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## *Cap. xxx.*

An Act to alter, amend, and enlarge the Powers and Provisions of an Act for lighting with Gas the Town and Neighbourhood of *Leeds* in the Borough of *Leeds* in the West Riding of the County of *York*. [31st May 1843.]

**W**HEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled *An Act for lighting with Gas the Town and Neighbourhood of Leeds in the Borough of Leeds in the West Riding of the County of York*, a Company of Proprietors was established and incorporated by the Name of "The *Leeds* Gas Light Company" for the Purposes in the said Act expressed, and were authorized to raise the Sum of Twenty thousand one hundred Pounds for the said Purposes: And whereas the said Company proceeded to carry the Powers of the said Act into execution, and established Works and lighted various Streets, Places, and Buildings within the said Town and Borough of *Leeds*, but since the passing of the said Act the said Town of *Leeds* and the Suburbs thereof within the said Borough having greatly increased in Population and Buildings, and the Demand for Gas in the said Town and Borough of *Leeds* having also greatly increased, the Company, in order to

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Powers of  
recited Act  
extended to  
this Act,  
except as  
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altered.

meet such Demand, greatly extended their Works for the Supply of Gas in the said Town and Borough of *Leeds*: And whereas the Company have expended in such Extension of their Works, and in laying down fresh Mains and Pipes, a considerable Sum of Money over and above the said Sum of Twenty thousand one hundred Pounds, authorized to be raised by them as aforesaid; a Portion of which, that is to say, the Sum of Forty thousand two hundred Pounds, it is desirable should be made Part of the Capital Stock of the Company: And whereas, in order to enable the Company more effectually to carry out the Purposes of the said recited Act, and to meet the still increasing Demand for Gas within the said Borough of *Leeds* (being the District comprised in the said Act), arising from the continued Increase of Population and Buildings in the said District, it is necessary that they should have Power to raise a further Sum of Money, and also that the Powers of the Company should be enlarged, and the said recited Act in some respects altered, varied, and amended; but the same 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, That all the Provisions, Matters, and Things contained in the said recited Act (so far as the same are now unrepealed, and except such of them or such Parts thereof respectively as are by this Act repealed, altered, or otherwise provided for,) shall extend to this Act, and operate in respect to the Objects and Purposes of this Act, and of the said recited Act as altered and amended by this Act, as effectually as if the same Provisions, Matters, and Things were repeated and re-enacted in this Act.

The Sum of  
40,200*l.*  
made Part of  
the Capital,  
and each  
Proprietor to  
be interested  
therein.

II. And be it enacted, That the said Sum of Forty thousand two hundred Pounds, so expended as aforesaid, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be Part of the Capital Stock of the Company, in like Manner as if the same had been Part of the original Capital Stock of the Company; and every Proprietor of Shares in the Company at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be interested in such additional Capital Stock in proportion to the Number of Shares held by him.

Capital Stock  
to be divided  
into Shares of  
25*l.* each.

III. And be it enacted, That, as soon as may be after the passing of this Act, the original Capital Stock of Twenty thousand one hundred Pounds of the Company, which is now divided into Two hundred and one Shares of One hundred Pounds each, shall, instead thereof, be divided into Eight hundred and four Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each, and every Share shall be distinguished by a Number to be appointed for the same; and the Company shall call in and cancel the Certificates for original Shares of One hundred Pounds each granted under the said recited Act, and in lieu thereof shall give to each Proprietor in the Company Four new Certificates for Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each for every such Certificate so held by him which shall be so called in and cancelled.



