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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. lxxii.

An Act for establishing and maintaining an efficient System of Police for the Royal Burgh of *Renfrew*, for improving the said Burgh, and for other Purposes in relation thereto.

[15th *June* 1855.]

WHEREAS the Burgh of *Renfrew* has of late increased in Population, and is increasing, and large Manufactories and other Works have recently been erected therein, chiefly beyond the Parliamentary Boundaries, but within the ancient Royalty of the said Burgh, in which numerous Workmen are employed: And whereas it is necessary and expedient that Provision should be made for establishing and maintaining an efficient System of Police for the said Burgh, and for draining, cleansing, and improving the same, for paving, repairing, and maintaining the Streets and Roads within the said Burgh, for rendering the Supply of Water and Gas within the Burgh more efficient, and for promoting the Health of the Inhabitants, and the good Government of the said Burgh, and other

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public Purposes: And whereas the Limits of the ancient Royalty of the said Burgh and the Parliamentary Limits thereof are not co-extensive; and it is expedient that the Jurisdiction, civil and criminal, of the Magistrates of the said Burgh, for the Purposes of this Act, should extend over the whole of the said Limits: And whereas an Act was passed in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, Chapter Thirty-three, intituled *An Act to make more effectual Provision for regulating the Police of Towns and populous Places in Scotland, and for paving, draining, cleansing, lighting, and improving the same*; and it is expedient that certain of the Provisions therein should be applied to the said Burgh; but the Objects aforesaid 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,

Short Title.

I. That this Act may be cited for all Purposes as "*The Renfrew Police and Improvement Act, 1855.*"

Construction
of Words in
this Act.

II. That the several Words and Expressions in the Acts herewith incorporated to which Meanings are assigned by the said Acts and by this Act shall have in this Act the same respective Meanings, unless there be in the Subject or Context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such Construction; and the Expression "the Town Council" in this Act shall mean the Magistrates and Council of the Burgh of *Renfrew* in their corporate Capacity, and as representing the Community of the said Burgh.

Limits of
Act.

III. That this Act and the Acts incorporated herewith, so far as hereby incorporated, shall extend over and be executed and put in force within the ancient Royalty of the Burgh of *Renfrew*, and over and within the Parliamentary Limits and Boundaries thereof as defined and fixed by an Act passed in the Second and Third Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act to amend the Representation of the People in Scotland*, and shall include the Harbour and Port of the said Burgh situate within the said Burgh and Limits.

Jurisdiction
of Magis-
trates and
Council ex-
tended to
Limits of
Act.

IV. That the Jurisdiction, civil and criminal, of the Magistrates of the said Burgh, for the Purposes of this Act, shall be and the same is hereby extended to, over, and within the whole Limits of this Act.

V. That

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V. That "The Lands Clauses Consolidation (*Scotland*) Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act with respect to the Provisions thereof as to acquiring Lands by Agreement.

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Parts of
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porated.

VI. That the said recited Act, Thirteenth and Fourteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Thirty-three, with the Exception of Clauses Three to Sixty-two thereof, both inclusive, and Clauses Sixty-five and Sixty-six thereof, and with the Exception of the Clauses thereof with respect to the lighting of Burghs, and with respect to the Improvement of Burghs and to the Supply of Water, shall be and the same is hereby incorporated with this Act; and the following Words and Expressions in the said recited Act shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there is something in the Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,) the Expression "the Burgh" shall mean the Burgh of *Renfrew* within the ancient Royalty thereof, and within the Parliamentary Limits and Boundaries thereof as herein-before described, and shall also include the Harbour and Port of the said Burgh situate within the said Burgh and Limits; the Word "Magistrates" shall mean the Magistrates of the Burgh of *Renfrew* for the Time being, and shall include the Provost and Bailies; the Expression "the Commissioners" shall mean the Magistrates and Council of the Burgh of *Renfrew* for the Time being acting as Commissioners under the Provisions of this and the recited Act; the Word "Sheriff" shall mean the Sheriff of the County of *Renfrew* or his Substitute; the Word "Clerk" shall mean the Town Clerk of the Burgh of *Renfrew*; the Word "Treasurer" shall mean the Town Treasurer of the said Burgh; the Word "Collector" shall mean the Town Collector of the said Burgh; the Expression "Lodging House" shall include any House in which Parties are lodged or housed at an Amount not exceeding Three Shillings and Sixpence *per Head per Week*, and so in proportion for any longer or shorter Period; and any Expression referring to the Adoption of the said recited Act, or to the Time of the Adoption thereof, shall have reference to the Incorporation thereof with this Act, or to the Date of the passing of this Act, or otherwise, as the Case may be: Provided always, that it shall not be necessary for the Commissioners to make General Assessments once in every Year, as prescribed by the said recited Act, but only when they consider the same necessary, or to make up a Roll or Book of Assessment while no Assessment under this and the said recited Act is made or levied: Provided also, that no Assessment shall be made or levied for the Purposes of this and the recited Act on or in respect of any Land within the Limits of this Act used exclusively for Agricultural Purposes, or as Pasture Ground, Policies, Woodlands, Market Gardens, or Nursery Grounds.

