



ANNO DECIMO OCTAVO

# VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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## Cap. xlvii.

An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and  
Burgesses of the Borough of *Oldham* to con-  
struct additional Waterworks; and for other  
Purposes. [15th June 1855.]

**W**HEREAS by the Act Sixth *George* the Fourth, Chapter  
One hundred and ninety-one, intituled *An Act for lighting* 6 G. 4.  
*with Gas the Town of Oldham and the Neighbourhood* c. exci.  
*thereof within the Parish of Prestwich cum Oldham in the County*  
*Palatine of Lancaster, and for better supplying the Inhabitants of*  
*the said Town and Neighbourhood with Water,* the Oldham Gas-  
light and Waterworks Company were incorporated; and under the  
Authority of that Act, and of the Act First and Second *Victoria*,  
Chapter Ninety-six, intituled *An Act for enlarging and extending the* 1 & 2 Vict.  
*Powers and altering and amending the Provisions of an Act passed* c. xcvi.  
*in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King George the Fourth, intituled*  
*"An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of Oldham and the*  
*"Neighbourhood thereof within the Parish of Prestwich cum*  
*"Oldham in the County Palatine of Lancaster, and for the better*  
*"supplying the Inhabitants thereof with Water,"* the said Company  
constructed Gasworks and Waterworks, and raised a Share Capital of  
One hundred thousand Pounds; And whereas by "*The Oldham* 16 & 17 Vict.  
[*Local.*] 7 F Corporation c. xlii.

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Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1853," the Gasworks and Waterworks of the said Company, with their Appurtenances, and all other the Real and Personal Property of the said Company, (except the Money then divisible among the Shareholders,) were transferred to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Oldham* (in this Act called "the Corporation"), and all the Powers, Rights, and Duties of the said Company were given to and imposed upon the Corporation, in the Place of the said Company, as from the Commencement of the said last-mentioned Act, being the First Day of *August* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and the Corporation have since that Day maintained and used the said Gasworks and Waterworks, and the Works and Conveniences appurtenant thereto, and exercised and been subject to the said Powers, Rights, and Duties, under the Authority of the said last-recited Act, and of the Two first-recited Acts as incorporated therewith: And whereas the Township of *Quick* otherwise *Saddleshworth* in the Parish of *Saddleshworth* in the West Riding of the County of *York*, although supplied with Water by the Corporation, has at present no sufficient Supply of Gas, and the Township of *Crompton* in the Parish of *Prestwich cum Oldham* in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, although supplied with Gas by the Corporation, has at present no regular and sufficient Supply of Water, and the Hamlets of *Lees* and *Alt Edge* in the Parish of *Ashton under Lyne* in the said County Palatine, near the Borough of *Oldham*, have at present no regular and sufficient Supply of either Gas or Water, and it would be of public Advantage if the Supplies so required respectively were provided by the Corporation, and it is therefore expedient that the Corporation should be authorized to provide such respective Supplies, and that for these and other Purposes the District within which the Corporation may supply Gas and Water should be altered, and defined anew: And whereas, for the Purpose of securing to the Inhabitants of the said Borough, and to all other Persons within the District so to be defined, a constant, sufficient, and abundant Supply of good and wholesome Water, for the public and private Purposes of the Inhabitants of such District, and their future Wants and Requirements, it is expedient that the Corporation should be empowered to purchase or take Streams, Springs, and Waters, and to construct Reservoirs, Aqueducts, Conduits, and other Works and Conveniences, for collecting and storing the Water of such Streams and Springs, and conveying and supplying the same to the Inhabitants of such District as aforesaid: And whereas it is expedient that the Corporation should have Power to borrow or otherwise raise further Sums of Money, and that the Powers conferred by the said Acts should be in other respects altered and amended; but the several Objects above mentioned 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

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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; (that is to say,)

I. This Act may be cited for any Purpose as "*The Oldham Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1855.*" Short Title.

II. The several Words and Expressions to which by "*The Oldham Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1853,*" or any Act incorporated therewith, particular Meanings are assigned, shall, when used in this Act, have the same Meanings respectively. Interpreta-  
tion of  
Terms.

III. The following Sections of the recited Acts shall be and the same are hereby repealed; (that is to say,) of the first-recited Act, Sections One to Sixty-nine (both inclusive), relating to the Constitution and Powers of the Company thereby incorporated, and the taking of Lands, and the Supply of Gas and Water, and Sections Seventy-one, Seventy-three to Ninety-one (both inclusive), and Ninety-nine to One hundred and nineteen (both inclusive), relating to the Recovery of Rates and Penalties, Compensation for Damages, and other Matters connected therewith; of the secondly-recited Act, Sections One to Nineteen (both inclusive), relating to the Capital and borrowing Powers of the said Company, and the Purchase of Land and the Supply of Gas, and Sections Twenty-one, Twenty-three, Twenty-four, Twenty-five, and Twenty-eight to Fifty-four (both inclusive), and Sixty-eight to Eighty-one (both inclusive), relating to the taking of Lands, the Construction of the Waterworks, the Supply of Water, and other Matters connected therewith, and the Rates to be taken for the Supply of Water, and the Recovery of such Rates; and of the thirdly recited Act, Sections Three and Four, relating to the Limits of Gas and Water Supply, and the Incorporation therewith of the firstly and secondly recited Acts, Section Twenty, authorizing the Purchase of additional Land for Gasworks, and Sections Fifty to Fifty-three (both inclusive), relating to Mortgages by the Corporation: Provided nevertheless, that all Acts, Matters, and Things which have been heretofore done under the Powers and Authorities of the recited Acts or any of them, and which are now good, valid, and available, and all Deeds, Instruments, Contracts, Obligations, Rights, and Remedies now existing under the same, shall, notwithstanding such Repeal, be and continue valid and available for all Purposes and for and against all Parties, and that all Actions, Suits, Prosecutions, or other Proceedings already commenced or hereafter to be brought or prosecuted by or against the Corporation by reason of any Matter or Thing already done in execution of or in relation to the said recited Acts may, notwithstanding such Repeal, be continued, commenced, or prosecuted by

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tions of  
6 G. 4. c. xcxi.  
1 & 2 Vict.  
c. xcvi., and  
16 & 17 Vict.  
c. xlii.  
repealed.



