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An Act for extending the Powers of the *Plymouth and Stonehouse* Gaslight and Coke Company; and for other Purposes. [25th May 1855.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Sixty-five, intituled *An Act for better supplying with Gas the Town and Neighbourhood of Plymouth, the Plymouth and Stonehouse Gaslight and Coke Company* were incorporated, and were authorized to raise a Capital of Twenty-five thousand Pounds in Two thousand five hundred Shares of Ten Pounds each, and to borrow on Mortgage or Bond not exceeding Eight thousand three hundred and thirty-three Pounds: And whereas under that Act the Company have established Gasworks, and supply therefrom the Town of *Plymouth* and the Parish of *East Stonehouse*: And whereas those Two thousand five hundred Shares are fully paid up: And whereas the Company have exercised their borrowing Power, and their present Debt, incurred under such Power, is Eight thousand three hundred and thirty-three Pounds: And whereas by reason of the great Extension of Buildings

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and the Increase of Manufactories and Government Establishments within the District included within the Limits of the recited Act the Capital of the Company has been found and is insufficient to provide adequately for the increased and still increasing Demand for Gas within such District, and for the other Purposes of this Act, and it is expedient that the Capital and borrowing Powers of the Company be increased: And whereas it is expedient to extend the Limits within which the Powers of the Company may be exercised so as to include the Tithing of *Compton Gifford*: And whereas, in order to avoid Inconveniences arising from several Private Acts relating to the same Purposes being in force at the same Time, it is expedient that the recited Act be repealed, and that some of the Powers and Provisions thereof be amended and re-enacted or continued by this Act: And whereas those Purposes cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: 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, as follows:

Short Title. I. This Act may be cited for any Purpose as "*Plymouth and Stonehouse Gas Act, 1855.*"

Commencement of Act. II. This Act shall commence and have effect on and from the Fourth *Wednesday* next after the passing thereof.

Limits of Act. III. The Limits within which this Act shall be put in force are the whole of the Borough of *Plymouth*, the Tithing of *Compton Gifford*, the Parish of *East Stonehouse*, and the Extra-parochial Lands lying between the Water of the *Laira* and the Borough of *Plymouth*, and between the Borough of *Plymouth* and the Parish of *East Stonehouse*.

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 16. & 18. and 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15. incorporated. IV. "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," are incorporated with this Act: Provided always, that the Company shall not purchase any Lands otherwise than by Agreement.

Meaning of Expressions in General Acts. V. The Expression "the Undertaking" in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and in "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," respectively means the Undertaking by this Act authorized; and the Expressions "the Undertakers" and "Quarter Sessions" in "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," mean respectively the Company and the Court of Quarter Sessions for the Borough of *Plymouth*.

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VI. The several Words and Expressions to which by the Act incorporated with this Act Meanings are assigned have in this Act the same respective Meanings, unless there be in the Subject or Context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such Construction.

Same Meaning to Words, &c. in General Acts and this Act.

VII. From and after the Commencement of this Act, but subject to the Provisions thereof, the recited Act is by this Act repealed.

Repeal of recited Act.

VIII. Provided always, That, notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, and except only as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the Commencement of this Act done and suffered respectively under the recited Act shall be as valid as if this Act were not passed, and such Repeal and this Act respectively shall accordingly be subject and without Prejudice to everything so done and suffered respectively, and to all Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, both present and future, which if such Repeal had not happened and this Act were not passed would be incident to or consequent on any and every thing so done and suffered respectively; and with respect to all such Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands the said Company shall continue liable as they would have been if the recited Act had not been repealed: Provided also, that the Generality of this Enactment shall not be restrained by any special Provision in this Act.

General Provision for Protection of Rights under repealed Act.

IX. Notwithstanding such Repeal, the Company shall for the Purposes of this Act, and as from the passing of the recited Act, remain incorporated by the Name of "*The Plymouth and Stonehouse Gaslight and Coke Company*," and by that Name shall be One Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and with Power to purchase, take, hold, and dispose of Lands and other Property for the Purposes but subject to the Restrictions of this Act.

Company to remain incorporated.

