets, and Places within such Parts of the several Parishes, Hamlets, Precincts, Liberties, and Extra-parochial Places as lie within a Line commencing at *Irongate Stairs* next the *Tower of London*, thence in a North and North-westerly Direction along the Centre of the Road East of the *Tower* and *Little Tower Hill* and the Centre of the Road on the South-eastern Side of *Union Row* to the City Boundary in *Rosemary Lane*, thence along the North of the North Side of *Rosemary Lane* and *Cable Street* to the South-east Corner of *Backchurch Lane*, thence along the Centre of *Backchurch Lane* to the South-east Corner of the *Commercial Road*, and along the Centre of the *Commercial Road* to the Boundary Stone of the Hamlet of *Ratcliff* at the East End of *Hardwick Place*, returning in a Westerly Direction to the Boundary Mark of *St. George's* Parish in *Whitehorse Place*, thence along the Centre of *Whitehorse Place* and *Hardinge Street* to the *Back Road*, thence along the Centre of the *Back Road* Eastward to the North-west Corner of *Love Lane*, along the Centre of *Love Lane*, to *Cock Hill*, continuing along the North of the North Side of *Cock Hill* to Premises lately belonging to the *British Gas Company*, thence Southward along the West Side of the *East India Company's* Warehouses to the River *Thames*, returning along the said River to *Irongate Stairs* aforesaid.

Limits of
Act.

VIII. The

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Indemnity
from Penal-
ties incurred
under re-
pealed Act.

VIII. The Company hereby incorporated shall and they are hereby declared to be freed, discharged, and indemnified from and against any Penalties contained in and imposed upon the *Ratcliff Gaslight and Coke Company* by the said recited Act, and which may have been incurred by the last-mentioned Company by reason or in consequence of their having lighted or caused to be lighted any Parts or Places, or in any Manner, either directly or indirectly, supplied with Gas any Person or Persons, or Corporation, in any Parts or Places without the Limits defined or intended to be defined by the said recited Act, and Outside of the Line therein described or mentioned: Provided always, that nothing herein-before contained shall authorize or empower the Company hereby incorporated to light any Part or Place, or supply Gas to any Person or Persons or Corporation, in any Part or Place without the Limits defined by this Act.

Consent of
the Thames
Tunnel Com-
pany to be
obtained
before
Powers
affecting the
Tunnel are
exercised.

IX. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, none of the Powers or Provisions by or in this Act, or in "The Gasworks Clauses Act," given or contained, shall be exercised or adopted by the Company hereby incorporated in or with reference to the *Thames Tunnel*, or any of the Premises or Property of the *Thames Tunnel Company*, without the Consent in Writing of the *Thames Tunnel Company* for that Purpose first obtained, nor, as regards such Tunnel, Property, and Premises, or any of them, otherwise or to a greater Extent than may be specified in any such Consent if granted.

Company
restricted
from light-
ing the
Southern
Bank of the
River
Thames.

X. Provided always, That anything in this Act contained shall not authorize the *Ratcliff Gaslight and Coke Company*, even with the Consent of the *Thames Tunnel Company*, to light so much of the *Thames Tunnel* as is on or under the Southern Bank of the River *Thames*, or to the Southward of such Bank, nor such of the Buildings, Lands, and Premises belonging to the said Tunnel or connected therewith as are on the said Southern Bank or to the Southward thereof; and it shall not be lawful for the said *Ratcliff Gaslight and Coke Company* to light or to supply Gas for the Purpose of lighting any Building, House, Land, or Premises, or any Lamp, Street, or Road to the Southward of the said River.