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by or against the Corporation, in like Manner as if the said Sections had not been repealed.

Corporation to carry Act into execution, but Committee of Council may be appointed for the Purpose.

IV. This Act shall be carried into execution by the Corporation acting by the Council of the Borough, but the Council may from Time to Time, if they think fit, appoint a Committee of their Body, not exceeding Thirteen in Number, for the Execution of this Act, and may delegate to the Committee such of the Powers, Authorities, and Duties of the Corporation under this Act as the Council think fit, and the Acts and the Proceedings of the Committee within the Limits of such Delegation shall be deemed the Acts and Proceedings of the Corporation, and the Quorum of the Committee shall be Three: Provided always, that the Council may from Time to Time remove any of the Members of any such Committee, and appoint others in their Place, and may from Time to Time make such Regulations as they think fit for the Guidance of the Committee: Provided also, that all the Acts and Proceedings of the Committee shall from Time to Time be submitted to the Council for their Approval.

Limits of Act.

V. The Limits within which this and the recited Acts shall be put in force, as well with respect to Gasworks and the Supply of Gas as to Waterworks and the Supply of Water, shall be the several Townships of *Oldham*, *Royton*, *Chadderton*, and *Crompton* in the Parish of *Prestwich cum Oldham*, the Township of *Failsworth* in the Parish of *Manchester*, and the Hamlets of *Lees* and *Alt Edge* in the Parish of *Ashton-under-Lyne*, all in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, and the Township of *Quick* otherwise *Saddleworth* in the Parish or Chapelry of *Saddleworth* in the West Riding of the County of *York* (except so much of the last-named Township as lies Eastward of a Line drawn across *High Moor* from the Eastern Extremity of the Township of *Oldham* to the *Star Inn* on the *Wakefield and Austerlands* Turnpike Road, thence along the Turnpike Road to *Lydgate Chapel*, and thence in a straight Line to the Eastern Extremity of the Hamlet of *Alt Edge*).

Part of 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15. incorporated.

VI. "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," except the Clauses with respect to the Amount of Profit to be received by the Undertakers when the Gasworks are carried on for their Benefit, shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

Power to construct additional Works, and to make Gas.

VII. The Corporation may continue the existing Gasworks, and from Time to Time construct and maintain other Gasworks and Apparatus, Buildings, and Approaches thereto, upon any Lands now held by them for the Purposes of Gasworks, and may make, supply, and sell Gas for public and private Purposes within the said Limits, and do all such Acts as they shall think necessary for those Purposes, and



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and may sell and dispose of the Coke and other Residuum arising from the Materials used in the Manufacture of Gas : Provided always, that nothing in this or the recited Acts contained shall enable the Corporation to erect or maintain Works for the Manufacture of Gas, except upon Lands now held by them for the Purposes of Gasworks adjoining other Gasworks of the Corporation or only separated therefrom by the *Oldham* Branch of the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway.

VIII. The highest Charge by the Corporation for Gas supplied by them shall be at the Rate of Five Shillings and Sixpence for One thousand Cubic Feet. Limit of  
Price for  
Gas.

IX. "The Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847," except the Clauses with respect to the Amount of Profit to be received by the Undertakers when the Waterworks are carried on for their Benefit, shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act. 10 & 11 Vict.  
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incorporated  
with this Act.

X. Subject to the Provisions in this Act and the incorporated Acts contained, the Corporation may and shall supply with Water the Inhabitants, Buildings, and Lands within the said Limits by means of the said Waterworks already vested in them by "The *Oldham* Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1853," and of the Waterworks by this Act authorized to be constructed and maintained respectively. Corporation  
to supply  
Water within  
Limits of  
Act ;

XI. Provided always, That the Corporation shall not be compelled to supply Water to the Inhabitants, Buildings, and Lands within the said Township of *Crompton* and Hamlets of *Lees* and *Alt Edge* until they shall have so completed the Works by this Act authorized as to admit of such Supply being continuously provided. but not with-  
in *Crompton*  
*Lees* or *Alt*  
*Edge* until  
Completion  
of Works.

XII. Provided also, That the Water to be supplied by the Corporation need not be constantly laid on under Pressure, nor shall the Corporation be bound at any Time to lay on the Supply of Water at any Elevation at which the Water cannot be supplied by Gravitation from the Service Reservoir from which the Supply is taken. Corporation  
not bound to  
afford con-  
stant Supply  
or to supply  
Water at an  
inconvenient  
Elevation.

XIII. The Distance from each other of the Fireplugs to be fixed in pursuance of this Act and the "Waterworks Clauses Act, 1847," shall not exceed Two hundred Yards in Streets built upon to the Extent in the aggregate of One Half of their Length, and shall not exceed Three hundred Yards in other Cases. Distance of  
Fireplugs.

XIV. And whereas Plans and Sections of the Reservoirs, Aqueducts, Conduits, and Pipes intended to be constructed or laid down, and of a Road or Approach necessary for the convenient Use thereof, by the Power to  
construct  
Works, &c.  
according to  
deposited  
Plans.

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Corporation, showing the Situations, Lines, and Levels thereof respectively, together with Books of Reference containing the Names of the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers respectively of the Lands in, over, upon, through, or under which the same are intended to be constructed or laid down, have been deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the County Palatine of *Lancaster*: Therefore, subject to the Provisions in this Act and the Acts or Portions of Acts incorporated herewith contained, it shall be lawful for the Corporation to make, construct, and maintain the said Waterworks and other the said Works and Conveniences in the Line and on the Levels and upon the Lands delineated on the said Plans and Sections and described in the said Books of Reference, and for that Purpose to purchase, either for a Sum in gross or a perpetual yearly Sum, and to enter upon, take, and use, such of the Lands, Streams, and Waters delineated on the said Plans and referred to in the said Books of Reference as shall be necessary for that Purpose, or any Easement, Privilege, Power, or Authority in or over the same.

Limits of  
Deviation.