X. Notwithstanding such Repeal, the Company shall remain and be seised and possessed of and entitled to all the Gasworks, Gasometers, Retorts, Apparatus, Gas Pipes, Mains, Lamps, Lamp Pillars, Gas Meters, Works, and Conveniences, Lands, Buildings, Estates, Monies, Property, Choses in Action, Effects, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, of or to which the Company are by virtue of the recited Act or otherwise howsoever immediately before the Commencement of this Act seised, possessed, or in any way entitled, at Law or in Equity, or otherwise howsoever, with the Appurtenances, as if this Act were not passed.

Company to remain entitled to Property.

XI. Notwithstanding such Repeal, the several Clauses and Provisions whatever relating to the Company contained in any Act or Acts other than the recited Act, and which immediately before the Commencement

Company to remain entitled to Rights under other Acts.

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Commencement of this Act are in force, shall apply, on and from the Commencement of this Act, to the Company, their Directors, Officers, and Servants, and shall remain and be in full Force accordingly, and they respectively may and shall accordingly, and for the Purposes of this Act, be entitled to, and have, exercise, enjoy, and be subject to, under or by virtue of those Clauses and Provisions respectively, all such Rights, Interests, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Obligations, and Liabilities whatsoever as in case this Act were not passed they respectively under or by virtue of the same might be entitled to, or might have, exercise, enjoy, or be subject to.

Conveyance,
&c. to remain
in force.

XII. Notwithstanding such Repeal, all Purchases, Sales, Conveyances, Leases, Mortgages, Bonds, Contracts, Agreements, Securities, and other Acts and Things before the Commencement of this Act made, done, entered into, executed, or instituted by, with, unto, for, against, or in behalf of the Company, under or by virtue of the recited Act, or with reference to the Purposes thereof, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, for, against, and with reference to the Company, as if this Act were not passed, and may be proceeded on and enforced accordingly.

Actions not
to abate.

XIII. Notwithstanding such Repeal, any Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding commenced either by or against the Company before the Commencement of this Act shall not abate or be discontinued or be prejudicially affected by this Act, but, on the contrary, shall continue and take effect, both in favour of and against the Company, in like Manner in all respects as the same would continue and take effect if this Act were not passed; and all Offences against the Provisions of the recited Act committed before the Commencement of this Act may be prosecuted, and all Penalties incurred by reason of such Offences may be sued for, in like Manner in all respects as if this Act were not passed.

Gas Rates,
&c. due at
Commence-
ment of Act
to be reco-
verable by
the Com-
pany.

XIV. Notwithstanding such Repeal, all Monies which immediately before the Commencement of this Act are due and payable or accruing to the Company for the Supply of Gas, or for the Hire of Meters or Gas Fittings, shall be payable to and may be collected and recovered by the Company, in like Manner as the Monies due for the same Objects under this Act.

Debts due to
and by the
Company to
be paid to
and by them.

XV. Notwithstanding such Repeal, all Persons who immediately before the Commencement of this Act owe any Sum of Money to the Company or to any Person on their Behalf shall pay the same, with all Interest (if any) due and payable or accruing for the same, to the Company; and all Debts and Monies which immediately before the Commencement of this Act are due or owing by or recoverable from
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the Company, or for the Payment of which the Company are or but for this Act would be liable, shall be paid, with all Interest (if any) due and payable or accruing for the same, by or be recoverable from the Company.

XVI. Notwithstanding such Repeal, all Resolutions, Orders, Notices, and Proceedings of the Company and the Directors thereof, made and taken before the Commencement of this Act, and all Books, Accounts, Share Certificates, Documents, and Writings whatsoever of or relating to the Company, shall for the Purposes of this Act continue of full Force and Effect as if this Act were not passed.

Resolutions,
&c. to remain
in force.

XVII. Notwithstanding such Repeal, all Books, Writings, and Documents by that Act directed or authorized to be kept or made, and which if this Act were not passed would be receivable in Evidence, shall be admitted in Evidence in all Courts of Law and Equity and elsewhere accordingly.

Books to be
Evidence.