IV. And be it enacted, That the Committee of Management of the said Company for the Time being shall divide the said additional Capital of Forty thousand two hundred Pounds into One thousand six hundred and eight Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each, and shall allot the same amongst the then Proprietors of Shares in the said Company in proportion to the Interests of such Proprietors therein, and shall make such Regulations for the proper Allotment thereof as they may deem expedient, and every such Share shall be distinguished by a Number to be appointed for the same; and that such newly apportioned Shares, as well as the new Shares so as aforesaid to be created out of the said original Capital of Twenty thousand one hundred Pounds, shall be registered in the Manner prescribed in the said recited Act in relation to the said original Shares, and that all Persons who shall become Proprietors of such new Shares or such newly apportioned Shares respectively, and their Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be interested therein as beneficially, save as herein-after is mentioned, as in their original Shares, and that all the Provisions, Matters, and Things in the said recited Act contained in relation to such original Shares shall be applicable to such new Shares and such newly apportioned Shares respectively, save so far as the same are altered or repealed by this Act.

Division of  
such Capital  
among the  
Shareholders.

V. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company to raise, by creating further new Shares, in addition to the said original Capital Stock of Twenty thousand one hundred Pounds and the said additional Capital Stock of Forty thousand two hundred Pounds, any further Sum of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds.

Power to  
raise addi-  
tional Sum of  
Money by  
Subscription.

VI. And be it enacted, That the Money so to be raised by the Creation of the said last-mentioned new Shares shall be considered as Part of the general Capital Stock, and shall be subject to the same Provisions in all respects, whether with reference to the Payment of Calls, or the Forfeiture of Shares on the Nonpayment of Calls, or otherwise, as if it had been Part of the original Capital Stock, except as to the nominal Amount or Value of such Shares, and the proportionate Dividends thereon respectively as herein limited, and except as to the Amount and Time of Payment of Calls on such new Shares, which the Committee of Management shall fix from Time to Time as they think fit.

New Shares  
to be consi-  
dered same  
as original  
Shares.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Sum so to be raised shall be offered to the then Shareholders in proportion, as nearly as can be conveniently done, to the then existing Shares held by them respectively; and such Offer shall be made by Letter, under the Hand of the Clerk of the Company, given to or sent by Post to each Shareholder, or left at his usual or last Place of Abode, or addressed to his last Address appearing in the Register Book of Shareholders, of which Letter having been so given or sent the Certificate of such Clerk shall be conclusive Evidence; and such new Shares shall vest in and belong to the Shareholders who shall accept

Shares to be  
offered to  
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ers.



accept the same, and pay to the Company the Price at which the same were allotted to them at the Times and by the Instalments which shall be fixed by the Committee of Management; and if any Shareholders fail for One Month after such Offer of new Shares to accept the same, or to pay any of the Instalments called for in respect thereof, it shall be lawful for the Company to dispose of such Shares to any Party willing to become the Purchaser thereof, for such Sum as the Company can obtain for the same, or otherwise as they think proper: Provided always, that the said Company shall not, previous to the First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, issue, create, or dispose of, or promise to issue, create, or dispose of any further or greater Part of the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds than the Sum of Five thousand Pounds, divided into Two hundred Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each; and such Shares shall not, previous to the said First Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, be issued or promised to any Persons other than such Persons as are now or may become Proprietors of original Shares in the said Company.

Repeal of  
Provision for  
holding  
General  
Meetings in  
April and  
October.

VIII. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act so much of the said recited Act as provides that Two General Meetings of the Company shall be held in every Year on the first *Monday* in the Month of *April* and the first *Monday* in the Month of *October* shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Two General  
Meetings to  
be held every  
Year in the  
Months of  
January and  
July.

IX. And be it enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act Two General Meetings of the Company shall be held on the Fifteenth Day of *January* and the Fifteenth Day of *July* in each Year, or within Fourteen Days next after such Days respectively, which General Meetings respectively shall be convened by such Notice and may be adjourned in such Manner as is directed by the said recited Act in reference to the Two General Meetings of the Company therein mentioned, and shall have and may exercise all such Powers and Authorities and transact such Business as the said Two General Meetings respectively had or might have exercised or transacted by virtue of the said recited Act: Provided always, that the Election of the Committee of Management shall be vested in the General Meeting to be held on the Fifteenth Day of *July* in each Year, or within Fourteen Days thereafter; provided also, that no new Election of the Committee of Management shall take place after the passing of this Act until the General Meeting of the Company to be held on the Fifteenth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and forty-four, or within Fourteen Days thereafter.