XV. In constructing the Works by this Act authorized to be made, it shall be lawful for the Corporation to make lateral Deviations from the Line of such Works not exceeding the Limits of lateral Deviation described and shown on the said Plans, and also to make Deviations from the Levels of such Works, except Reservoirs, as delineated in the said Sections to any Extent not exceeding Five Feet, and for Reservoirs to any Extent not exceeding Three Feet.

Additional  
Land for  
Waterworks.

XVI. The Corporation may purchase by Agreement for the Purposes of the Waterworks and of the Water Supply by this Act authorized additional Land not exceeding in the whole Fifteen Acres, but the Corporation shall not use any such additional Land, nor any Land (other than as herein-before defined and provided) for the Erection of Works for the Manufacture of Gas.

8 & 9 Vict.  
c. 18. in-  
corporated.

XVII. "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act, and the Corporation shall be taken to be the "Promoters," within the Meaning of that Act.

General  
Works.

XVIII. Subject to the Provisions of this Act and the incorporated Acts, the Corporation may make and maintain all necessary Pipe Tracks, Sluices, Embankments, Channels of Communication, Byewashes, Filtering Beds, Tanks, Culverts, Engines, Drains, Floodgates, and other Conveniences for the effectual Construction, Use, and Maintenance of the Works by this Act authorized.

Certain Pro-  
visions of  
8 & 9 Vict.

XIX. The Clauses and Provisions of "The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the temporary Occupation  
of



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of Lands near the Railway during the Construction thereof, and also the Sections of that Act numbered Fifty-three, Fifty-four, Fifty-five, Fifty-six, Fifty-seven, and Fifty-eight, relating to the Substitution of other Roads for Roads interfered with, and to the Restoration of Roads interfered with, shall be incorporated with this Act; and in construing the same in connexion with this Act the Expression "the Special Act" shall mean this Act, the Expression "the Company" shall mean the Corporation, and the Expression "the Railway" shall mean the Works by this Act authorized to be constructed.

c. 20. applied to this Act.

XX. Subject to the Provisions of this Act and the incorporated Acts, the Corporation may use, cross, break open, divert, alter, or stop up any Roads, Streets, Tramways, Bridges, Footpaths, Sewers, Drains, Streams, and Watercourses in or adjoining the Line of the Works by this Act authorized.

Roads, &c., may be crossed, &c.

XXI. The Powers of the Corporation for making any compulsory Purchase under or for the Purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the Expiration of Three Years from the passing of this Act.

Powers for compulsory Purchases limited.

XXII. The Works by this Act authorized shall be completed within Seven Years from the passing of this Act, and on the Expiration of such Period the Powers by this Act granted to the Corporation for executing the Works or otherwise in relation thereto shall cease to be exercised, except as to so much as shall then be completed: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to restrain the Corporation from extending their Mains and Pipes from Time to Time, whenever it shall be necessary, for the Purpose of supplying the Inhabitants within the Limits of this Act with Water or Gas.

Period for Completion of Works limited.

XXIII. It shall be lawful for the Corporation, and they are hereby empowered, subject to the Provisions of this Act, to take, store up, and appropriate the Waters of the Brooks and Streams called *Piethorn Brook* and *Old Brook*, within the Townships of *Butterworth*, *Crompton*, and *Oldham*, in the Parishes of *Rochdale* and *Prestwich cum Oldham*, in the said County Palatine of *Lancaster*, or some of them, and all other Brooks and Streams (shown on the said Plans) and Springs or Surface Drainage within the Parishes aforesaid flowing directly or derivatively into the River *Beal* which will or can be intercepted by the proposed Works delineated on the said Plans.

Corporation may take Water from certain Brooks and Streams.

XXIV. Provided always, That the Corporation shall cause to flow from or out of the Reservoirs, or in case of Emergency from the other Works on *Piethorn Brook* by this Act authorized, for the Supply of the

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the Mills and other Works on the Brooks and Streams below such Reservoirs, a Quantity of Compensation Water not being less than Two hundred and nineteen Cubic Feet *per* Minute continuously during Twelve consecutive Hours of each of the Three hundred and seven Working Days in the Year, as herein-after defined, commencing at Six o'Clock in the Morning of each such Day ; and, except so long as the before-mentioned Quantity of Compensation Water shall be furnished and continued in manner aforesaid, the Corporation shall not be entitled to take or appropriate to the Supply of the District within the Limits of this Act any of the Streams, Brooks, Springs, or Surface Drainage within the Township of *Butterworth* which the Corporation are herein-before authorized to take for the Purposes of this Act.

Definition  
of Working  
Days.

XXV. The Working Days to the Number of Three hundred and seven in every Year which are herein-before referred to shall be those which remain after excluding *Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, the Friday and Saturday in Whitsun Week, the Monday after the First Sunday in August, and the Day on which the First Monday Market of the Year is held at Rochdale.*

Gauges to  
be main-  
tained in  
Piethorn  
Brook.

XXVI. The Corporation shall erect and construct and for ever thereafter maintain upon the *Piethorn Brook*, within One hundred Yards of the outside Foot of the Embankment of the lower Reservoir where the same crosses the said Brook, a suitable Measuring Gauge and other Works necessary and proper for ascertaining and regulating the actual Quantity of Water to be so discharged ; and it shall not be lawful for the Corporation to take or appropriate to the Supply of the District within the Limits of this Act any of the Streams, Brooks, Springs, or Surface Drainage within the Township of *Butterworth* which they are herein-before authorized to take for the Purposes of this Act unless and until the said Gauge and other incidental Works have been made and completed, and shall be maintained, as required by this Act.

Compensa-  
tion Water  
to be taken  
in full for  
Water below  
Reservoir.

XXVII. When the Corporation shall commence and so long as they shall continue to discharge the full Amount of Compensation Water as aforesaid out of the said Reservoirs or other Works, the same shall be taken by all Parties interested in such Supply of Compensation Water below the said Works by this Act authorized as full Compensation in respect of all Water which the Corporation can collect or divert from the Lands draining to the said Works on *Piethorn Brook* by this Act authorized.