XVIII. Notwithstanding such Repeal, but subject to the Provisions of this Act, the several Persons who on the Commencement of this Act are the Directors of the Company shall remain in Office, and shall retire from Office in the Order of Rotation in which they would retire if this Act were not passed.

Directors to
remain in
Office.

XIX. Notwithstanding such Repeal, every Officer and Servant appointed by virtue of or acting under that Act shall hold and enjoy his Office and Employment, with the Salary thereunto annexed, and be deemed an Officer and Servant of the Company, until he be removed from such Office and Employment, and he shall have the like Power and Authority for the Purposes of this Act, and be subject to the like Power of Removal, Rules, Regulations, Pains, and Penalties, in all respects whatsoever, as if he were appointed under this Act.

Officers to
continue.

XX. On and after the Commencement of this Act the Capital of the Company shall be Seventy-five thousand Pounds, divided into Seven thousand five hundred Shares of Ten Pounds each.

Capital.

XXI. The present paid-up Capital of Twenty-five thousand Pounds and the present Two thousand five hundred fully paid-up Shares therein shall respectively be Part of the Capital by this Act authorized and of the Shares therein.

Existing
Shares to
form Part of
Capital.

XXII. The Company may from Time to Time, with the Approbation of Three Fifths at least of the Votes of the Shareholders present in Person or by Proxy at a General Meeting held for that Purpose,
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Power to
issue the
remaining
5,000 Shares.

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Purpose, authorize the Issue of the Five thousand remaining Shares or any of them, either of One Class and with like Privileges, or of several Classes and with different Privileges, and respectively redeemable or irredeemable, and with or without any fixed, fluctuating, contingent, guaranteed, preferential, perpetual, terminable, or other Dividend or Interest, not exceeding, as regards any guaranteed or preferential Dividend or Interest, Six Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, and not exceeding in any other Case the Rate by this Act limited, as the Company from Time to Time think fit, and may from Time to Time fix as they think fit the Amount and Times of Payment of the Calls on such Shares.

Preference
Shares not
to give a
Vote or Qua-
lification un-
less by ex-
press Reso-
lution.

XXIII. Provided always, That any such preferential Share, or any Portion of Stock into which it is converted, shall not confer any Right of voting or any Qualification, unless it be otherwise resolved by the Resolution authorizing the Issue of such Shares.

Amount of
Shares.

XXIV. Provided always, That, except as by this Act otherwise provided, the Amount of every Share shall be Ten Pounds: Provided also, that all the Shares of the same Class shall be of like Amount, and all the Shares of the same Class shall confer like Privileges, and bear like Dividend or Interest.

Calls.

XXV. Provided always, That, except as by this Act otherwise provided, the Amount of a Call shall not exceed Two Pounds a Share, and the Interval between successive Calls shall not be less than Two Months, and the aggregate Amount of all Calls on any One Share in One Year shall not exceed One Half of the Amount of such Share.

Limit of
Dividends on
additional
Capital.

XXVI. Provided always, That for the Purposes of the Provisions "with respect to the Amount of Profit to be received by the Undertakers when the Gasworks are carried on for their Benefit," of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," the prescribed Rate of Dividend on the additional Capital to be raised under the Authority of this Act shall be Seven Pounds Ten Shillings in the Hundred: Provided also, that the Company shall not make any Dividend above the prescribed Rate in order to make up any Deficiency below the prescribed Rate of any Dividend made before the Commencement of this Act.

Power to
cancel unis-
sued Shares.

XXVII. If after the Company have authorized the Issue of any Shares the Directors deem it inexpedient to issue the whole of such Shares, they may cancel the unissued Shares, and the Company may from Time to Time thereafter authorize the Issue in lieu thereof of other Shares of an aggregate Amount not exceeding that of the Shares so cancelled.

XXVIII. Unless

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XXVIII. Unless it be determined by Two Thirds at least of the Votes of the Shareholders present personally or by Proxy at a General Meeting held for that Purpose, that the Five thousand Shares or any of them shall be disposed of by the Directors as they think best, then if at the Time of issuing any of those Five thousand Shares any of the then issued Shares be at a Premium the Shares to be then issued shall be offered to the then Shareholders in proportion, as nearly as in the Judgment of the Directors conveniently may be, to the Number of then existing Shares held by them respectively; and such Offer shall be made by Letter under the Hand of the Secretary of the Company, given to every Shareholder, or sent by Post addressed to him according to his Address in the Share Register Book, or left for him at his then usual or last known Place of Abode in *England*; and every such Offer made by Letter sent by Post shall be considered as made on the Day on which the Letter in due Course of Delivery ought to reach the Place to which it is addressed.

