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should be deemed Capital Stock, and that all Contracts not inconsistent with the Laws of the Realm which had been already entered into might be confirmed by the Directors: And whereas the United Company many Years ago acquired the Works, Property, and Shares of a certain Company called "The *Dublin Gaslight Company*," incorporated by an Act of Parliament passed in the First Year of the Reign of *George IV.* Cap. 55, and also the Works, Property, and Shares of a certain other Company called "The *Hibernian Gaslight Company*," incorporated by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of *George IV.* Cap. 38, amended by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the same Reign, Cap. 52, and also the Works, Property, and Shares of a certain other Company called "The *Dublin Oil Gaslight Company*," incorporated by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of *George IV.* Cap. 42, and amended by an Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of *William IV.* Cap. 42, by which the Name of the last-mentioned Company was changed to "The *Dublin New Gas and Coke Company*," and the Works, Property, and Shares of the above Companies have become vested in the United Company, and the United Company paid for such Works, Property, and Shares partly in Cash and partly in Shares of the Company: And whereas "The *Dublin Gaslight Company*," "The *Dublin Oil Gaslight Company*," otherwise "The *Dublin New Gas and Coke Company*," have for many Years been in abeyance, and the Powers conferred by their respective Acts have ceased to be exercised: And whereas the United Company, having constructed Gasworks in the City of *Dublin* and also in the Town of *Kingstown*, in the County of *Dublin*, have for many Years in the Name of the *Hibernian Company*, and under the Powers contained in the said Acts of the 4th *George IV.* Cap. 38, and the 10th *George IV.* Cap. 52, carried on Business in the City of *Dublin* and the Town of *Kingstown* aforesaid, and have supplied with Gas the said City and Town and the Suburbs thereof respectively: And whereas the United Company many Years ago, by virtue of the Powers conferred on them by their Charter, and the Powers conferred on the *Hibernian Gaslight Company* by the herein-before recited Acts, contracted with the several legal Authorities entitled to enter into such Contracts for the lighting of the public Streets of the City of *Dublin* and the Suburbs thereof, and also of the District of *Kingstown* in the County of *Dublin*: And whereas the Undertaking of "The *Bray Gas Company (Limited)*" has been transferred to the United Company, who are now possessed of the same and of the Works at *Bray* in the County of *Wicklow* heretofore belonging to the *Bray Gas Company*, and they are lighting the Town and Docks of *Bray* with Gas: And whereas the United Company possess Gasworks in and are now lighting the City of *Limerick* with Gas: And whereas the Capital of the United Company is Five hundred thousand Pounds, divided into Ten thousand Shares

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Shares of Fifty Pounds each, of which Nine thousand have been issued and are fully paid up, and the United Company do not owe any Money on Mortgage or Bond: And whereas the Sum of Three hundred and sixty-five thousand Pounds, Part of the said Capital, has been devoted to Works in the City and Borough of *Dublin*, the Town of *Kingstown*, and the District of *Bray*: And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Acts should be repealed: And whereas the *Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Company* (herein-after called "the *Alliance Company*") was incorporated by "The *Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Act, 1857*," with Powers to light Portions of the same Districts as the United Company are authorized to light: And whereas a Bill (herein-after referred to as "the *Alliance Act*") is now pending in Parliament for incorporating the *Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Company*, formed by the Amalgamation of the "*Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Company*" and "*The Commercial Gas Company of Ireland, Limited*," and for authorizing the Acquisition by the amalgamated Company on the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six (herein-after called the "Transfer Day") of the Gasworks, Lands, Buildings, and other Property of the United Company within the County of the City of *Dublin* and the Counties of *Dublin* and *Wicklow* respectively, and all Monies and Credits of, and all Agreements with, the United Company for the Supply of Gas, Coke, and other Goods within those several Counties, upon the following Terms; that is to say, that the said Gasworks, Lands, Buildings, Erections, Plant, Mains, Pipes, Apparatus, and other Property of the United Company within the Places aforesaid be valued between the United Company and the amalgamated Company at such a Sum, not being less than Two hundred and forty thousand Pounds nor more than Two hundred and seventy thousand Pounds, as the Valuers or the Umpire appointed for that Purpose shall think proper; and that all other the transferred Premises shall be valued as they stand on the Transfer Day at such a Sum as the said Valuers or the said Umpires shall think proper (which Two several Sums so to be ascertained by Valuation are herein-after referred to as the Purchase Money); and that the amalgamated Company shall on or before *Lady Day* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven allot in part Payment of the said Purchase Money to the United Company or their Nominees Thirteen thousand five hundred fully paid up Shares of Ten Pounds each of the ordinary Capital of the amalgamated Company, to bear a Dividend from the Date of such Allotment, and shall on or before the same Day pay to the United Company the Balance of the Purchase Money, and Interest at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* from the Transfer Day to the Day of Payment on the whole of the Purchase Money, and also a Sum of Four thousand Pounds to be applied by the United Company at their Discretion towards making Compensation to such of

