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An Act for supplying with Gas the Townships of *Knottingley* and *Ferrybridge* in the West Riding of the County of *York*. [29th April 1856.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that the Township of *Knottingley* in the Parish of *Pontefract* and the Township of *Ferrybridge* otherwise *Ferryfryston* in the Parish of *Ferryfryston*, all in the West Riding of the County of *York*, should be lighted with Gas: And whereas the Parties herein-after mentioned, with others, are willing to supply such Townships with Gas; but they cannot do so without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

I. This Act may be cited for any Purpose as "*Knottingley* Gas Short Title. Act, 1856."

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porated.

II. "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," are incorporated with this Act: Provided always, that the Incorporation with this Act of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall not enable the Company to take Lands otherwise than by Agreement.

Proprietors
incorpo-
rated.

III. *John Carter, Cornelius Clough, John Howard, Edward Ingle, Samuel Rhodes, Samuel Smallpage, Joseph Watson, Lewis Woolf, and William Worfolk*, and all such other Persons as have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, and their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall be united into a Company for the Purpose of making and supplying Gas within the Limits of this Act, and for such Purpose shall be incorporated by the Name of "*Knottingley Gas Company*," and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession, and may have a Common Seal, and may purchase and hold Lands for the Purposes of the Undertaking, subject to the Provisions of this Act.

Capital.

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

Calls.

V. One Pound shall be the greatest Amount of any One Call which the Company may make in respect of any Share created under this Act, and Two Months at the least shall intervene between successive Calls, and the aggregate Amount of Calls to be made on any Share in any One Year shall not exceed Four Fifths of the Amount of such Share.

Power to
borrow
Money on
Bond.

VI. After the whole of such Capital of Five thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed, and One Half of the same shall have been paid up, the Company may borrow on Bond any Sum not exceeding in the whole the Sum of One thousand six hundred Pounds.

Application
of Money.

VII. All Money raised under the Provisions of this Act, whether by means of Shares or by Exercise of the Powers of borrowing, shall be applied to the Purposes of the Undertaking, and to no other Purpose.

Number and
Qualification
of Directors.

VIII. The Number of Directors shall be Nine, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession of Ten Shares in the Undertaking.

Directors.

IX. *John Carter, Cornelius Clough, John Howard, Edward Ingle, Samuel Rhodes, Samuel Smallpage, Joseph Watson, Lewis Woolf, and William Worfolk* shall be the First Directors of the Company.

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X. The Company may from Time to Time reduce the Number of Directors, provided the reduced Number of Directors be not less than Three.

Power to reduce Number of Directors.

XI. The First Ordinary Meeting of the Company shall be held within Three Months after the passing of this Act.

First Ordinary Meeting.

XII. In order to constitute a General Meeting of the Company there shall be present, either personally or by Proxy, not less than Five Shareholders, holding in the aggregate not less than One hundred Shares in the Capital of the Company, and at every such General Meeting each Shareholder shall have One Vote for every Share he may have in the Undertaking.

Quorum for General Meetings of Shareholders.

XIII. The Company may agree with the Owner of a certain Close of Land in the Township of *Knottingley*, containing by Estimation Three Roods or thereabouts, claimed to belong to *Thomas Bell*, and in the Occupation of *Thomas Burton*, bounded Northward by Land claimed to belong to *William Edward Carter*, Eastward by Land claimed to belong to *Thomas Burton*, Southward by a Lane called *Ings Lane*, and Westward by Land claimed to belong to *John Wilkinson Wasney*, for the absolute Purchase of the same for a Consideration in Money, or they may carry into effect any Contract already entered into for that Purpose; and the Company from Time to Time may construct, make, lay down, maintain, alter, or discontinue such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, and Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, Machinery, and other Works, and also such Houses and Buildings upon such Close of Land, and do all such other Acts as they shall think necessary, convenient, or proper for making and supplying Gas within the Limits of this Act, and for selling and disposing of Coke, and of every Product, Refuse, or Residuum arising or to be obtained from the Materials used in the Manufacture of Gas, and for the manufacturing and selling or dealing in Gas Fittings, Tubes, Meters, Pipes, and all other Articles and Things in any way connected with Gasworks, or with the Supply of Gas to the Consumers thereof, in such Manner as the Company may think proper.

Power to construct Works.

XIV. The Company may also purchase any other Land necessary or convenient for them to possess, provided that the Company shall not hold for the Purposes of their Undertaking more than Two Acres of Land, and the Company may upon such other Land erect such Buildings and Works as may be necessary or convenient for them to hold or possess for the Purposes of their Undertaking: Provided always, that the Company shall not erect any Works for the Manufacture

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facture of Gas upon any Land other than and except upon the Close of Land herein-before mentioned and referred to.

Limits of Act.

XV. The Limits of this Act shall be the Township of *Knottingley* in the Parish of *Pontefract*, and the Township of *Ferrybridge* otherwise *Ferryfryston* in the Parish of *Ferryfryston* in the West Riding of the County of *York*.

Power to Company to lay Pipes for lighting Buildings.

XVI. The Company may, with the Consent of the Owner and Occupier of any Building, lay any Pipe, Branch, or other necessary Apparatus from any Main or Branch Pipe into, through, or against such Building for the Purpose of lighting the same, and may, with the like Consent, provide and set up any Apparatus necessary for securing to such Building a proper and complete Supply of Gas, and for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply.