Unless otherwise determined by a Meeting, Shares to be offered to existing Shareholders.

XXIX. The Shares so offered shall vest in and belong to the Shareholders who accept the same.

Shares to vest in accepting Shareholders.

XXX. Provided always, That if any Shareholder fail for One Month after such Offer of Shares to accept the same the Directors may dispose of such Shares to any other Persons.

Disposal of Shares to others.

XXXI. Provided always, That the Directors, if they think proper, but not otherwise, may permit any Shareholder who, from Absence abroad or other Cause satisfactory to the Directors, omits to signify within the Time limited by this Act his Acceptance of the Shares offered to him, to accept such Shares, notwithstanding such Time has elapsed.

Power to enlarge Time for Acceptance of Shares.

XXXII. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, the Directors may dispose of the Five thousand Shares in such Manner and Numbers, at such Times, and on such Terms and Conditions whatsoever as they from Time to Time determine.

Disposal of the 5,000 Shares.

XXXIII. Provided always, That if several Persons be jointly the Holders of the same Share or the same Portion of Stock, then, if more than One of them be present at any General Meeting, the One so present whose Name stands first in the Register of Shareholders or of Stockholders as One of the Holders of the Share or Portion of Stock shall for the Purpose of voting at the Meeting be deemed the sole Holder thereof, or if only One of such joint Holders be present at any General Meeting then the One so present shall for the Purpose of voting at the Meeting be deemed the sole Holder thereof; and on all Occasions the Vote of such first-named Holder, or, as the

Votes of several Persons joint Owners of One Share.

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Case may be, of such solely present Holder, shall be allowed as the Vote in respect of such Share or Portion of Stock, without Proof of the Concurrence of the other Holders thereof, or notwithstanding their Dissent.

If Shares are consolidated into Stock, not less than 10% to give a Vote.

XXXIV. If the Company at any Time consolidate all or any Part of the then existing Shares into One General Capital Stock, any Part of such Stock less than Ten Pounds shall not confer on the Holder thereof any Right of voting or any Qualification.

Shares not to be transferred to any but Consumers, without Consent.

XXXV. A Shareholder shall not, without the Consent of the Directors, signified by Writing under the Hand of the Secretary, sell or transfer any Share to any Person not being at the Time a Consumer of the Gas of the Company, without previously offering the same to the Directors, by Writing addressed to the Secretary; and the Directors may, at any Time within Seven Days after such Offer, purchase such Share, if they think fit, out of the Funds of the Company, and afterwards sell the same to any Person being or engaging to become a Consumer of the Gas of the Company, for the best Price which they can obtain for the same; and the Secretary may refuse to register the Transfer of any Share to any Person not being a Consumer of the Gas of the Company which Share has not been previously so offered to the Directors.

How Value to be ascertained.

XXXVI. The Price which the Directors shall give for any such Share shall not be more than Twenty Times the Amount of the then last Dividend paid thereon by the Company, or, without the Consent of the Shareholder, less than the Amount actually paid up on the Share.

Power to borrow on Mortgage, &c.

XXXVII. The Company, if they think fit, for any of the Purposes of their Undertaking, may from Time to Time raise, by borrowing on Mortgage or Bond, any Sums not exceeding in the whole Twenty thousand Pounds, inclusive of the Sum of Eight thousand three hundred and thirty-three Pounds already borrowed: Provided always, that the total Amount so borrowed shall not at any One Time exceed One Third Part of their then paid-up Capital: Provided also, that the Company shall not borrow any Money beyond that Sum of Eight thousand three hundred and thirty-three Pounds until Sixty thousand Pounds, Part of their Capital, be subscribed for, and Forty thousand Pounds, Part thereof, be paid up.

Application of Shares in satisfaction of Debt.

