



CHAPTER civ.

An Act to enable the West Surrey Water Company to construct additional Works and raise additional Capital and for other purposes. A.D. 1888.
[24th July 1888.]

WHEREAS by the West Surrey Water Act 1869 the West Surrey Water Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated and were authorised to make and maintain waterworks for supplying with water the towns and places therein mentioned and were authorised to raise a capital of twenty-five thousand pounds by shares and to borrow on mortgage or bond any sum not exceeding in the whole six thousand pounds: 32 & 33 Vict. c. cxii.

And whereas by the West Surrey Water Act 1877 the Company were authorised to raise the further sum of twenty-five thousand pounds by shares and to borrow on mortgage any sum not exceeding in the whole six thousand two hundred and fifty pounds: 40 & 41 Vict. c. cvi.

And whereas the Company have raised and expended the whole of the money they are authorised to raise either by way of shares stock or loan except the sum of three thousand pounds and such last mentioned sum is required to meet the engagements of the Company already undertaken:

And whereas the population and trade within the limits of the said Act of 1869 have largely increased and are increasing and it is expedient that the Company be empowered to construct additional works in order the better to provide for the supply of water:

And whereas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to raise additional share and loan capital for the purposes of this Act and for the general purposes of their undertaking:

And whereas it is expedient that the charges authorised by the said Act of 1869 for the supply of water by meter be varied and that the powers of the Company be in various respects enlarged and that the former Acts be extended and amended:

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And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament :

And whereas plans and sections showing the lines situations and levels of the intended works and plans showing the lands which may be taken under the powers of this Act and also a book of reference to the plans containing the names of the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and of the occupiers of and describing such lands were duly deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Surrey and are hereinafter referred to as the deposited plans sections and book of reference :

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 as the West Surrey Water Act 1888.

Incorporation of
general Acts.

2. The following Acts and parts of Acts :—

The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts 1845 1860 and 1869 as amended by the Lands Clauses (Umpire) Act 1883 ;

The provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the temporary occupation of lands near the railway during the construction thereof but for the purpose only of constructing the reservoirs by this Act authorised ; and

The Waterworks Clauses Acts 1847 and 1863 ;

so far as the same are applicable for the purposes of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are incorporated with and form part of this Act And the provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the following matters (that is to say) :—

The distribution of the capital of the Company into shares ;

The transfer or transmission of shares ;

The payment of subscriptions and means of enforcing the payment of calls ;

The forfeiture of shares for non-payment of calls ;

The remedies of the creditors of the Company against the shareholders ;

The consolidation of shares into stock ;

The general meetings of the Company and the exercise of the right of voting by the shareholders ;

The making of dividends ;

The borrowing of money by the Company on mortgage or bond ;

The conversion of the borrowed money into capital ;

The giving of notices ; and

The provision to be made for affording access to the special Act by all parties interested; A.D. 1888.

and Part I. (relating to cancellation and surrender of shares) Part II. (relating to additional capital) Part III. (relating to debenture stock) and Part IV. (change of name) of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 as amended by the Companies Clauses Act 1869 shall (subject to the provisions of this Act) extend and apply to the Company and the additional capital by this Act authorised to be raised.

3. In this Act terms to which meanings are assigned in Acts incorporated wholly or in part with this Act or which have therein special meanings have in this Act (unless varied thereby) the same respective meanings and in this Act and (for the purposes of this Act) in Acts incorporated wholly or in part with this Act the expression— Interpretation.

“Superior courts” or “court of competent jurisdiction” or any other like expression shall have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which it is used were a common simple contract debt and not a debt or demand created by statute;

In the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 for the purposes of this Act, the expressions—

“The railway” “the work” and “the centre of the railway” respectively mean the reservoirs and the boundaries thereof respectively by this Act authorised.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company in the lines and situations and upon the lands shown on the deposited plans and according to the levels shown on the deposited sections may make and maintain the reservoirs aqueducts conduits lines of pipes and other works shown on the deposited plans among which are the following principal works (that is to say):— Power to construct works.

(a) An intake conduit or line of pipes commencing in the bed or shore of the River Thames at a point 4 chains or thereabouts measured in the up-stream direction along the towing-path from the existing intake of the Company and terminating within the intended engine-house (b).