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their Officers and Servants whose Services are not required by the amalgamated Company: And whereas it is expedient that such Provisions as herein-after appear should be made for the satisfying the Debts of the United Company, and for distributing among the Shareholders of the United Company the said Purchase Money, and for the Application of the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds: And whereas it is expedient that the United Company should be authorized to transfer their Undertaking within those Districts to the amalgamated Company, subject to the Restrictions herein-after mentioned: And whereas the Purposes 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, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short Title. 1. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *United General Gaslight Company's Act, 1866.*"

Interpreta-
tion of
Terms.

2. In this Act the Expression "the *Dublin Undertaking*" shall mean the Gasworks and Works connected therewith of the United Company at *Dublin, Kingstown, and Bray*; the Expression "the *Limerick Undertaking*" shall mean the Gasworks and Works connected therewith of the United Company at *Limerick*.

Certain of
the recited
Acts
repealed.

3. The several before-mentioned Acts of the 1st *George IV. Cap. 55*, 4th *George IV. Cap. 99*, 4th *George IV. Cap. 38*, 10th *George IV. Cap. 52*, 5th *George IV. Cap. 42*, and 5th *William IV. Cap. 42*, are, as and from the Twenty-ninth Day of *September One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six*, hereby repealed, and all Shares created by virtue of any of the same Acts are hereby extinguished.

Restricting
the Works of
the United
Company to
Limerick.

4. From and after the Twenty-ninth Day of *September One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six* it shall not be lawful for the United Company to make or maintain any Gasworks or Works connected therewith, except for the Purpose of lighting the City and Suburbs of *Limerick* with Gas.

Debts of the
United
Company to
be paid.

5. All such Debts and Liabilities as affect the United Company shall be discharged by the United Company.

Dublin
Undertaking
vested in the
Company.

6. For the Purpose of the Transfer to the amalgamated Company as herein-before mentioned the *Dublin Undertaking* shall be deemed to be and shall consist of all Lands, Works, Apparatus, Machinery, Erections, Buildings, Rights, and Easements within the Metropolitan Police District of *Dublin and Bray*, and all Monies, Securities, Deeds, Contracts, Agreements, Papers, Books, Plans, Choses in Action, Effects,

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Effects, Claims, Rights, and Demands appertaining to the same or any of them, or to the *Dublin* Undertaking, which immediately before the passing of this Act were vested in the United Company or any Person on their Behalf, or of or to which the United Company or any Person on their Behalf were seised, possessed, or entitled at Law or in Equity, or otherwise howsoever, and whether under their own Name or the Name of the *Dublin* Gaslight Company, the *Hibernian* Gaslight Company, the *Dublin* Oil Gaslight Company, or the *Dublin* New Gas and Coke Company, and all Mains, Pipes, Plant, Lamps, Meters, Lamp Posts, Matters, and Things which have been by the United Company purchased or provided for the *Dublin* Undertaking, or laid down, erected, or placed in, upon, or against any Lands, House, or Place within the Limits of this Act, and which, on the passing of this Act, were the Property of or belonged to the United Company, or any Person on their Behalf.