Compen-  
sation Water  
for Mills and

XXVIII. Provided also, That the Corporation shall cause to flow from or out of the Reservoirs on *Piethorn Brook*, or other the Works  
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in *Butterworth*, *Crompton*, or *Oldham*, by this Act authorized for the Supply of the Mills and other Works on the Streams below the Conduit leading from *Brushes Clough* to their Reservoir in *Strines Dale*, the respective Quantities of Compensation Water following; namely, into the *Brushes Clough* Stream the Quantity of Twenty-eight Cubic Feet *per Minute* continuously, and into the *Besom Hill Clough* Stream the Quantity of Twenty Cubic Feet *per Minute* continuously, the same to be delivered into the *Brushes Clough* Stream above the *Hey* Bleach Works, and into the *Besom Hill* Stream above *Clough* Old Mill, unless the Corporation find it inexpedient to deliver the same at so high an Elevation in each or either of the said Streams (in which Case they are to deliver the same above all Works on the said *Brushes Clough* Stream except the *Hey* Bleach Works and *Brook* Cotton Mill, and above all Works on the said *Besom Hill* Stream situate below *Clough* Old Mill, and are to make Compensation in Money as herein-after provided to the respective Owners and Occupiers of such of the said Mills and Works as do not receive Compensation in Water); and (except during the Interval of Three Years herein-after provided for), unless the before-mentioned Quantities of Compensation Water shall be furnished and continued to be delivered by the Corporation in manner aforesaid into the said Streams respectively, for the Supply of all Mills and Works thereon situate below the Three last before-mentioned Mills and Works, and also of those Three last-mentioned Mills and Works, except such of them as shall have received Compensation in Money, the Corporation shall not be entitled to take or appropriate to the Supply of the District within the Limits of this Act any of the Streams, Brooks, Springs, or Surface Drainage within the Townships of *Crompton* and *Oldham* which they are herein-before authorized to take for the Purposes of this Act.

other Works  
below Con-  
duits.

XXIX. The Corporation, in case they shall find it inexpedient to deliver the Compensation Water last aforesaid at an Elevation above the *Hey* Bleach Works, *Brook* Cotton Mill, and *Clough* Old Mill respectively before mentioned, shall make Compensation in Money to the Owners and Occupiers of the said Mills and Works for the Want of the said Compensation Water, in every Instance in which the same is not delivered for their Use, the Amount of such Compensation, in case of Difference, to be determined in manner provided by the "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," for determining Questions of disputed Compensation with respect to the Purchase and taking of Lands otherwise than by Agreement.

Provision in  
case of Want  
of Compens-  
ation Water.

XXX. The Corporation, before they deliver the Compensation Water last before mentioned, shall erect and construct, and for ever thereafter maintain upon each of the said Streams flowing down *Brushes Clough* and *Besom Hill Clough* respectively, but at Points prior to the flowing or Discharge of such Compensation Waters into

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the said respective Streams, a suitable Measuring Gauge and other Works necessary and proper for ascertaining and regulating the actual Quantity of Water to be so discharged; and (except during the Interval of Three Years, herein-after provided for,) it shall not be lawful for the Corporation to take or appropriate to the Supply of the District within the Limits of this Act any of the Streams, Brooks, Springs, or Surface Drainage within the Townships of *Crompton* and *Oldham* which they are herein-before authorized to take for the Purposes of this Act unless and until the said Gauges and other incidental Works have been made and completed and shall be maintained as required by this Act.

Compen-  
sation Water  
to be taken  
in full for  
Water below  
Point of  
Delivery.

XXXI. When the Corporation shall commence and so long as they shall continue to discharge the full Amount of Compensation Water as last aforesaid out of the said Reservoirs or other Works, the same shall be taken by all Parties interested in such Supply of Compensation Water below the Points respectively at which the said Compensation Water shall be delivered into the said Streams flowing down *Brushes Clough* and *Besom Hill Clough* respectively as full Compensation in respect of all Water which the Corporation can collect or divert from the Lands draining to the said Conduit leading from *Brushes Clough* to the *Strines Dale* Reservoir.

Temporary  
Provisions as  
to *Brushes  
Clough* and  
*Besom Hill  
Clough*.

XXXII. The Corporation may during the Period of Three Years from the passing of this Act, but not for any longer Period of Time, take for the Purposes of this Act the Water from the Stream flowing down *Brushes Clough* at or near the Point where the Conduit leading to the *Strines Dale* Reservoir intersects the said Stream, when there is flowing down at such Point of Intersection Thirty Cubic Feet *per* Minute for the Use of the Mills and other Works situated on that Stream, and the Water from the Stream flowing down the *Besom Hill Clough* when there is flowing down such Clough at the Point where the said Conduit intersects the said Stream Twenty Cubic Feet of Water *per* Minute for the Use of the Mills and other Works on that Stream.

For Protec-  
tion of Mills,  
&c.,  
Measuring  
Gauges and  
Weirs to be  
erected by  
Corporation.

XXXIII. And for the Protection of the said Mills and other Works, and for effectually preventing the Corporation from taking into the said Conduit during the said Period of Three Years, or such Part thereof as may elapse before they deliver the Compensation Water last herein-before mentioned, any of the Water from the said Streams at *Brushes Clough* and *Besom Hill Clough* respectively, until there is more than the before-mentioned Quantities flowing down those Streams respectively, the Corporation shall, before they supply for the Purposes of this Act any Water collected on the aforesaid Line of Conduit, or from any of the Springs, Brooks, Rivulets, Streams, Drains, or other Water intercepted by such Line of Conduit, erect, fix, set up, and maintain on or near to the Stream flowing down *Brushes Clough* a  
durable



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durable and substantial Measuring Gauge, Weir, and Side Weir of suitable Materials and perfectly Water-tight, and the said Quantity of Thirty Cubic Feet *per Minute* shall flow through a square Aperture in an Iron Plate, the Top of which Aperture shall be level with the Top of the Side Weir over which the surplus Water shall flow to the said Conduit, and the Corporation shall also erect, fix, set up, and maintain on the Stream flowing down the *Besom Hill Clough* a durable and substantial Weir and Side Weir of suitable Materials and perfectly Water-tight, and the said Quantity of Twenty Cubic Feet *per Minute* shall flow through a square Aperture in an Iron Plate, the Top of which Aperture shall be level with the Top of the Side Weir over which the surplus Water shall flow to the said Conduit; and the Corporation shall keep the said Weirs perfectly Water-tight, and the Sills of the said Side Weirs at the Levels specified, and so that no Water from the said Streams shall at any Time flow over such Side Weirs until the said Gauge Apertures are filled, and until the respective Quantities of Thirty and Twenty Cubic Feet *per Minute* are flowing through such Apertures respectively; and such Gauges and Weirs shall not be removed until the Compensation Water in respect of the said Streams respectively shall be delivered in manner herein-before provided, or the said Period of Three Years shall have expired, after which they shall cease to be maintained.