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porated.

VII. That

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Magistrates and Council to be Commissioners, and the Magistrates to be Magistrates of Police.

VII. That the Magistrates and Council of the said Burgh for the Time being shall be the Commissioners for carrying this and the recited Act into execution, in so far as Powers are by this or the recited Act conferred on the Commissioners, and they shall be vested with all the Powers of Commissioners as contained in the said recited Act, in so far as incorporated with this Act; and the Magistrates of the said Burgh shall be the Magistrates of Police thereof, and shall have all the Powers, Privileges, and Jurisdictions of Magistrates of Police under this and the recited Act.

Meetings of the Commissioners and their Committees.

VIII. That the Commissioners may proceed in the Execution of this and the recited Act at all Meetings of the Town Council, and they may also adjourn their Meetings, and hold Special Meetings, and appoint Committees, in the same Way and Manner as Meetings may be adjourned, or Special Meetings held, or Committees appointed by the Town Council for other Purposes; and all Meetings of the Commissioners or of any Committee for the Purposes of this Act may be summoned in the same Manner as Meetings of the Town Council or their Committees are summoned for other Purposes, any thing in the recited Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners may levy Assessments.

IX. That the Commissioners may, in such Manner and at such Times as to them shall seem best for the Purposes of this and the recited Act, estimate, assess, levy, and apply for the Purposes thereof the Sums of Money by this or the recited Act authorized to be raised, and shall have Power, at such Times as they shall appoint, and from Time to Time, to order and direct Lists to be taken of the Inhabitants of the Burgh, and of the Value of Premises situate therein, according to the Valuation fixed or to be fixed by the Act Seventeenth and Eighteenth *Victoria*, Chapter Ninety-one, intituled *An Act for the Valuation of Lands and Heritages in Scotland*.

18 Vict. c. 91.

Sheriff to fix Boundaries of ancient Royalty for Purposes of Assessments.

X. That the Commissioners are hereby required, before proceeding to levy or impose any Assessment under this Act, to apply to the Sheriff, and after such Publication by Advertisement and otherwise as the Sheriff may direct, and after such Investigation (if any) as he may deem necessary or proper, the Sheriff shall and he is hereby required to mark out, define, and specify in a written Deliverance, on such Application, the Boundaries of the ancient Royalty of the Burgh, for the Purposes of the Assessments under this Act, and the Sheriff shall include in such Boundaries the whole of the ancient Royalty of the Burgh, as nearly as the same can be ascertained; and such Deliverance shall be final, and when recorded, along with the Application

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Application on which it proceeds, in the Sheriff Court Books of the County of *Renfrew*, shall fix and determine the Boundaries of such ancient Royalty for the Purposes of the Assessments under this Act.

XI. That the Commissioners may appoint a Superintendent of Police, at a fixed annual Salary, and may also appoint, at such Salaries as they shall judge meet, Surveyors, and all other Persons whose Appointment is not herein or in the recited Act otherwise provided for, to be employed in the Execution of this and the recited Act, and to remove and suspend such Surveyors and other Persons at pleasure, and to fix the Number and Description of Officers and Servants to be employed in the Execution of this and the recited Act, and the Remuneration or Wages to be paid to them respectively, whether appointed by themselves or not, and to increase or diminish their Numbers, from Time to Time as they shall see Cause, and to make Orders and Regulations for their Government.