(b) An engine-house with pumps and other works and conveniences situate in a field numbered 116 and 116a on the $\frac{1}{2500}$ inch Ordnance map of the parish of Walton-upon-Thames and in the occupation of Charles Woodruff near the existing works of the Company.

(c) and (d) A storage reservoir (No. 1) and a storage reservoir (No. 2) situate in the said field near the intended engine-house (b).

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(e) A conduit or line of pipes commencing at the intended engine-house (b) and terminating with branches or junction pipes in the intended reservoirs (c) and (d).

Power to
make sub-
sidiary
works.

5. The Company in addition to the foregoing works may subject to the provisions of this Act and upon the lands shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference and acquired by the Company make and maintain all such cuts channels adits catchwaters aqueducts culverts drains sluices wells tanks banks walls approaches engines pumps machinery and appliances as may be necessary or convenient in connection with or subsidiary to the before-mentioned works or any of them.

Saving
rights of
Kingston
Highway
Board.

6. The Company shall not disturb or interfere in any way whatever with the public road included within the limit of the line of deviation shown on the Parliamentary plan without submitting the plans and sections of any proposed works to the Kingston Highway Board for their approval and shall make good any portion of the highway disturbed to the satisfaction of the said highway board and their surveyor.

Power to
take lands.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may enter upon take and use such of the lands described in the deposited plans and book of reference as they require for the purposes of this Act.

Limits of
deviation.

8. In the construction of the works authorised by this Act the Company may deviate laterally to any extent not exceeding the limits of the lateral deviation shown on the deposited plans and they may also deviate vertically from the levels shown on the deposited sections to any extent not exceeding in the case of the reservoirs two feet upwards and five feet downwards and in the case of all other works to any extent not exceeding five feet Provided that if it be found necessary or expedient in the construction of the reservoirs by this Act authorised to alter the situation of any embankment they may within the limits of deviation in the construction thereof and of the works connected therewith deviate vertically from the levels of such embankments reservoirs and works to any extent not exceeding twenty feet but the Company shall not construct any embankment or wall of the said reservoirs of a greater height above the general surface of the ground than that of the corresponding embankment or wall as shown on the deposited sections and two feet in addition Provided also that the said powers of deviation shall not apply to any works to be constructed on the banks or bed of the River Thames.

Period for
compulsory
purchase of
lands.

9. The powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years from the passing thereof.

10. If the works authorised by this Act be not completed within six years from the passing of this Act then on the expiration of that period the powers by this Act granted to the Company for executing the same or in relation thereto shall cease except as to so much thereof as is then completed but nothing in this section shall restrict the Company from extending their works mains and pipes from time to time whenever it shall be necessary for the purpose of increasing or distributing the supply of water within their existing limits of supply.

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Period for completion of works.

11. Nothing herein or in the recited Acts contained shall entitle the Company to take from the River Thames a greater quantity of water than three millions of gallons in any one day of twenty-four hours.

Limiting quantity of water to be taken from the River Thames.

12. Nothing herein or in the recited Acts contained shall entitle the Company to take any water out of the lands shown on the deposited plans or out of any lands which may be acquired under the powers of this Act.

Company not to take water out of lands &c.

13. Sections 49 and 50 of the West Surrey Water Act 1869 as amended by this Act shall extend and apply mutatis mutandis to this Act.

Extending sections 49 and 50 of Act of 1869.

14. The intake conduit or line of pipes by this Act authorised and all or any temporary subsidiary or permanent works connected therewith so far as the same affect the River Thames shall if constructed be executed according to a plan elevation and section to be approved in writing by the conservators of the River Thames (herein called the conservators) and deposited at their office and the works in the River Thames shall be executed and performed to the satisfaction of the engineer for the time being of the conservators and the traffic of the said River Thames shall not be interfered with more than may be absolutely necessary in the construction of the intake conduit or line of pipes and the works connected therewith and the Company shall within fourteen days after notice in writing from the conservators so to do remove any materials for temporary works which may have been placed on the shore of or in the river by the Company and on their failing to do so the conservators may remove the same charging the Company with the expense of so doing and the Company shall repay to the conservators all expenses so incurred and on their failing to do so on demand the conservators may recover the same with full costs of suit by proceeding in any court of summary jurisdiction.

Works on the River Thames to be executed under the direction of the conservators of the River Thames.

15. The Company shall not make or commence any work on the shore or bed of the River Thames without the consent in writing of the conservators until the expiration of one calendar month after notice in writing to the conservators.