XXXIV. In case of any Failure, Neglect, or Default, by or in consequence of which the Quantity of Water required by this Act to flow or be discharged through or over the said Gauges respectively in manner aforesaid, for the Use of the Occupiers of the Mills and other Works interested in such Supply, shall not so flow or be discharged, the Corporation shall, for every Day on which such Failure, Neglect, or Default shall occur, forfeit to the Occupiers of each of the Mills and Works affected thereby who shall have actually received Damage or incurred any Loss by reason of such Failure, Neglect, or Default as aforesaid, and who may sue for and recover the same, the Sum of Ten Pounds: Provided always, that in case of any Mill or other Works being in the Occupation of several Persons, One Sum only of Ten Pounds *per Day* shall be payable by the Corporation in respect of that Mill or those other Works, for such Failure, Neglect, or Default.

Penalty on  
Failure,  
Neglect, &c.  
by Corpo-  
ration.

XXXV. If at any Time any of the Gauges or Side Weirs by this Act directed to be fixed on or adjoining any of the said Brooks or Streams shall be in an unfit State of Repair or Condition for the Purposes for which they are intended, the same shall be forthwith put into a proper and effectual State of Repair and Condition by and at the Expense of the Corporation, or if they fail to do so within Ten Days after Notice in Writing given to them on behalf of any Three of the Occupiers of the Mills and Works interested in such Supply

Repairs of  
Weirs, &c.

of



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of Water to pass through or over the same, requiring the Corporation so to do, it shall be lawful for the said Occupiers or any of them to cause such Repairs to be done and performed in connexion with the said Gauges and Side Weirs as shall be necessary for placing them in a proper and efficient State and Condition, and to recover the Expense of such Repairs, with full Costs of Suit, against the Corporation, in any Court of competent Jurisdiction.

Access to  
Gauge.

XXXVI. The Corporation shall give to the respective Owners and Occupiers of the said Mills and Works, and to their respective Agents and Servants, and to every of them, from Time to Time and at all Times, such Right of Access for any of the Purposes of this Act as the Corporation themselves possess and enjoy to the before-mentioned Gauges and other incidental Works and every Part thereof.

Exclusion of  
certain  
Waters.

XXXVII. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the Corporation to take or impound the Waters of any Springs, Brooks, Rivulets, Streams, or Drains, or any Surface Water, arising or flowing or which might be intercepted (except such Water as they are now entitled to take) between the higher Reservoir in *Strinesdale* and the Middle of a Field marked Sixty-eight on the Line of Conduit upon the Plan deposited as in this Act mentioned; but the Conduit or Tunnel shown on the said Plan as intended to be made between the Points aforesaid shall be a closed and water-tight Conduit or Tunnel, and shall be constructed and for ever thereafter maintained by the Corporation in such Manner as effectually to prevent the Interception or Collection thereby of the Water of any Springs, Brooks, Rivulets, Streams, Drains, or any Surface Water which may be situate between the said higher Reservoir in *Strinesdale* and the Middle of the Field marked Sixty-eight on the Line of Conduit upon the Plan.

For the Pro-  
tection of  
Property of  
John  
Skelton.

XXXVIII. The Corporation shall, if thereunto required by *John Skelton* Esquire, or other the Owner for the Time being of the Mill called *Kitcliffe* Mill, and the Tenter Ground attached to the same, within One Year after the passing of this Act, purchase and take the whole of such Mill and Tenter Ground, and the Value or Compensation to be paid for the same shall be settled and determined in the Manner provided by the "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," for Lands taken for the Purposes of this Act.

Accommoda-  
tion Works.

XXXIX. For the Accommodation of the Owners and Occupiers of adjoining Lands, the Corporation shall make and for ever thereafter maintain all necessary Hedges, Fences, or Walls for separating the Lands to be taken by the Corporation under the Provisions of this Act from the adjoining Lands, and all such Gates, Posts, Bridges, Plattings, Culverts, and other Works and Conveniences as may from Time to Time be requisite and proper for the affording of free  
Access



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Access to and the convenient Enjoyment of such adjoining Lands :  
 Provided always, that if from Time to Time any Difference arise as  
 to the Nature, Dimensions, Number, or Sufficiency of the Works and  
 Conveniences to be so provided by the Corporation, or as to the  
 Repair or Condition thereof, the same shall, on the Application of  
 the Corporation or any Party aggrieved, be determined by Two  
 Justices, who are hereby required to hear and determine the same ;  
 and such Justices may appoint a Time within which such Works and  
 Conveniences or such Repairs shall be commenced and executed by  
 the Corporation.

XL. If the Corporation shall fail for Thirty Days next after the  
 Time so appointed by such Justices for the Commencement of any  
 such Works, Conveniences, or Repairs to commence the same, or,  
 having commenced, to proceed diligently to execute the same in a  
 sufficient Manner, and according to the Determination of such  
 Justices, the Party aggrieved by any such Failure may execute or  
 complete such Works, Conveniences, or Repairs, and the Expenses  
 incurred by him in so doing shall be repaid to him by the  
 Corporation, and be recoverable from them in any Court of competent  
 Jurisdiction.

On Failure of  
 Corporation  
 to proceed  
 with Works,  
 Party ag-  
 grieved may  
 execute the  
 same, at  
 Expense of  
 Corporation.

XLI. The Corporation shall separate the Road or Approach  
 delineated on the said Plans from the Field numbered One hundred  
 and ninety-two on the said Plans by a good and substantial Fence (on  
 both Sides) of open Railings of not less than Four Feet and Six  
 Inches in Height above the Ground.