XXXVIII. The Company may from Time to Time, by Agreement with any Mortgagee or Bond Creditor of the Company, allot to him any Shares in the Company, in satisfaction of all or such Part as may be mutually agreed on of his Mortgage or Bond Debt; and upon every such Allotment the Shares so allotted shall be deemed fully

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fully paid up, and the Mortgages or Bonds in respect whereof those Shares are so allotted shall thereupon be extinguished: Provided always, that the Company shall not allot to any Mortgagee or Bond Creditor any Shares of a nominal Amount exceeding the Amount of the Principal Money secured by his Mortgage or Bond in lieu whereof such Shares are so allotted to him.

XXXIX. The Mortgagees of the Company may enforce the Payment of the Arrears of Principal and Interest due on their Mortgages by the Appointment of a Receiver, and the Amount to authorize the Requisition for a Receiver shall be Five thousand Pounds.

Arrears may be enforced by Appointment of a Receiver.

XL. All Mortgages granted by the Company and in force on the Commencement of this Act shall during the Continuance thereof have Priority over all the Mortgages granted under this Act.

Priority for existing Mortgages.

XLI. The First Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company shall be held within the Limits of this Act in the Month of *June* next after the Commencement thereof, and the subsequent Ordinary Meetings of the Company shall be held in the Month of *June* in every Year.

Ordinary Meetings.

XLII. The Newspaper for Advertisements relating to the Company shall be any Newspaper published within the Limits of the Act.

Newspaper for Advertisements.

XLIII. The Number of the Directors shall be Twelve, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of Ten Shares.

Number and Qualification of Directors.

XLIV. A Person shall not be disqualified as a Director by being a Member of a Town Council or of a Local Board of Health, or a Trustee or Commissioner under any Act of Parliament for maintaining or improving any Roads or Streets within the Limits of this Act, or for any other public Purpose.

Commissioners under Local Acts, &c. may be Directors.

XLV. The Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Five Directors.

Quorum for Meeting of Directors.

XLVI. The Number of Directors of which Committees appointed by the Directors shall consist shall not be less than Three or more than Seven, and the Quorum of any such Committee shall be Two Directors.

Number of Committees of Directors.

XLVII. If any Money be payable to any Shareholder, being a Minor, Idiot, or Lunatic, the Receipt of his respective Guardian or Committee shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Company for the same.

Receipts on behalf of incapacitated Persons,

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Power to
maintain
Works and
supply Gas,
&c.

XLVIII. The Company may from Time to Time maintain, make, alter, and discontinue their now existing Gasworks, and such further Gasworks, and all such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, Drains, Sewers, Machinery, and other Works and Apparatus, and such Houses, Buildings, and Approaches, and do all such Acts as they think proper for making and storing Gas, and for supplying Gas within the Limits of this Act, and may make, store, and supply Gas accordingly, and may manufacture Coke and all other Products and Residuum of any Articles employed in or resulting from the Manufacture of Gas, and may sell the Gas and the Coke and other Products of the Manufacture of Gas as they from Time to Time think fit.

Charge for
Gas limited.

XLIX. The highest Charge by the Company for Gas shall be at the Rate of Six Shillings for One thousand Cubic Feet.

Supply of
public
Lamps.

L. After the Expiration of any existing Contracts for the Supply of Gas to any public Lamps within the Limits of this Act, the Company shall afford such Supply from any Main situate within Twenty-five Yards of any such Lamp at a Price not exceeding the lowest Price charged for the Time being by the Company to their private Consumers: Provided always, that the highest Charge by the Company for the Supply of Gas to any such Lamps shall be at the Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence for One thousand Cubic Feet.

Meters.

LI. Every private Consumer of Gas of the Company shall, upon Request in Writing by the Company, consume Gas by Meter, to be provided by the Company, unless such Consumer desire to provide such Meter at his own Cost, in which Case such Meter shall be subject to the Approval of the Company; and the Company may refuse to continue to supply Gas to be consumed by Meter whenever the Meter is out of order, or is for any other reasonable Cause disapproved by the Company.

Power to
purchase and
take Land.