Company not to commence any work on shore Thames until notice given to conservators.

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Lights to be exhibited upon the intake, &c., and upon temporary works during its construction.

16. The Company shall during the construction of the intake conduit or line of pipes by this Act authorised and referred to in section 4 sub-section (a) hang out and exhibit at or near to the same every night from sunset to sunrise lights to be kept burning by and at the expense of the Company and proper and sufficient for the navigation and safe guidance of vessels and the lights shall from time to time be altered by the Company in such manner and be of such kind and number and be so placed and used as the conservators by writing under the hand of their secretary shall approve and direct and in case the Company fail so to exhibit and keep burning the lights they shall for every such offence forfeit ten pounds and further the Company shall exhibit under a like penalty lights to be similarly approved by the conservators upon any temporary works or materials which may be placed on the river by the Company during the making of the said intake conduit or line of pipes or works connected therewith.

Company not to interfere with the bed of the river.

17. Nothing in this Act contained shall authorise or empower the Company to embank or encroach upon or interfere with any part of the soil or bed of the River Thames or the shore thereof except according to the plan to be approved in writing by the conservators.

Company not to take gravel, &c., from river without consent of conservators.

18. The Company shall not (except as far as shall be necessary in the construction of the said intake conduit or line of pipes and the works connected therewith) take any gravel soil or other material from the bed of the river without the previous consent of the conservators signified in writing under the hand of their secretary.

Saving rights of the conservators.

19. Except as herein expressly provided nothing contained in this Act shall extend to or be construed to extend to prejudice or derogate from the estates rights interests privileges liberties or franchises of the conservators or to prohibit defeat alter or diminish any powers authority or jurisdiction which at the time of the passing of this Act the said conservators did or might lawfully claim use or exercise.

Power to take easements &c. by agreement.

20. Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 to sell and convey or release lands may if they think fit subject to the provisions of that Act and of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act 1860 and of this Act grant to the Company any easement right or privilege (not being an easement of water) required for the purposes of this Act in over or affecting any such lands and the provisions of the said Acts with respect to lands and rentcharges so far as the same are applicable in this behalf shall

extend and apply to such grants and to such easements rights and privileges as aforesaid respectively. A.D. 1888.

21. In addition to any other lands which the Company are under the former Acts and this Act authorised to take or purchase the Company may by agreement take purchase and hold for the purposes of this Act and for the general purposes of their undertaking any lands not exceeding in the whole ten acres in extent Provided that no buildings shall be erected on such lands except such as are required for the purposes of the undertaking of the Company Provided always that nothing in this Act shall exonerate the Company from any action indictment or other proceeding for nuisance in the event of any nuisance being caused by them on any lands acquired under the powers of this section. Purchase of land by agreement.

22. The Company may subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the sale of superfluous lands from time to time sell lease or otherwise dispose of in such manner and to such persons as the Company think fit any lands houses or other property for the time being belonging to the Company which they do not require for the purposes of their undertaking and in any such sale or lease the Company may reserve to themselves all or any water or water rights or other easements belonging to the lands sold or leased and may make the sale or lease for such consideration and subject to such reservations conditions restrictions or provisions and generally upon such terms and conditions as the Company think fit. Sale of superfluous lands.

23. The Company shall not under the powers of this Act without the consent of the Local Government Board purchase or acquire in any city borough or other urban sanitary district or in any parish or part of a parish not being within an urban sanitary district ten or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers. Restriction on displacing persons of the labouring class.

For the purposes of this section the expression "labouring class" includes mechanics artisans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them.

24. Section 36 of the Company's Act of 1869 is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof the Company shall for purposes other than Company may charge

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by quantity
in certain
cases.

domestic purposes at the request of any consumer of water or at their own instance but not so as to prejudice or limit the supply for domestic purposes afford a supply of water by means of a meter or other instrument or mode for measuring and ascertaining the quantity of water so supplied and may charge for such supply not exceeding the rate of nine pence per one thousand gallons.

Power for
Company to
raise further
capital.