7. After the United Company shall have received the Purchase Money prescribed by this Act they shall deliver to the amalgamated Company all Deeds, Documents, Writings, Books, Letters, Papers, and Plans relating exclusively to the *Dublin* Undertaking, and the amalgamated Company shall, at their own Cost and at the Request of the United Company, produce, when and where Occasion shall require, every or any of the said Deeds, Documents, Writings, Books, Letters, Papers, and Plans, and will at all Times, at the like Cost and Request, furnish to the United Company Copies of the same, authenticated by the Seal of the amalgamated Company; and the United Company shall and will, at their own Costs and on the Request of the amalgamated Company, produce every or any of the Deeds, Documents, Writings, Books, Letters, Papers, and Plans relating partly to the United Company and partly to the *Dublin* Undertaking only which shall remain in their Custody, Possession, and Power, and will at all Times, at the like Request, furnish to the amalgamated Company Copies of the same, authenticated by the Seal of the Company.

Documents relating to *Dublin* and *Limerick* Undertakings to be in Custody of the amalgamated Company.

8. The Directors of the United Company shall give Notice by Circular to every Shareholder of the United Company, at his last known or his registered Address, of the Amount of Shares in the amalgamated Company, and of Money which have fallen to his Share, and the Place where the Shareholder may obtain Certificates of the same Shares and receive the same Money.

Notice of Distribution of said Money to be given.

9. The Directors of the amalgamated Company shall, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, deliver to the Directors of the United Company Certificates for Thirteen thousand five hundred fully paid-up Shares of Ten Pounds each of the ordinary Capital of the amalgamated Company, and

Shareholders in United Company to become Shareholders in the amalgamated Company.

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the Directors of the United Company shall distribute the said Shares among the Shareholders of the said Company at the Rate of One Share and Half a Share of the amalgamated Company for each Share of the United Company.

As to Half Shares.

10. If in the Distribution of the said Shares it shall happen that any Shareholder in the United Company is entitled to Half a Share in the ordinary Capital of the amalgamated Company, in addition to any aggregate Number of Shares, it shall be lawful for the Company to pay to the said Shareholder in Cash One Half the Market Value of such Share at the Time of the Allotment, or, with the Consent of such Shareholder, to receive from him the said Value, and to allot to him a whole Share, but in no Case shall the United Company be required to allot to any of the Shareholders entitled to Shares in the amalgamated Company a Fraction of a Share.

Application of Balance of Purchase Money and Interest.

11. The Directors of the United Company shall apply the Balance of the said Purchase Money and the said Interest to be received by them in respect of such Transfer, in the first place, in paying the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, and in the next place in paying the Debts, Liabilities, and Engagements of the United Company, and shall then divide the Surplus of the said Balance and Interest between or among the several Persons who on the Transfer Day shall be Shareholders in the United Company, and their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, in proportion to the Amount of Capital respectively held by them at that Date in the United Company.

Existing Trusts, &c. attached to Shares so allotted.

12. All Persons who shall receive any Shares in the amalgamated Company or any Part of the Purchase Money under the Provisions herein-before contained shall stand and be possessed thereof upon the like Trusts, and subject to the like Powers, Provisions, Declarations, Agreements, Charges, and Incumbrances, upon and to which the Shares or Share in the Capital of the United Company for which the Shares in the Capital of the amalgamated Company were substituted were or was so subject and liable on the passing of this Act, and so as to give effect to and not revoke any Will or Testamentary or other Instrument disposing of or affecting the said Shares or Share.

Receipts of Guardians, &c. sufficient.

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

Shareholders to remain entitled to

14. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the Shareholders in the United Company shall be and remain entitled to the Works

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Works and Property, Rights and Interests, of the Company, other than the *Dublin* Undertaking, in the same Shares and Proportions, and for the same Estate and Interest respectively, as they may be possessed of or entitled to the same previously to the Transfer of the *Dublin* Undertaking. Property not transferred.

15. It shall not be lawful for the United Company to raise by the Creation of new Shares any greater or additional Capital than Ten thousand Pounds, notwithstanding anything to the contrary thereof contained or expressed in the said Letters Patent. Not more than 10,000*l.* of further Capital to be raised.

16. The Directors of the United Company shall apply the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds in or towards making Compensation to such as they think fit of the Officers and Servants of the United Company employed in or upon the *Dublin* Undertaking whose Services shall not be required by the amalgamated Company. Application of the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds.

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

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