Maximum Price for Supply of Gas.

XVII. The Company shall not demand or receive for the Supply of Gas any greater Sum than a Sum after the Rate of Seven Shillings *per* One thousand Cubic Feet of such Gas.

Consumers of Gas may be required to consume by Meter.

XVIII. Every Consumer of Gas supplied by the Company shall, on the Request of the Company, consume the Gas supplied to him by Meter, to be provided by the Company at the Expense of the Consumer, or (at the Option of the Consumer) by the Consumer, and approved by the Company before it is used or set up.

Penalty for fraudulently consuming Gas.

XIX. Every Person who shall knowingly and wilfully prevent any Meter supplied or approved by the Company from duly registering the Quantity of Gas supplied shall for every such Offence forfeit to the Company any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, and any such Prevention by artificial Means shall be *primâ facie* Evidence that the same has been knowingly and wilfully caused by the Consumer using such Meter.

As to Recovery of Rent for Gas and Fittings under 20l.

XX. In addition to the Power given by "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," in this Behalf, the Company may recover the Rent of any Gas, or the Price or Rent of any Pipe, Burner, Meter, Lamp, or Fitting supplied, sold, delivered, or let to Hire by the Company, together with the Expense of cutting off the Service Pipe or Gas, by Action in any Court of competent Jurisdiction, although the Demand in respect thereof may be less than Twenty Pounds.

Recovery of Money by Distress.

XXI. All Sums of Money due to the Company for the Supply of Gas, or for the Price, Hire, or fixing of any Burners, Meters, or Fittings, and all Damages, Costs, and Expenses by this Act or any Act incorporated therewith directed to be paid, and the Amount whereof shall not

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not be disputed, may be levied by Distress, and any Justice on Application may issue his Warrant accordingly.

XXII. Any One Warrant issued for any of the Purposes of this Act may contain in the Body thereof, or in a Schedule thereto, several Names and several Sums. Several Names, &c. in One Warrant.

XXIII. Any Justice who issues a Warrant of Distress for any of the Purposes of this Act may order that the Cost of the Proceedings for the Recovery of the Money to be levied shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Money, and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justice, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Money. Costs of Distress.

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

XXV. The Company shall, before they commence the Supply of Gas, cause to be erected in some convenient Part of their Works an Experimental Meter, furnished with an Argand Fifteen-hole Burner and a Seven-inch Chimney, or other approved Burner and Chimney, capable of consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas *per Hour*, with other necessary Apparatus for testing the illuminating Power of the Gas. Company to erect a Meter to test Purity of Gas.

XXVI. It shall at any Time be lawful for Two Justices, not being Directors or Shareholders of the Company, on receiving a Requisition signed by not less than Five Consumers of the Gas of the Company, complaining that the Gas supplied to them is not, in their Judgment and Belief, of the full illuminating Power prescribed by this Act, if they shall think fit, by Order in Writing under their Hands, to appoint some competent Person to proceed to the Works of the Company, and the Person so appointed, on giving Six Hours previous Notice in Writing to the Company, may at any reasonable Hour in the Daytime, on producing the said Order, enter on the Premises of the Company, and in the Presence of the Superintendent or other Officer of the Company make Experiment of the illuminating Power of the Gas of the Company by means of the Experimental Meter and other Apparatus before mentioned, and the Company and their Officers shall afford all reasonable Facilities and Assistance to the making of such Experiment; and if it shall thereupon be proved to the Satisfaction of the said Two Justices, after hearing the Parties, that the illuminating Power of the Gas supplied by the Company did not, when so tested as aforesaid,
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equal the illuminating Power by this Act prescribed, or that the Company or their Officers refused to afford such reasonable Facilities as aforesaid, or hindered or prevented the making of such Experiment, in any such Case the Company shall forfeit such Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds as the said Justices shall determine.

Cost of Experiment to be paid according to the Event.

XXVII. The Costs of and attending such Experiment, including the Remuneration to be paid to the Person making the same, and the Costs of the Proceedings before the Justices, shall be ascertained by such Justices, and in the event of any Penalty being imposed on the Company, shall be paid together with such Penalty by the Company, but in the event of the Gas being found when tested to be of not less illuminating Power than is by this Act prescribed, such Costs shall be awarded to be paid by the Persons making such Requisition as aforesaid to the Company, and shall be paid or levied accordingly.

Saving Rights of the Undertakers of Navigation of Rivers Aire and Calder.

XXVIII. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to abridge, alter, prejudice, or take away any of the Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities of or belonging to or vested in the Undertakers of the Navigation of the Rivers *Aire* and *Calder* in the County of *York*, and it shall not be lawful for the Company to carry or lay any Main or Pipe under the said Rivers or either of them, or under any Cut or Canal, or under, into, or through any Land or Ground which, or the Surface whereof, now is occupied or used by the said Undertakers as or for a Wharf, Dock, Quay, Lock-hill, private Towing-path, or inclosed Yard, without the Consent in Writing of the said Undertakers or of their Clerk for the Time being first had and obtained for that Purpose, anything in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

General Saving of Rights.

XXIX. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall alter, lessen, or abridge any Power or Authority given or granted to any Surveyors of Highways or any other Persons for repairing the Highways within the Limits of this Act.

Expenses of Act.

XXX. The Costs and Expenses incurred in obtaining this Act, and all Expenses incidental or relating thereto, shall be paid by the Company.

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