25. The Company from time to time may (subject to the provisions of Part II. of the Companies Clauses Act 1863) raise for the purposes of this Act and for the general purposes of their undertaking any additional sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole forty thousand pounds by the issue at their option of new ordinary shares or stock or new preference shares or stock or wholly or partially by any one or more of those modes respectively but the Company shall not issue any share of less nominal value than ten pounds nor shall any share vest in the person accepting the same unless and until the full nominal amount of such share or stock if such share or stock shall be issued at or above par together with any premium obtained upon the sale thereof shall have been paid in respect thereof. Provided that it shall not be lawful for the Company to create and issue under the powers of this Act any greater nominal amount of capital than shall be sufficient to produce including any premiums which may be obtained on the sale thereof the sum of forty thousand pounds.

Incidents of
shares or
stock.

26. Subject to the provisions of this Act any capital in new shares or stock created by the Company under this Act and the new shares or stock therein and the holders thereof respectively shall be subject and entitled to the same powers provisions liabilities rights privileges and incidents whatsoever in all respects as if that capital were part of the now existing capital of the Company of the same class or description and the new shares or stock were shares or stock in that capital. The capital in new shares or stock so created shall subject to the provisions of this Act form part of the capital of the Company :

Provided that no person shall be entitled to vote in respect of any new shares or stock to which a preferential dividend shall be assigned except as otherwise expressly provided by the resolution creating the same.

Dividends
on new
shares or
stock.

27. Subject to the provisions of this Act every person who becomes entitled to new shares or stock shall in respect of the same be a holder of shares or stock in the Company and shall be entitled to a dividend with the other holders of shares or stock of the same class or description proportioned to the whole amount from time to time called and paid on such new shares or to the whole amount of such stock as the case may be.

28. The Company shall not out of the profits of their undertaking in respect of any one year make any larger dividend on the additional share capital to be raised under the powers of this Act than seven pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds actually paid up of such capital as shall be issued as ordinary capital or six pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds actually paid up of such capital as may be issued as preference capital unless a larger dividend be at any time necessary to make up the deficiency of any previous dividend which may have fallen short of the said sum of seven pounds per centum per annum.

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Limit of
dividends
on new
shares and
stock.

29. Section 10 of the West Surrey Water Act 1877 is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof it is enacted that the additional ordinary capital hereby authorised and the existing ordinary capital shall rank equally for payment of dividend up to seven per cent. per annum but without prejudice to the right of the existing capital to receive up to its maximum dividend out of excess profits.

Repealing
sect. 10 of
Act of 1877.

30. If any money is payable to a shareholder being a minor idiot or lunatic the receipt of the guardian or committee of his estate shall be a sufficient discharge to the Company.

Receipt in
case of per-
sons not sui
juris.

31. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained the Company shall when any new shares or stock created under the powers of this Act are to be issued and before offering the same to the holder of any other shares or stock in the Company and whether the ordinary shares or stock of the Company are or is at a premium or not offer the same for sale by public auction or by tender in such manner at such times and subject to such conditions of sale as the Company shall from time to time determine. Provided that at any such sale no single lot shall comprise more than one hundred pounds nominal value of shares or stock and that the reserved price put upon such shares or stock shall not be less than the nominal amount thereof and notice of the amount of such reserved price shall be sent by the Company in a sealed letter to the Board of Trade not less than twenty-four hours before the day of auction or the last day for the reception of tenders as the case may be and such letter may be opened after such day of auction or last day for the reception of tenders and not sooner and provided that no priority of tender shall be allowed to any holder of shares or stock in the Company except that if any bidding or offer by tender of any holder or holders of shares or stock be the same in amount as any bid or offer made by any other person the bidding or offer of such holder or holders of shares or stock shall be accepted in preference.

New shares
or stock
to be offered
by auction or
tender.

32. It shall be one of the conditions of any sale of shares or stock under this Act that the whole nominal amount thereof together with

Time for
paying up
shares or
stock sold
by auction.

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Notice to be given as to sale &c. of shares or stock.

33. The intention to sell any such shares or stock by auction or by tender shall be communicated in writing to the clerk of every urban sanitary authority having jurisdiction within the limits of supply and to the secretary of the committee of the London Stock Exchange at least twenty-eight days before the day of auction or the last day for the reception of tenders as the case may be and notice of such intention shall be advertised once in each of two consecutive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating within the limits of supply.

Shares or stock not sold by auction or by tender to be offered to shareholders.