Fencing off  
 Road or  
 Approach.

XLII. It shall be lawful for *John Taylor, James Taylor, and Elizabeth Taylor* respectively, and their respective Heirs and Assigns,  
 and for all Persons authorized by them respectively, to have and enjoy  
 a Right of Way over the Road or Approach shown on the said Plans,  
 with or without Horses or Carriages, for all Purposes connected with  
 the Occupation of any Land belonging to them respectively, or any  
 Dwellings or Buildings thereon, without paying any Compensation in  
 respect of such Right of Way, and for all other Purposes, upon  
 Payment of a due Contribution towards the Repairs of such Road or  
 Approach, such User thereof in any Case not to interfere with the  
 User thereof by the Corporation, or by any other Persons by their  
 Permission.

Provision as  
 to User of  
 intended  
 Road.

XLIII. It shall not be lawful for the Corporation, in making or  
 maintaining the said Road or Approach, to interfere with or otherwise  
 injure any of the Springs now supplying or used at the *Ogden Mill*,  
 without the previous Consent in Writing of the Owner of that Mill.

Road not to  
 interfere  
 with Supply  
 of Water  
 to Ogden  
 Mill.

XLIV. It shall not be lawful for the Corporation to purchase,  
 enter upon, take, or use (otherwise than by Agreement with the  
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 Act not to  
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 tain Reser-



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voirs and  
Springs.

respective Owners thereof) the Reservoirs numbered on the said Plans respectively One hundred and seventy-three, One hundred and ninety-three, and One hundred and ninety-nine, or any of them, or to interfere with any Springs below the proposed Reservoirs now supplying or used at the *Ogden* Mill.

Limitation  
of Higher  
Ogden  
Conduit.

XLV. It shall not be lawful for the Corporation to make or construct any Part of their Line of Conduit between *Higher Ogden* and *Tom Clough* further in a Westerly Direction than the Westerly Fence of the Field numbered Ninety-four in the Parish of *Rochdale* on the said Plans.

Corporation  
not to inter-  
fere with  
Drainings,  
&c. of Lands.

XLVI. Nothing in this Act contained shall prevent the Owner or Occupier of any Land from manuring the same in an ordinary Manner, or from making Drains or Soughs therein for the Improvement of such Land.

Corporation  
may draw off  
Water from  
Reservoirs  
for the  
Purpose  
of Repairs  
or cleansing,  
making  
Compensa-  
tion, &c.

XLVII. It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from Time to Time, as and when it may be necessary or proper so to do, to cause the Water to be drawn or let off from any of their Reservoirs, either for the Purpose of repairing such Reservoirs, or any of the Dams, Banks, Trunks, Channels, Watergates, Pipes, and other Works appertaining thereto, or for the Purpose of cleansing out such Reservoir or any Part thereof; but in that Case the Corporation shall use all convenient Speed in making such Repairs or in executing such cleansing, and shall make full Compensation to the Owners and Occupiers of all Mills and Works interested in the Supply of Water from any such Reservoir for all Loss and Damage to be sustained by them or any of them by reason of the drawing or letting off the Water from any such Reservoir.

Power for  
Justices to  
order Re-  
pair of  
Reservoirs.

XLVIII. In order to provide against Accidents to Life or Property by the bursting of any Impounding Reservoir authorized to be made or maintained under the Provisions of this Act, be it enacted, That whenever it shall be represented to Two Justices, by the Owners or Occupiers of any Dwelling House, Mill, Factory, or other Works situate below any such Reservoir as aforesaid, and situate so as to be in danger of being destroyed or injured by the Water of such Reservoir in case it should escape therefrom, that the Embankment by which the Water is retained in such Reservoir is in a dangerous State, such Justices shall forthwith make Inquiry into the Truth of such Representation, and if they shall be satisfied that such Embankment is in a dangerous State they shall by Writing under their Hands order and require the Corporation, within a Time to be specified in such Writing, to put such Embankment into a proper State of Repair, or construct such Works as may be necessary to remove the Danger; and in case the Corporation shall not, within the Time so limited, and to the Satisfaction of the Justices who shall have made such Order, or of any

Two



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Two other Justices, have repaired the said Embankment, or constructed the said Works, or in case upon receiving such Representation as aforesaid the Justices shall consider the Danger to be so imminent as not to admit of Delay, they may, if they shall think fit, by Writing under their Hands, order and direct the Officer in charge of such Reservoir, or any other Person or Persons whom they may think proper, to enter upon the Premises of the Corporation, and to open the Sluices of such Reservoir, or otherwise to let off so much of the Water from such Reservoir as may be necessary to remove the Danger, and to keep the Water in such Reservoir at the reduced Level until the said Embankment shall have been repaired, or such Work as aforesaid shall have been constructed to the Satisfaction of the Justices who shall have made such Order, or any other Two Justices as aforesaid, and who shall signify their Satisfaction by Writing superseding such Order, or until such Order shall be superseded upon Appeal, as herein-after mentioned; and such Order may be in the Form or to the Purport and Effect following; (that is to say,)

‘ To *A. B.*

‘ WE, the undersigned, Two of Her Majesty’s Justices of the Peace for the County of Lancaster [*or York, as the Case may be*], do hereby order and direct you, and such Person or Persons as you may require to aid and assist you therein, forthwith to do all such Acts as may be necessary to lower the Water in a certain Reservoir known as the                      Reservoir by the Space of                      Feet or thereabouts, and to keep the same at that Level until you shall be further instructed by us or by Two other Justices of the Peace for the said County; and you shall do as little Injury as possible to the Property of the Corporation; and in acting in obedience to the Premises this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

‘ Given under our Hands, this                      Day of                      in  
‘ the Year of our Lord