Powers of
Company,

XI. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Company to construct, lay down, and maintain such Buildings, Machinery, Retorts, Gasholders, Mains, Pipes, Drains, and other Works and Apparatus, and such Dwelling Houses for the Use of their Officers and Workmen, and to perform such other Acts as they may deem requisite for carrying the Objects and Purposes of this Act into execution: Provided always, that the Company shall not erect

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erect any further Works for the Manufacture of Gas, except upon Lands adjoining to the Lands which at the Time of the passing of this Act may be vested in the Company, and occupied by them with Works for the Manufacture of Gas: Provided always, that where a Road bounds the said present Works the Lands immediately on the other Side of such Road shall be considered adjoining Lands for the Purposes of this Act.

XII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, and except only as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the passing of this Act done or suffered under the recited Act shall be as valid as if the recited Act were not repealed, and the Repeal thereof and this Act respectively shall accordingly be subject and without Prejudice to everything so done or suffered, and to all Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, both present and future, (except as herein-before mentioned,) which, if the recited Act were not repealed and this Act were not passed, would be incident to or consequent on any and every thing so done or suffered; and with respect to all such Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, except as aforesaid, the Company by this Act incorporated shall to all Intents and Purposes represent the Company by the recited Act incorporated: Provided always, that the Generality of the Terms of this Enactment shall not be restricted by any other of the Clauses or Provisions of this Act.

Acts done
under recited
Act to be
valid, &c.

XIII. The Repeal of the Act hereby repealed shall not annul or in anywise prejudice, qualify, or affect any Purchase, Sale, Lease, Conveyance, Grant, Contract, or Security heretofore made or executed under or by virtue of the said Act, nor shall any Estate, Term of Years, Right, Title, or Interest vested in or acquired by the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company prior to the passing of this Act be prejudicially affected by the Repeal of the said Act, but all such Purchases, Sales, Leases, Conveyances, Grants, Contracts, Securities, Terms of Years, Rights, Titles, and Interests shall be and remain as good and valid, both in favour of and against the Company hereby incorporated, as though the said last-mentioned Company were specifically named therein in lieu of the Company incorporated by the said recited Act, and as though the said Act had not been repealed.

Purchases,
Contracts,
&c. not to
be affected.

XIV. All Lands, Works, Buildings, Offices, Machinery, Mains, Pipes, Lamp Posts, Books, Papers, Accounts, and other Property of every Description, whether Real or Personal, and all Rights, Easements, and Privileges which belonged to the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company incorporated by the said recited Act, or to which they were entitled at the Time of the passing of this Act, shall on

Vesting
Lands, &c.
of former
Company
in new
Company.

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the passing of this Act become vested in the Company hereby incorporated, and all Debts due to or by the said *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company at or immediately before the passing of this Act, and all Rates and Rents then due and accruing due to the said last-mentioned Company, shall be and be deemed to be due or accruing due and may be enforced by or against the Company hereby incorporated (as the Case may require) in like Manner as the same would have been due or accruing due to or by and might have been enforced by or against the said *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company incorporated by the said recited Act if the said Act had not been repealed.

Actions not
to abate.

XV. No Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding whatsoever commenced either by or against the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company incorporated by the said recited Act shall abate or be discontinued or be prejudicially affected by the passing of this Act, but the same shall continue and take effect either in favour of or against the Company hereby incorporated, in the like Manner in all respects as the same would have continued and taken effect in relation to the Company incorporated by the said recited Act if this Act had not been passed; and all Penalties incurred by reason of any Offence against the Provisions of the said recited Act prior to the passing of this Act (except as herein-before mentioned) may be sued for, and all Offences committed before the passing of this Act against the Provisions of the said recited Act may be prosecuted, in such or the like Manner as such Penalties might have been sued for or such Offences prosecuted if this Act had not been passed, the Company hereby incorporated being substituted in reference to the Matters aforesaid for the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company incorporated by the said first-recited Act.

Debts due
to and by the
Company to
be payable
to and reco-
verable from
the Com-
pany.

XVI. Notwithstanding such Repeal, all Debts and Sums of Money due or owing to the Company, or to any Person on behalf of the Company, and all Debts and Monies which shall immediately before the passing of this Act be due or owing by or recoverable from the Company, or for the Payment of which the Company shall or but for such Repeal would be liable, shall be payable to or recoverable from the Company as if this Act had not passed.