34. When any shares or stock created under the powers of this Act have been offered for sale by auction or tender and not sold the same shall be offered at the reserve price put upon the same respectively for the purpose of sale by auction or tender to the holders of ordinary shares or ordinary stock of the Company in manner provided by the Companies Clauses Act 1863 Provided always that any shares or stock so offered and not accepted within the time prescribed by the said Act may be offered at the reserve price to any holders of ordinary shares or ordinary stock of the Company willing to accept the same in default of which they shall again be offered for sale by public auction or by tender in the manner and subject to the provisions of this Act with respect to the sale of shares and stock created under the powers of this Act.

Application of premium arising on issue of shares or stock.

35. Any sum of money which shall arise by way of premium from the issue of any such shares or stock after deducting therefrom the expenses of and incident to such issue shall not be considered as profits of the Company but shall be expended in extending or improving the works of the Company or in paying off money borrowed or owing on mortgage by the Company and shall not be considered as part of the capital of the Company entitled to dividend.

Power to borrow.

36. The Company may in respect of the additional capital of forty thousand pounds which they are by this Act authorised to raise from time to time borrow on mortgage of their undertaking any sum not exceeding in the whole one-fourth part of the amount of the additional capital by this Act authorised to be raised and at the time actually issued by shares or stock but no part thereof shall be borrowed until the whole of the shares or stock at the time of such borrowing issued together with the premium (if any) realised on the sale thereof shall have been fully paid up and the Company have proved to the justice who is to certify under the fortieth section of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 before he

so certifies that such shares and stock and premium (if any) have been issued and fully paid up and upon production to such justice of the books of the Company and of such other evidence as he shall think sufficient he shall grant a certificate that the proof aforesaid has been given which certificate shall be sufficient evidence thereof. A.D. 1888.

37. Section 13 (arrears may be enforced by appointment of a receiver) of the Act of 1869 is hereby repealed but without prejudice to any appointment which may have been made or to the continuance of any proceedings which may have been commenced prior to the passing of this Act under any such provision and in lieu thereof the mortgagees of the Company may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal or principal and interest due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver. In order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall not be less in the whole than two thousand pounds. For appointment of a receiver.

38. The Company may create and issue debenture stock subject to the provisions of Part III. of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 but notwithstanding anything therein or in the former Acts contained the interest of all debenture stock and of all mortgages at any time after the passing of this Act created and issued or granted by the Company under the former Acts or any of them and this and any subsequent Act shall subject to the provisions of any subsequent Act rank *pari passu* (without respect to the dates of the securities or of the Acts of Parliament or resolutions by which the stock or mortgages were authorised) and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages. Notice of the effect of this enactment shall be given on all mortgages and certificates of debenture stock. Debenture stock.

39. The Company shall not have power to raise by the creation of shares or stock instead of by borrowing the money by this Act authorised to be borrowed on mortgage or by debenture stock or any part thereof or to convert into capital any money borrowed under the provisions of this Act unless in either case all dividends upon such shares or stock whether ordinary or preferential are limited to a rate not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum. As to conversion of borrowed money into capital.

40. All money to be raised by the Company on mortgage or debenture stock under the provisions of this Act shall have priority against the Company and the property from time to time of the Company over all other claims on account of any debts incurred or engagements entered into by them after the passing of this Act. Provided always that this priority shall not affect any claim against As to priority of mortgages and debenture stock.

A.D. 1888. — the Company or their property in respect of any rentcharge granted or to be granted by them in pursuance of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 or the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act 1860 or in respect of any rent or sum reserved by or payable under any lease granted or made to the Company in pursuance of any Act relating to the Company which is entitled to rank in priority to or *pari passu* with the interest or dividend on their mortgages or debenture stock.

Application
of moneys
raised under
this Act.

41. All moneys raised under this Act whether by shares stock debenture stock or borrowing shall be applied only for the purposes of this Act and the general purposes of the undertaking of the Company being in all cases purposes to which capital is properly applicable.

Fraudulent-
ly injuring
meters, &c.

42. If any person wilfully fraudulently or by culpable negligence injures or suffers to be injured any pipe meter or fitting belonging to the Company or fraudulently alters the index to any meter or fraudulently prevents any such meter from duly registering the quantity of water supplied he shall (without prejudice to any other right or remedy for the protection of the Company or the punishment of the offender) for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds and the Company may in addition thereto recover the amount of any damages sustained by them and the Company may also enter upon the premises occupied by the offender and repair such injury and do all such works matters and things as may be necessary for ensuring the proper registering by such meter of the quantity of water supplied by means thereof and the existence of artificial means for causing such alteration or prevention when such pipe meter or fitting is under the custody or control of the consumer shall be *primâ facie* evidence that the same has been fraudulently caused by the consumer using such pipe meter or fitting.