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sioners may
appoint Su-
perintendent
of Police and
other Offi-
cers,

XII. That the Commissioners shall also have full Power and Authority to make all necessary Rules, Orders, and Regulations relative to the watching, paving, and cleansing the Streets, Roads, Lanes, Passages, or public Ways or Places within the Burgh, and for the Prevention of infectious Diseases, and putting down and removing such Nuisances as may affect the Health of the Inhabitants, and for carrying fully into effect all the Objects and Purposes and Provisions of this and the recited Act, and may enact Penalties for enforcing the same, not exceeding in any Case the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and execute the whole other Matters specified in this and the recited Act and committed to their Charge: Provided always, that the Rules and Regulations so to be made shall not be contrary to the Laws of *Scotland*, or to anything in this or the recited Act contained.

Commis-
sioners may
make Rules
as to watch-
ing, paving,
cleansing,
&c.

XIII. That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, in the Exercise of the Powers with respect to the borrowing of Money contained in the said recited Act, but subject to the Provisions thereof, to accept and take from any Bank or Banking Company in *Scotland* Credit on a Cash Account, to be opened and kept with such Bank or Banking Company, in the Name of the Commissioners, according to the Usage of Bankers in *Scotland*, for such Sum or Sums of Money as they shall deem necessary, and to grant Bonds in Security of the Payment of the Amount of such Credit, or of the Sums advanced from Time to Time on such Cash Account, with Interest thereon, as provided in the said recited Act in reference to the Money thereby authorized to be borrowed; and the said Bonds may be in the Form

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prescribed by the said recited Act, so far as Circumstances will admit, and shall form the same Lien, and Creditors under the same shall be entitled to the same Rights and Privileges, as are thereby granted in reference to the Money thereby authorized to be borrowed as aforesaid.

Limitation of
Money bor-
rowed.

XIV. That the Money to be borrowed in virtue of the said recited Act and of this Act, shall not, when taken together, exceed at any One Time the Sum of Three thousand Pounds.

Money and
Property
vested in
the Com-
missioners.

XV. That the Moneys arising from the Sums authorized to be borrowed by the Commissioners, and the Assessments authorized to be levied by them, and all the other Moneys coming to them under this or the recited Act, and all Property acquired by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Powers hereby granted to them, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Commissioners for the Uses and Purposes mentioned in this and the recited Act, and for no other Purpose whatever.

Town Coun-
cil may
advance
Money for
Purposes of
Act.

XVI. That it shall be lawful for the Town Council, at any Meetings duly called for the Purpose, and they are hereby authorized, from Time to Time, absolutely to advance to the Commissioners, or to contribute out of the free Income of the Corporate Funds or Common Good of the said Burgh, on such Terms and Conditions as they may think fit, the whole or any Part of the Moneys necessary for fully carrying out by the Commissioners all or any Part of the Purposes by this or the recited Act conferred on the Commissioners: Provided always, that it shall not be imperative on the Town Council so to advance or contribute any Money except in the Events and under the Circumstances after mentioned.

Town Coun-
cil to be
bound to
contribute in
certain
Events.