Books to
remain
Evidence.

XVII. All Books and other Documents by the said recited Act authorized or directed to be kept, and thereby made Evidence, shall, notwithstanding the passing of this Act, be admitted as Evidence in all Courts whatsoever.

First Direc-
tors of the
Company.

XVIII. The several Persons who at the Time of the passing of this Act were Directors of the Company hereby dissolved shall be the First Directors of the Company hereby incorporated.

XIX. All

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XIX. All Officers of the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company who have been duly appointed to their respective Offices prior to the passing of this Act shall continue to hold such Offices respectively in the Company hereby incorporated until they retire or be removed therefrom, and shall be entitled to the same Remuneration as though the said Act had not been repealed, unless the Amount of such Remuneration shall hereafter be altered by Vote of a General Meeting of the Company, and shall be subject to the same Penalties, Rules, and Regulations as though they had been respectively appointed under the Provisions of this Act.

Directors
and Officers
to remain.

XX. The passing of this Act shall not relieve any Surety from Liability under any Security given by him on behalf of any Officer of the Company for the due Performance of the Duties of his Office, but all such Securities shall remain as valid and effectual as though this Act had not been passed, or as though the same had been given subsequently to the passing of this Act to the Company hereby incorporated.

Sureties not
to be re-
lieved.

XXI. It shall not be lawful for the Company to charge for the Gas supplied by them after a greater Rate than Five Shillings and Sixpence *per* Thousand Cubic Feet.

Limiting
Price of Gas.

XXII. The Capital of the Company shall be One hundred thousand Pounds, divided into Five thousand Shares of Twenty Pounds each.

Capital.

XXIII. Each Share in the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company existing at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be divided into Five Shares of Twenty Pounds each in the Company hereby incorporated; and every Holder of a Share in the *Ratcliff* Gaslight and Coke Company shall be entitled to Five Shares of Twenty Pounds each in the Capital of the Company hereby incorporated; and such last-mentioned Shares shall be held subject in all respects to the same Trusts, Declarations, Agreements, Liens, and Incumbrances as the Share or Shares for which the same are substituted were subject to at the Time of the passing of this Act: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the Company to demand from the Holder of any Share or Shares existing at the Time of the passing of this Act any Fee for a Certificate or Certificates of Proprietorship which may be given in lieu of or in substitution for the Certificate or Certificates of any such existing Share or Shares.

Shares in
old Com-
pany to be
divided.

XXIV. Two Pounds *per* Share shall be the greatest Amount of any new Call which the Company may make in respect of any Share, and Two Months shall be the shortest Period intervening between successive Calls.

Amount of
Calls.

XXV. It

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Power to
borrow.

XXV. It shall be lawful for the Company to borrow on Mortgage or Bond any Sum of Money on the Credit of their Undertaking not exceeding in Amount Twenty thousand Pounds.

Monies
raised to be
applied to
Purposes
of Act.

XXVI. All Monies which shall be raised by the Company under the Provisions of this Act, whether by Calls on Shares or by borrowing, shall be applied for and towards the carrying the Objects and Purposes of this Act into execution, and to no other Purpose whatsoever.

Meetings.

XXVII. The First Ordinary Meeting of the Company shall be held in the Month of *August* after the passing of this Act, and thereafter there shall be Two Half-yearly Meetings of the Company in each Year, one thereof to be held in the Month of *February*, and the other thereof in the Month of *August*.

Quorum.

XXVIII. The Quorum of every Meeting of the Company shall be Ten Shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than Two thousand five hundred Pounds of the Capital of the Company.

Share-
holders who
may convene
a Special
Meeting.

XXIX. The Number of Shareholders on whose Requisition an Extraordinary Meeting of the Company may be required to be convened shall be not less than Five, and such Shareholders shall hold not less than One thousand Pounds of the Capital of the Company.