Repair of
meters.

43. Every consumer of water of the Company shall at all times at his own expense keep all meters belonging to him whereby any water of the Company is registered in proper order for correctly registering such water in default whereof the Company may cease to supply water through such meters and the Company shall at all reasonable times have access to and be at liberty to take off remove test inspect and replace any meter belonging to a consumer Such taking off removal testing and inspecting and replacing shall be done at the expense of the Company if the meter be found in proper order but otherwise at the expense of the consumer.

Register of
meter to be
primâ facie
evidence.

44. The register of the meter shall be *primâ facie* evidence of the quantity of water consumed in respect of which any water rent

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is charged and sought to be recovered by the Company. Provided always that if the Company and the consumer differ as to the quantity consumed such difference may be determined upon the application of either party by two justices who may also order by which of the parties the cost of the proceedings before them shall be paid and the decision of the justices shall be final and binding on all parties.

45. Any officer of or person authorised by the Company after forty-eight hours' notice in writing under the hand of the secretary or some other officer of the Company to the occupier or if there is no occupier then to the owner or lessee of any building or lands in which any pipe meter or fitting belonging to the Company is laid or fixed and through or in which the supply of water is from any cause other than the default of the Company discontinued for not less than forty-eight consecutive hours may enter such building or lands between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the afternoon for the purpose of removing and may remove every such pipe meter and fitting repairing all damages caused by such entry or removal and every notice required by this section shall be served by being delivered to the person for whom it is intended or left at his usual or last known place of abode or business in England or if such person or his usual place of abode or business in England is not known to the Company after proper inquiry then by being affixed on some conspicuous part of such building or lands.

Power to
remove
meters and
fittings.

46. No person shall connect any meter with any pipe through which any water is supplied by the Company to such meter or disconnect any meter from such pipe unless he shall have given to the Company not less than forty-eight hours' notice in writing of his intention so to do and obtained their consent in writing and any person offending against this enactment shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings.

Meters not
to be con-
nected or
disconnected
without
notice to the
Company.

47. The Company may if requested by any person supplied or about to be supplied or any of whose property or premises is supplied or is about to be supplied by them with water furnish to him and from time to time renew repair or alter any such meters cisterns pipes valves ferrules cocks baths soil-pans and water-closets apparatus receptacles fittings and appliances as are required in connection with such supply and may provide all materials and do all work necessary or proper in that behalf and the reasonable charges of the Company in providing such materials and executing such work shall be paid by the person requiring the same.

Power for
Company to
supply
materials, &c.

48. In the cases in which the Company are authorised to cut off the communication pipe to or turn off water from any premises the

Entry on
premises to

A.D. 1888. Company their agent or workmen (after giving forty-eight hours notice in writing to the owner or occupier) may with the consent in writing of a justice under his hand enter into such premises between the hours of nine in the forenoon and four in the afternoon for the purpose of cutting off any pipe by which the water shall be supplied to such premises.

cut off
supply in
certain cases.

Company not
bound to
supply several
houses by
one pipe.

Notice of
discontinu-
ance.

Supply of
water in
bulk.

Domestic
supply not
to be inter-
fered with.

Costs of Act.

49. The Company shall not be bound to supply more than one house by means of the same pipe nor one house by means of more than one pipe.

50. A notice to the Company by any consumer for the discontinuance of a supply of water shall not be of any effect unless it be in writing and be left at the principal office for the time being of the Company.

51. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may from time to time enter into and fulfil such contracts and arrangements with any sanitary highway or other local authority with respect to the supply of water in bulk within the Company's limits of supply as the Company think fit and every such contract and arrangement may be on such terms and conditions as the Company think fit and the Company may by agreement vary suspend or rescind any such contracts or arrangements and make others in lieu thereof and in addition thereto Provided always that the Company shall not supply water in bulk to any such authority for distribution for other than domestic purposes if and so long as in either case the affording such supply would prevent the Company from giving a full and efficient supply for domestic purposes throughout the Company's limits of supply or while the supply of the Company is taken from the River Thames.

52. All costs charges and expenses of and incident to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company.

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