XVII. That if and when the General Assessments, other than Private and District Assessments, authorized to be levied under the said recited Act and this Act, shall exceed in any Year the Sum of Sixpence in the Pound, but not otherwise, and if the Burgh shall be at the same Time possessed of any free Income arising from the Common Good thereof, after Deduction of the Interest of any Debt which the Burgh may owe, and also the necessary annual Outgoings of the Burgh, there shall be annually contributed, in the Events aforesaid, from the said free Income, such a reasonable Proportion towards the Purposes of this and the said recited Act as the Town Council of the Burgh, having due Regard to the Extinction of the Capital of such Debt, shall think just: Provided always, that if any Six or more Inhabitants liable in Assessment, and rated for Assess-
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ment in respect of Premises of the yearly Value of Ten Pounds or upwards, under this and the said recited Act, shall think proper, such Inhabitants may require, by Notice in Writing, that the Amount of such Contribution shall be submitted to the Decision of the Sheriff, who is hereby required thereupon to inquire into all Facts and Circumstances which he may deem material, and, so far as he shall think necessary, to take in Writing the Statements of Parties, and such Evidence as may be adduced, and the Sheriff shall decide as to the Amount of such Contribution to be paid from the free Income of the Burgh, and to award such Expenses to or against either Party as he may think fit, and such Decision shall be recorded in the Books of the Burgh: Provided also, that in the Event of any Change of Circumstances operating either towards the Increase or Diminution of the free Income of the Burgh it shall be competent either to the Town Council or to any Six or more of the said Inhabitants, once in any Year in which the said General Assessment shall exceed the Sum of Sixpence in the Pound as aforesaid, to propose an Amendment or Rectification of the then existing Contribution; and in case of Disagreement between the Town Council and Inhabitants, the Amount shall again be submitted to the Decision of the Sheriff; and the Decision of the Sheriff in both of the Cases above mentioned shall, subject to the foresaid Proviso, be final, and not subject to Review.

XVIII. That when any Assessment is made or levied by the Commissioners under this or the said recited Act, Accounts of all Property, Heritable and Moveable, vested in the Commissioners under this and the said recited Act, showing the Nature of such Property, and of all Money received and disbursed, and all Orders and Proceedings of the Commissioners, shall be kept in Books by their Clerk; and all such Books of Accounts and Proceedings whatsoever may at all seasonable Times be inspected and perused, without Fee or Reward, by any Person assessed, and also by any Person entitled to any Money due and owing on the Credit of such Assessment; and such Persons may take Copies of or Extracts from any of such Books, Accounts, and Proceedings, and the said respective Assessments, without Fee or Reward; and any Person in whose Custody or Power any such Books, Accounts, and Proceedings are, who shall refuse Inspection thereof, or to permit Copies or Extracts to be taken as aforesaid, shall be liable in a Penalty not exceeding Five Pounds; and in case any Person who shall be assessed shall be dissatisfied with any Accounts which shall have been made up as aforesaid, or with any of the Items or Articles contained in any such Accounts, such Person may complain against the same by Petition to the Sheriff, in which Complaint shall be specified the Grounds of Objection to such Accounts, Items, or Articles; and the Sheriff shall proceed to

Books of
Accounts and
Proceedings
to be kept by
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to hear and determine the Matter of such Complaint, and award such Expenses to or against either Party as he may think fit, and his Decision shall be final,

Account of
Receipt and
Application
of Moneys
to be made
out, and
printed and
published.

XIX. That the Commissioners shall in each Year in which any Assessment is made and levied under this Act, and previous to the annual Meeting in each such Year held for the Election of Magistrates and other Office Bearers of the said Burgh, cause to be made out a just and accurate Account of all the Moneys received and expended in the Execution of this and the said recited Act for the Year up to the First Day of *October* preceding, showing from what Sources such Moneys have been received, and to what Purposes the same have been laid out and applied, and which Account, so soon as the same shall have been audited as herein-after provided, shall be signed by the Chief Magistrate, the Treasurer, and the Clerk, and shall be deposited with the Clerk, who shall forthwith cause to be printed and inserted in One or more of the Newspapers published or circulated in the Burgh authenticated Abstracts of such yearly Accounts, and shall permit any Person assessed under the said recited Act and this Act to inspect and examine such Accounts at all seasonable Times till the First Day of *November* ensuing such Publication, without Payment of any Fee or Reward for such Inspection.

Auditors to
be appointed.

XX. That the Commissioners shall in each such Year appoint One or more Persons, not being Members of the Town Council, to be Auditors of the Accounts of the Commissioners under this and the said recited Act, and may pay to such Auditors a reasonable Remuneration for their Time and Trouble, not exceeding Two Guineas each, for every Day they shall be fully employed on such Audit, and all such Expenses as such Auditors shall be put to attending the auditing of the said Accounts; and if any Dispute arise as to the Amount of the Remuneration and Expenses to be paid to such Auditors, it shall be settled by the Sheriff, whose Decision shall be final.