‘ (Signed)                      *C. D.*  
‘                      *E. F.*

And no Person acting under and in pursuance of such Order shall be deemed a Trespasser; and any Person who shall obstruct or prevent such Person in the Discharge of such Order, or shall wilfully do any Act in contravention of such Order, shall for every such Offence be liable to a Penalty not exceeding Fifty Pounds: Provided always, that, except where the Urgency of the Case will not admit of the Delay, the Justices, before making an Order to repair any such Embankment or to construct any Works as aforesaid, or to lower the Water in any such Reservoir, shall cause Notice to be given to the Corporation, and shall hear and consider any Evidence that may be tendered on behalf of the Corporation against the making of such Order: Provided also, that if the Corporation shall consider themselves aggrieved by any such Order they may appeal against the same to any Quarter Sessions, upon giving to the Justices who shall have made such Order Three Weeks Notice in Writing of the



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the Grounds of such Appeal; and the Court of Quarter Sessions shall hear and determine such Appeal, and may either confirm or supersede the Order of the said Justices as they may think proper, but until such Order shall be superseded it shall continue in full Force; and all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for, obtaining, and enforcing such Order shall be borne by the Corporation, unless the Justices making the Order shall direct such Costs, Charges, and Expenses, or a proportionate Part of them, to be borne by the Parties applying for such Order, which they are hereby authorized to do; and the Costs of any such Appeal as aforesaid shall be in the Discretion of the said Court of Quarter Sessions.

Act not to exempt the Corporation from Liability.

XLIX. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed or taken to confer upon the Corporation any Exemption from Liability to answer for and make good any Injury or Damage occasioned by the bursting, Failure, or Want of Repair of any of the Reservoirs, Embankments, Culverts, Weirs, Pipes, Conduits, or other Waterworks by this Act authorized.

Rents at which Water is to be supplied for domestic Purposes by the Corporation.

L. The Corporation shall, at the Request of the Owner or Occupier of any House or Part of a House in any Street or Place in which any Pipe of the Corporation shall be laid, or of any Person who, under the Provisions of this Act, or any Act incorporated herewith, shall be entitled to demand a Supply of Water for domestic Purposes, furnish to such Owner or Occupier or other Person a sufficient Supply of Water for their domestic Uses for and at a Rate *per Centum per Annum* not exceeding Six Pounds Ten Shillings upon the Rackrent or annual Value of such House or Part of a House; but the Corporation shall not be obliged to furnish such Supply to any Owner, Occupier, or other Person for a less Sum than Six Shillings and Sixpence *per Annum*.

Domestic Supply not to include Supply for Horses, &c.

LI. A Supply of Water for domestic Purposes shall include a Supply for One Watercloset, but shall not include a Supply of Water for Baths, or for Cattle, or for Horses, or washing Carriages, where such Horses or Carriages are kept for Hire, or by Common Carriers, or a Supply for any Trade, Manufacture, or Business, or for Fountains, or for watering Gardens, or for any ornamental Purpose whatsoever.

Corporation not bound to supply Water-closets unless Apparatus approved by them.

LII. The Corporation shall not be bound to supply any Water-closet, or the Apparatus, Cisterns, or Pipes connected therewith, or any Water for domestic Purposes, unless the Cisterns, Pipes, and Cocks necessary for such Supply shall be constructed in such Manner as the Corporation, in the Exercise of a reasonable Discretion, shall think proper, for the Prevention of any undue Waste of Water.

Supply for trading and manufacturing Pur-

LIII. It shall be lawful for the Corporation to supply any Person with Water for trading or manufacturing Purposes, or for any Purposes other than domestic Purposes, at such Rate or Price and upon such



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such Terms and Conditions as shall be agreed upon between the Corporation and the Persons desirous of having such Supply of Water. poses by Agreement.

LIV. Whenever any Person neglects to pay any Rate or Sum due to the Corporation, and such Rate or Sum do not exceed Fifty Pounds, the Corporation may recover the same, with full Costs of Suit, in any Court of competent Jurisdiction; and the Remedies of the Corporation under this Enactment shall be in addition to their other Remedies for the Recovery of such Rate or Sum. As to Recovery of Sums not exceeding 50*l*.

LV. All Gas and Water Rates or Rents due to the Corporation, and all Damages, Costs, and Expenses by this Act or any Act incorporated herewith directed to be paid, and the Amount whereof shall not be disputed, may be levied by Distress; and any Justice, on Application, may issue his Warrant accordingly. Undisputed Rates, &c. may be recovered by Distress.

LVI. Any Number of Names and Sums may be included in any Warrant of Distress or Notice obtained or given by the Corporation for any of the Purposes of this Act, and may be stated either in the Body of the Warrant or Notice, or in a Schedule thereto. Several Names in One Warrant.

LVII. Any Justice who issues any such Warrant of Distress may order that the Costs of the Proceedings for the Recovery of such Rate or Sum shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Rate or Sum; and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justice, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Rate or Sum. Costs of Distress.

LVIII. No Justice of the Peace shall be disqualified or disabled to act as such Justice in any Matter with reference to this or the recited Acts by reason of his being a Ratepayer in the Borough, or a Member of the Council or of any Committee thereof. Justices not disqualified from acting.

LIX. No Person entering into any Contract with the Corporation for a Supply of Gas or Water, or for a Gas Meter, shall thereby be disabled from being, continuing, or acting as Mayor, Alderman, or Councillor of the Borough, or as an Officer or Servant of the Corporation, or incur any Penalty by reason of such Contract, or of his being, continuing, or acting as such Mayor, Alderman, Councillor, Officer, or Servant. Persons entering into Contracts with Corporation not disqualified as Members of Corporation.

LX. The Fifty-eighth Section of "The *Oldham* Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1853," (relating to the gratuitous Supply of Gas and Water,) shall be and the same is hereby repealed; but the Corporation may from Time to Time, on such Terms and Conditions as they may think fit, supply Gas or Water gratuitously for any Purposes of public Advantage within the Limits of this Act, and may supply Gas for lighting, and Water for domestic and sanitary Purposes, to any Hospitals and Infirmaries, Public Baths and Wash-houses, within those Section 58. of 16 & 17 Vict. c. xlii. repealed, but Corporation may grant gratuitous Supplies of Gas and Water for public Purposes.

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Limits



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Limits respectively, maintained at the Expense of the Borough Rates or other Rates made by the Authority of the Corporation, or of the Rates for the Relief of the Poor wholly raised within those Limits.