LII. The Company may from Time to Time, by Agreement, purchase, take, or use for the Purposes of this Act any Quantity of Land not exceeding Ten Acres, including the Land taken under the recited Act.

As to the
Quality of
Gas.

LIII. All the Gas to be supplied by the Company shall be of such Quality as to produce from an Argand Burner having Fifteen Holes and a Seven-inch Chimney, and consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas *per* Hour, a Light equal in Intensity to the Light produced by Ten Sperm Candles of Six in the Pound, burning One hundred and twenty Grains an Hour.

LIV. The

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LIV. The Company shall, within Six Months after the Commencement of this Act, provide in some convenient Part of their Works an experimental Meter, furnished with an Argand Fifteen-hole Burner and a Seven-inch Chimney, capable of consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas an Hour, with other necessary Apparatus for estimating the illuminating Power and for testing the Purity of the Gas. Experimental Meter to be provided.

LV. If at any Time and as often as the Local Board of Health for *Plymouth* wish to test the illuminating Power and Purity of the Gas, the Local Board, under the Hand of their Clerk, may appoint some competent Person, not being a Member or an Officer or a Servant of the Local Board, to proceed to the Works of the Company, and the Person so appointed may at all reasonable Times in the Day, and on Two Hours previous Notice in Writing given to the Company, and on the Production of such written Authority, enter the Works of the Company for the Purpose of making and forthwith in the Presence of the Superintendent or other Officer of the Company make Experiments on the Power and Purity of the Gas, by means of such experimental Meter and other Apparatus; and in such Experiments the Company, their Officers and Servants, shall render all necessary Assistance; and if it shall be proved to the Satisfaction of any Two Justices, after hearing the Parties, that the illuminating Power of the Gas supplied by the Company when consumed in an Argand Fifteen-hole Burner and a Seven-inch Chimney consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas an Hour did not equal the illuminating Power of Ten Sperm Candles of Six in the Pound, burning One hundred and twenty Grains an Hour, then and in every such Case the Company shall forfeit such Sum not exceeding Five Pounds as the Justices think fit, together with all Costs and Expenses. Providing Test of Gas.

LVI. The Company shall, at the Request of any Owner or Occupier of any House, Part of a House, Factory, or Premises, or of any public Body or private Company having Premises within the Limits of this Act within Twenty-five Yards of which any Main Pipe of the Company shall be laid, furnish to such Owner or Occupier, public Body or private Company, a sufficient Supply of Gas for such House, Part of a House, Factory, or Premises at a Rate not exceeding the Rate by this Act limited; and if the Company fail to supply such Gas to any such Owner or Occupier, public Body or private Company, then and in any such Case, on Proof before any Two Justices of such Failure, the Company shall forfeit such Sum not exceeding Five Pounds as the Justices think fit: Provided always, that the Company shall not be bound to supply any Gas under the foregoing Provision unless reasonable Security for Payment for the Gas supplied be given to them. For Supply of Gas within Twenty-five Yards of a Main.

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Recovery of
Money by
Distress.

LVII. All Sums of Money due to the Company for the Supply of Gas, or for the Hire of Meters or Gas Fittings, and the Amount of which is less than Twenty Pounds, may be levied by them by Distress; and any Two Justices, if applied to by them for the Purpose, shall issue their Warrant of Distress for the Amount so due, and may, at their Discretion, upon its being shown by the Company that the Issue of a Summons previous to such Warrant is likely to endanger the Recovery of such Amount, issue such Warrant without any previous Summons; and One such Warrant may include in the Body thereof or in a Schedule thereto several Names and several Sums.

Costs of
Distress.

LVIII. The Justices who issue any such Warrant of Distress may order that the Costs of the Proceedings for the Recovery of such Money shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Money; and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justices, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Money.

Recovery of
Monies by
Action.

LIX. In addition to their Remedy by Distress, the Company may recover any Monies, of whatever Amount, due to them for the Supply of Gas, or for the Hire of Meters or Gas Fittings, with the Expense of cutting off the Service Pipe, in any Court having Jurisdiction competent for the Recovery of Debts of the like Amount.

Expenses of
Act.

LX. All the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Company.

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