Scale of
voting.

XXX. The Scale of voting at all General Meetings of the Company shall be as follows: Every Shareholder holding Five Shares or a less Number than Five shall have One Vote; holding Six Shares and not more than Ten Shares, Two Votes; holding Eleven Shares and not more than Fifteen Shares, Three Votes; holding Sixteen Shares and not more than Twenty Shares, Four Votes; and shall have an additional Vote for every Five Shares beyond the first Twenty Shares.

Directors.

XXXI. There shall be Five Directors of the Company, and the necessary Qualification for the Office of Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of Shares representing at least One thousand two hundred Pounds of the paid-up Capital of the Company.

Quorum of
Directors.

XXXII. Three Directors of the Company shall be sufficient to form a Meeting.

Candidates
for the Office
of Director
to give
Notice to
Secretary.

XXXIII. Any Shareholder who intends to offer himself as a Candidate for the Office of a Director shall give Notice in Writing of such his Intention at least One Calendar Month previously to the General Meeting of the Company at which an Election of Directors is to take place,

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place, such Notice to be addressed to the Secretary of the Company, and delivered at or sent by Post to the Offices of the Company; and any Director retiring from Office, and intending to offer himself for Re-election, shall in like Manner give Notice of such his Intention.

XXXIV. The Quantity of Land which it shall be lawful for the Company to purchase and hold for the Purposes of this Act shall not exceed Six Acres.

Restricting
Quantity of
Land to be
held by
Company.

XXXV. The Directors of the Company shall and they are hereby required, within Two Calendar Months after every Half-yearly General Meeting of the Company, or oftener if required by Her 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 Directors, of the State of the Company and of their Works, and the Means possessed by the Company for securing the Continuance of their Operations, and such other Matters relating to the Works and Proceedings of the Company as the said Secretary of State shall from Time to Time require; and in case the said Directors 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 Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, transmit to the said 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 Her Majesty's Attorney General by Information in the Court of Exchequer, or by Action of Debt in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, for the Use of Her Majesty.

Report of
Works to
be sent to
Secretary of
State.

XXXVI. All the Stations and Works of the 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 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 of the several Parishes and Places within the Limits of this Act where the Mains and Pipes of the 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.

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

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For the
Protection of
the Water
Pipes of
Waterworks
Companies.

XXXVII. When and as often as the Company, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall dig or sink any Trench for laying any Pipe 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 belonging to any Company or Proprietors of Waterworks shall be laid, the Company, their 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 Waterworks, 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, 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 Waterworks, protect and secure such Water Pipe 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 on any such Occasion; and in default of repairing and making good any such Damage, the Company 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 Expenses which shall have been incurred by the said Water Company in and about the protecting and securing of any such Water Pipe, 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 Expenses to be ascertained by any Justice of the Peace for the said County, and to be recovered in the same Manner as any Expenses 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.

XXXVIII. 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 within the Limits of this Act, 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 Waterworks Company for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Roads, Streets, Squares, Market Places, Lanes, Alleys, Passages, Courts, or other Places within the Limits of this Act, 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,

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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 Threë 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 rammed into the Trenches all round the said Gas Pipes, and that in laying down the said Gas Pipes the said Gaslight 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.

XXXIX. The 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 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 last-mentioned Company, without the Consent in Writing of such Company under its Common Seal, or under the Hands of Three of the Directors of such Company, first had and obtained.

Company
not to pre-
judice Lon-
don Dock
Company.

XL. That nothing in this Act contained shall take away, lessen, alter, or affect any of the Jurisdictions, Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested

Saving
Rights, &c.
of Metro-

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missioners
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vested in or belonging to the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, but that all such Jurisdictions, Rights, Powers, and Authorities shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been passed.

Expenses of
Act.

XLI. The Costs, Charges, and Expenses of or attending the passing of this Act shall be paid by the Directors out of the Funds of the Company.

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