Power to  
borrow on  
Mortgage.

LXI. It shall be lawful for the Corporation to raise by Mortgage, for the Purposes of this and the recited Acts, upon the Security of the Borough Fund of the said Borough, including the Rents and Rates hereafter to be received, levied, and taken, and the several Works constructed or to be constructed under the Powers of this and the recited Acts respectively, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding One hundred and forty thousand Pounds, exclusively of any Moneys which may be hereafter borrowed by them, with the Consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, as herein-after provided.

Provisions of  
10 & 11 Vict.  
c. 16. as to  
borrowing  
incorporated.

LXII. For the Purposes of borrowing upon Mortgage, all the Clauses of "The Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847," with respect to Mortgages to be executed by the Commissioners, shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act, and shall be applicable to the borrowing of such Sum or Sums of Money as aforesaid by the Corporation, and shall be read and construed as if the Words "the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Oldham*," "the Town Clerk," and "the Town Clerk's Office," had been in every Case inserted therein instead of the Words "the Commissioners," "the Clerk to the Commissioners," and "the Office of the Commissioners respectively;" and the Mortgages and Transfers of Mortgages under this Act may be according to the respective Forms in the Schedules (A.) and (B.) to this Act respectively annexed, or to the like Effect.

Amount of  
Sinking  
Fund.

LXIII. One Thirtieth Part of the Sums borrowed by the Corporation under the Powers of this Act shall be the prescribed Part to be every Year appropriated and set apart as a Sinking Fund.

Reborrow-  
ing.

LXIV. If, after having raised the whole or any Part of the Moneys which they are by this Act authorized to raise, the Corporation shall pay off the same or any Part thereof in any other Manner than by the Sinking Fund herein-before mentioned, it shall be lawful for them again to raise in the Manner aforesaid the said Sum, or the Part thereof so paid off, and so on from Time to Time.

Arrears may  
be enforced  
by Appoint-  
ment of  
a Receiver.

LXV. The Mortgagees under this Act may enforce Payment of the Arrears of Principal and Interest due on their respective Mortgages by the Appointment of a Receiver, and the Amount to authorize the Requisition of a Receiver shall be One Fourth of the whole Amount for the Time being borrowed on Mortgage under this Act.

Power to  
Corporation  
to borrow on

LXVI. The Corporation may from Time to Time, with the Approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, borrow



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borrow at Interest, on the Security of the Corporate Estates and Borough Fund of the Borough of *Oldham*, such Sums, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds (over and above the said Sum of One hundred and forty thousand Pounds), as they from Time to Time think requisite for any of the Purposes of this Act, and may grant Mortgages of the Corporate Estates and Borough Fund accordingly: Provided always, that the Mortgages granted under this Act shall be without Prejudice to any Mortgages heretofore granted by the Corporation.

Mortgage of  
Borough  
Fund.

LXVII. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to enable the Corporation to mortgage for the Purposes of this Act, without the Approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Three of them, any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which they could not have mortgaged without such Approval before the passing of this Act.

Not to mort-  
gage Lands,  
&c. without  
Consent of  
Treasury.

LXVIII. Nothing in this Act contained shall in any way impair or affect the Priority of Charge by "The *Oldham* Corporation Gas and Waterworks Act, 1853," secured to the Annuities created by that Act, and such Annuities shall be the First Charge on the said Corporate Estates and Borough Fund next after all Principal Monies and Interest or Annuities (if any) subsisting as Charges thereon at the Time of the passing of the said Act.

Priority of  
Charge of  
Annuities  
under  
16 & 17 Vict.  
c. xlii.

LXIX. The several Rates and Rents which the Corporation may demand and take under this Act shall be vested in the Corporation as Part of the Borough Fund of the said Borough.

Rates vested  
in Corpora-  
tion.

LXX. All the Rates, Rents, and other Moneys from Time to Time received by or for the Corporation under the Authority or for any of the Purposes of this Act, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Borough of *Oldham*, and shall be carried by him to the Credit of the Borough Fund of the Borough, and shall be applicable as Part of that Borough Fund.

Rates, &c.  
received by  
Corporation  
under this  
Act to be  
carried to  
Borough  
Fund.

LXXI. The Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act, and effecting the several Purposes thereof, and the Execution of the same, and all Moneys from Time to Time raised under this Act, and the Interest thereon, and all other the Expenses and Liabilities of the Corporation under and with respect to this Act and the Purposes and Execution thereof, shall be charged on and shall be paid out of the Corporate Estates and Borough Fund of the Borough of *Oldham*, as if the same were Expenses incurred by the Corporation in carrying into effect with respect to the said Borough the Provisions of the Act of the Sixth Year of King *William* the Fourth, for the Regulation of Municipal Corporations in *England*.

Expenses of  
Corporation  
under this  
Act to be  
paid out of  
Borough  
Fund.

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## SCHEDULE (A.)

## FORM OF MORTGAGE.

The Oldham Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1855.

Mortgage, No.

Pounds.

By virtue of the Oldham Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1855, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Oldham, in consideration of Pounds paid to them by *A. B.* of grant to him, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the [Corporate Estates and] Borough Fund of the Borough, to hold until the said Sum of Pounds be repaid to him or them, with Interest at the yearly Rate of Pounds in the Hundred, by equal half-yearly Payments on the Day of and the Day of in every Year from the Day of the Date hereof [the Principal to be repaid on the Day of at the Option of either Party]; and all Payments to be made at the Office in Oldham of the Treasurer of that Borough.

Given under the Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, this Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred .

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SCHEDULE (B.)

## FORM OF TRANSFER OF MORTGAGE.

The Oldham Corporation Gas and Water Act, 1855.

I *A. B.* of in consideration of Pounds paid to me by *C. D.* of transfer to him, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the Mortgage No. of the [Corporate Estates and] Borough Fund of the Borough of Oldham, for Pounds and Interest at the yearly Rate of Pounds in the Hundred, granted on the Day of by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of that Borough [*or, if the Transfer be by Endorsement, the within Security*], and all my Right and Interest in and under the same.

As witness my Hand and Seal, this Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred .

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