Auditors to
inspect Ac-
counts, and
fix the
Balance.

XXI. That the Auditors so appointed shall attend, as soon as conveniently may be after the said First Day of *October* in each such Year, at the Office of the Commissioners, or at some other convenient Place to be appointed by them, and from Time to Time shall proceed to audit the Accounts of the Commissioners under this and the said recited Act for the Year preceding; and the Commissioners shall lay before such Auditors the Accounts for such Year, accompanied with proper Vouchers in support of the same, and all Books, Papers, and Writings in their Custody or Powers relating thereto; and any Person interested in the said Accounts, either as a Creditor or as a Ratepayer, may be present at the Audit of such Accounts, by himself or his Agent,
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and may make any Objection to any Part of such Accounts; and if such Accounts be found correct, such Auditors shall sign the same in token of their Allowance thereto; but if such Auditors think there is just Cause to disapprove of any Part of such Accounts, they shall make such Abatements from or Alterations of such Accounts as to them shall seem just, and in either Case shall ascertain and fix the Balance arising on such Accounts; and if the Commissioners or other Party objecting be dissatisfied with the Result of such Audit, they may appeal to the Sheriff, whose Decision shall be final, and who shall also have Power to award Expenses to or against either Party, as he may think just: Provided always, that unless the Balance as ascertained and fixed by the Auditors shall be appealed to the Sheriff within Fourteen Days from the Date of such Ascertainment, such Balance shall be final and conclusive, and not subject to Review.

XXII. That all Actions, Suits, or Proceedings in respect of any Matter or Thing relating to the Execution of this or the recited Act, to be brought by or against the Commissioners, may be in the Name of their Clerk or Treasurer or Collector for the Time being, as the Party, Pursuer or Defender, representing the Commissioners ; and no Action, Suit, or Proceeding wherein the Commissioners shall be concerned as Pursuers or Defenders in the Name of their Clerk or Treasurer or Collector shall cease or abate by the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any such Clerk or Treasurer or Collector, or by any Change in the Persons holding Office as Commissioners, but the Clerk or Treasurer or Collector of the Commissioners for the Time being shall be deemed to be the Pursuer or Defender, as the Case may be, in every such Action, Suit, or Proceeding.

XXIII. That the Commissioners, or any Committee of their Body thereunto specially empowered, may contract with any Person for carrying into execution any of the Works or Operations by this or the recited Act authorized; and such Contract shall be signed by the Chairman and Clerk in Name of the Meeting at which such Agreement or Contract shall be made.

XXIV. That all Dwelling Houses, and all Buildings where any Regulations Business, Work, or Manufacture is to be carried on, built after the as to Con-
passing of this Act, shall be so built as to insure proper Ventilation and struction of
fresh Air therein and in adjoining Buildings, to the Satisfaction of the Dwelling
Commissioners ; and in all Dwelling Houses intended to be occupied in Houses, &c.
Flats or Storeys the Passages and Stairs shall in no Case be less than
Three Feet Six Inches wide, and the Steps of the Stairs shall be at
least Ten Inches broad and not more than Eight Inches deep ; and
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in Wheeling Stairs the Steps shall be at least Ten Inches broad at One Half of their Length from the Newel or Well-hole ; and the Owner or other Person erecting such Tenements shall be bound to provide Water Pipes for the Purpose of conveying Water to each Flat or Storey, with properly constructed Sinks and Soil Pipes, all to the Satisfaction of the Commissioners ; and the Provisions of this Section shall be carried out and enforced in the Manner provided in the said recited Act with respect to the Improvement of Burghs, and to supplying Buildings with fresh Air.

Common
Stairs,
Sinks, &c.
to be kept
clean.

XXV. That all Persons occupying Houses entering by a common Stair shall at all Times cause the Stair and Areas immediately below the Flat or Storey occupied by them, and the Passages and Courts leading thereto, to be properly swept and washed, and also all Sinks or other such Conveniences provided for their Accommodation to be kept clean and clear of Filth or other offensive Matter ; and any Person offending shall for each such Offence be liable in a Penalty not exceeding Ten Shillings ; and if any Person shall be convicted of depositing or putting Filth or other offensive Matter upon any such Stair or in any such Area, or into any such Sinks or Conveniences, he shall for each such Offence be liable in a Penalty not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

Common
Courts, &c.
to be
lighted.