Repeal of  
Power to  
convene Spe-  
cial Meet-  
ings.

X. And be it enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts that Twenty or more of the Proprietors of the Company may at any Time, by Notice in Writing under their Hands, call a Special General Meeting of the Company, so as the Object for which such Meeting is called is expressed in such Notice, and so as such Notice is given Four Weeks at least before the Day of Meeting, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

XI. And



XI. And in lieu thereof be it enacted, That any Twenty or more Proprietors of the Company holding in the Aggregate Two thousand Pounds Capital Stock or upwards in the said Undertaking may at any Time, by Writing under their Hands given to the Clerk of the Company, or left at his Office or usual Place of Abode, or given to any Member of the Committee of Management, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, require the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting, so as such Requisition fully expresses the Objects for which such Special General Meeting is required to be called; and in case of Neglect or Refusal of the Committee of Management to call such Meeting for the Space of Ten Days after such Notice given as aforesaid the same may be called by such Proprietors, by Notice under their Hands; and the Company are hereby authorized to meet in pursuance of such Notice, and such Proprietors of the Company as shall be present shall proceed to the Execution of the Powers by the said recited Act or by this Act given to the Company with respect to the Matters so specified only; and all such Acts of the Proprietors, or the major Part of them, met together at every such Special General Meeting, shall be as valid with respect to the Matters specified in such Notice as if the same had been done at a General Meeting of the Company.

New Provi-  
sion respect-  
ing the Call-  
ing of Special  
General  
Meetings.

XII. And be it enacted, That so much of the recited Act as enacts that all Notices therein-before directed to be given of any General or Special Meetings, or Adjournments respectively, and not therein-before otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors by Letters from the Clerk of the said Company, sent by the Post to each and every of the said Proprietors entitled to vote at such Meetings respectively, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

Repeal of  
Provision as  
to Notices of  
Meetings.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the Notice for holding any General or Special General Meeting (except in case of a Meeting specially called by Proprietors in pursuance of the Provision herein-before contained) shall be signed by Two of the Committee, or their Clerk or Secretary, or by the Clerk to the Company, and shall be inserted in some Newspaper usually circulated in the said Borough of *Leeds*; and all Notices for calling any Special Meeting of the Committee of Management shall be signed by Two of the Committee, or their Clerk or Secretary, or by the Clerk to the Company, and may be either delivered personally or at the Residence or Place of Business of each Member of the said Committee, or sent through the Post Office,

New Provi-  
sion respect-  
ing Notice of  
Meetings.

XIV. And be it enacted, That the Proprietors of Shares in the Company shall be entitled to such Dividends as shall be from Time to Time made by the Committee of Management out of the Profits of the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Value of their Shares as registered in the Books of the Company, and the Amount paid thereon at the Time such Dividends respectively shall be declared; and that such Proprietors shall have Votes at the General and Special Meetings of the Company in proportion to the same registered Value of their Shares, in manner following; (that is to say,) for and in respect of any Amount of Stock not exceeding Two hundred Pounds

As to Votes  
of new  
Sharehold-  
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One Vote, for and in respect of Two hundred Pounds and less than Three hundred Pounds Two Votes, for and in respect of Three hundred Pounds and less than Four hundred Pounds Three Votes, for and in respect of Four hundred Pounds and less than Five hundred Pounds Four Votes, and for and in respect of Five hundred Pounds and upwards Five Votes.

Qualification  
for Com-  
mittee.

XV. And be it enacted, That no Person shall be a Member of the Committee of Management unless he shall be a Proprietor of Capital Stock to the Amount of at least One hundred Pounds.

Repealing  
Provision as  
to supplying  
Vacancies in  
Committee  
of Manage-  
ment.