XXVI. That the Commissioners may cause all common Courts, Passages, Stairs, or Closes, within the Limits of this Act, to be sufficiently lighted, and for that Purpose, if necessary, may erect such Number of Lamps as may be required, and light the same, all at the Expense of the Owners or Occupiers of Houses or other Premises in such common Courts, Passages, Stairs, or Closes, and failing Payment of such Expense by such Owners or Occupiers the Commissioners may recover the same from them, under the Provisions of the said recited Act, and in the same Way as Damages are thereby authorized to be recovered.

Charges for
the Use of
Slaughter-
houses, if
required.

XXVII. That in the event of the Commissioners purchasing, renting, building, or otherwise providing Slaughter-houses for slaughtering Cattle within the Burgh, as authorized by the said recited Act, they may from Time to Time make such reasonable Charges for the Use thereof as they may think fit.

Recovery of
Penalties.

XXVIII. That all Penalties to be imposed under this Act shall be recovered in the same Manner and under the same Provisions as Penalties are authorized to be recovered under the said recited Act.

XXIX. That

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XXIX. That whereas an Agreement was entered into between the Magistrates and Council of the said Burgh and the *Gorbals* Gravitation Water Company, dated the Fifteenth Day of *October* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and recorded in the Books of Council and Session the Twenty-ninth Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, whereby that Company agreed to supply Water to and within the said Burgh; subject to and under the Provisions in the Acts of such Company: And whereas by “The *Gorbals* Gravitation Water Company Act, 1853,” Powers are granted in reference to such Supply: Be it enacted, That the said Agreement, and everything done in virtue thereof, shall be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the Commissioners shall have the same Rights and Privileges under the said Agreement and Acts for and towards the Purposes of this Act as the said Magistrates and Town Council.

As to Supply of Water.

XXX. That the Town Council or Commissioners may cause Fire-plugs, and all necessary Works, Machinery, and Assistance for securing an efficient Supply of Water in Cases of Fire, to be provided and maintained within the Limits of this Act, and for this Purpose they may enter into any Agreement with reference to the Supply of Water which may be considered necessary, and they may paint or mark on the Buildings and Walls in the Streets Words or Marks near to such Fire-plugs to denote the Situation thereof, and do such other Things for the Purposes aforesaid as they may from Time to Time deem expedient.

Town Council or Commissioners may cause Fireplugs, &c. to be provided and maintained.

XXXI. That whereas the Town Council of the said Burgh have erected Gasworks for the Supply of Gas to the said Burgh: “The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847,” except the Clauses thereof with respect to the Amount of Profit to be received by the Undertakers when the Gasworks are carried on for their Benefit, and with respect to the yearly Receipt and Expenditure of the Undertakers, shall be and the same is hereby incorporated with this Act, with reference to the Works already erected or hereafter to be erected; and the Expression “the Undertakers” in the said Gasworks Clauses Act shall, in reference to this Act, mean the Town Council of the said Burgh; and the Expressions “the Works” and “the Undertaking” in the said Gasworks Clauses Act shall mean the Gasworks and Works connected therewith belonging to the Town Council, or which they may hereafter execute or construct.

10 & 11 Vict. c. 15. incorporated.

XXXII. That the Town Council may light with Gas such of the Streets, public Places, and public Buildings within the Limits of this Act,

Town Council may light Streets

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and public
Places.

Act, at such Times and in such Manner as they may think fit, and provide, lay, and affix such Lamps, Lamp Posts, Lamp Irons, Pipes, and other Works and Conveniences as they may think requisite for that Purpose.

Town Coun-
cil may lay
Pipes for
lighting
Buildings.

XXXIII. That, subject to the Provisions of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," it shall be lawful for the Town Council to lay any Pipe, Branch, or other necessary Apparatus from any Main or Branch Pipes into, through, or against any Building within the Limits of this Act, for the Purpose of lighting the same, and to provide and set up any Apparatus necessary for securing to any Buildings a proper and complete Supply of Gas, and for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply.

Consumers
of Gas may
be required
to burn by
Meter.

XXXIV. That every private Consumer of Gas shall, upon Request in Writing by the Town Council or their Clerk, consume Gas by Meter, to be found and provided by the Town Council, at a reasonable Rent, if the Consumer shall not think fit to provide the same at his own Expense; and such Meter, if provided by the Consumer, shall be at all Times subject to the Inspection and Approval of the Officers and Servants of the Town Council.

Town Coun-
cil may lease
Gasworks ;

XXXV. That the Town Council may from Time to Time, and for any Period not exceeding Three Years at any One Time, let on Lease the said Gasworks and Works connected therewith, by public Roup or private Agreement, to any Person willing to take the same on Lease, and that for Payment by such Person of such Rent and Performance of such other Considerations as may be agreed on.

and may
agree with
Lessee for
Supply of
Gas to
Streets, &c.

XXXVI. That the Town Council may, in the Lease to be executed, contract and agree with the said Person for the Supply of Gas, gratuitously or otherwise, to the Streets and public Places and public Buildings of the said Burgh.

Terms of
Lease.

XXXVII. That the said Lease shall contain all usual and proper Covenants on the Part of the Lessee for Payment of the said Rent and Performance of the other Conditions thereof, and for maintaining the said Gasworks and Works connected therewith in good and efficient Repair and working Condition during the Continuance thereof, and for so leaving the same at the Expiration of the Term thereby granted, and such other Provisions, Conditions, Covenants, and Agreements as may be considered advisable, or as are usually inserted in Leases of a like Nature.

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XXXVIII. That such Lease shall entitle the Person to whom the same shall be granted to the free Use of the said Gasworks and Works connected therewith, and during the Continuance of any such Lease all the Powers and Privileges granted to and which might otherwise be exercised and enjoyed by the Town Council, or their Officers, Agents, or Servants, with regard to the Possession, Enjoyment, and Management of the said Gasworks, and the Rates and Charges to be taken for the Gas to be supplied, shall be exercised and enjoyed by the Lessee, and the Officers and Servants of such Lessee, under the same Regulations and Restrictions as are imposed on the Town Council and their Officers and Servants; and such Lessee shall, with respect to the said Gasworks and Works connected therewith, be subject to all the Obligations by this or the Gasworks Clauses Act imposed on the Town Council: Provided always, that the Rates to be charged by such Lessee for the Supply of Gas, exclusive of the Charge for the Supply of Meters and other Apparatus connected with Gasworks, shall not at any Time exceed Six Shillings and Sixpence for every One thousand Cubic Feet of Gas supplied by him, and so in proportion for any smaller Quantity.

Powers to be exercised by Lessee.

XXXIX. That it shall be lawful for the Town Council to lease, convey, or assign over the said Gasworks and Appurtenances to the Commissioners by Lease or absolute Conveyance, for Payment of such annual Rent or Price, or otherwise, to the Common Good of the said Burgh, as may be fixed by One or more Arbiters to be appointed by the Sheriff, on the Application of the Town Council; and upon the Completion of such Lease or Sale, and the Deed or Deeds in relation thereto, being recorded in the Records of the Burgh, the Powers by this Act granted to the Town Council with respect to the said Gasworks shall thenceforth be and the same are hereby vested in the Commissioners.

Town Council may convey Gasworks to the Commissioners.

XL. That nothing in this Act contained shall alter or affect the Rights or Obligations of the Road Trustees, the Magistrates and Council of *Renfrew*, or any other Party or Person, under the Acts relating to the Turnpike, Statute Labour, and other Roads in the County of *Renfrew*, or any of them.

Act not to affect Rights or Obligations under Turnpike and other Road Acts.

XLI. That no Proceedings of the Town Council, or of the Commissioners, or of the Magistrates, or of any Committee, shall be invalidated or be illegal for Want of Form, or in consequence of any Defect or Informality therein.

Proceedings not invalid for Want of Form.

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XLII. That

The Renfrew Police and Improvement Act, 1855.

Expenses of
Act.

XLII. That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and incidental thereto, shall be paid by the Town Council out of the Burgh Funds or Common Good of the Burgh.

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