XVI. And be it enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as enacts that every Vacancy in the Committee of Management by Death, Resignation, or becoming ineligible shall be filled up at a Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose within Thirty Days next after such Vacancy, and that the Person or Persons so to be chosen to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies shall (being duly qualified) continue in Office upon the same Terms and only for the same Period as the Person whose Place he shall supply would have continued if his Office had not been vacated before the Time at which he must necessarily have gone out of Office, shall be and the same is hereby declared to be repealed.

Committee  
of Manage-  
ment to  
supply Va-  
cancies until  
the next an-  
nual Election  
Day.

XVII. And be it enacted, That if any Member of the Committee of Management die or resign, or become disqualified to act as a Member of the Committee, or cease to be a Member of the Committee by any other Cause, before the Day for the annual Election of the Committee of Management, the remaining Members of the Committee, if they think proper so to do, may elect in his Place some other Proprietor of the Company, duly qualified, to be a Member of the Committee; and the Proprietor so elected to fill up any such Vacancy shall continue in Office only until the next Day for the annual Election of the Committee.

Certificates  
to be grant-  
ed to Pro-  
prietors.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That on Demand of any Person being the Holder of any existing Share in the Company, or of any Share to be created by virtue of this Act, the Clerk to the Company shall cause a Certificate of the Proprietorship of such Share under the Seal of the Company to be delivered to such Shareholder, which Certificate shall specify the Share to which such Shareholder is entitled in the Company, and may be according to the Form in the Schedule to this Act annexed or to the like Effect; and for every such Certificate the Clerk may demand any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence.

Registration  
of Transfers.

XIX. And be it enacted, That the Sale of any Share in the said Undertaking shall be by Deed duly stamped, in which the Consideration shall be truly stated, and the same (when duly executed) shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Company, and be kept by him, and the Clerk shall enter a Memorial thereof in a Book to be called the "Register of Transfers," and shall endorse such Entry on the Deed of Transfer, and for every such Entry and Endorsement the Clerk may demand any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence; and



and on the Request of the Purchaser of any Share an Endorsement of such Transfer shall be made on the Certificate of such Share instead of a new Certificate being granted, and for such Endorsement the Clerk may demand any Sum not exceeding One Shilling ; and such Endorsement, being signed by the said Clerk, shall be considered in every respect the same as a new Certificate, and until such Transfer have been so delivered to the Clerk as aforesaid, the Purchaser of the Share shall not be entitled to receive any Share of the Profits of the said Undertaking or to vote in respect of such Share.

XX. And be it enacted, That if any Certificate to be granted as aforesaid shall be worn out or damaged, then, upon the same being produced at some Meeting of the Committee of Management, such Committee may order the same to be cancelled, and thereupon another similar Certificate shall be given to the Party in whom the Property of such Certificate and of the Share therein mentioned shall be at that Time vested ; or if such Certificate be lost or destroyed, then upon Proof thereof a similar Certificate shall be given to the Party entitled to the Certificate so lost or destroyed ; and in either Case a due Entry of the substituted Certificate shall be made by the Clerk of the Company in the Register of Shareholders, and for every such Certificate which shall be so given or exchanged or renewed the Clerk may demand any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence.

Granting  
new Certifi-  
cates.

XXI. And with respect to the Registration of Shares, the Interest in which may have become transmitted in consequence of the Death or Bankruptcy or Insolvency of any Shareholder, or in consequence of the Marriage of a Female Shareholder, or by any other legal Means than a Transfer according to the Provisions of this Act, be it enacted, That no Person claiming by virtue of any such Transmission shall be entitled to receive any Share of the Profits of the said Undertaking, nor to vote in respect of any such Share as the Holder thereof, until such Transmission shall have been authenticated by a Declaration in Writing as herein-after mentioned, or in such other Manner as the Committee of Management shall require ; and every such Declaration shall state the Manner in which and the Party to whom such Share shall have been so transmitted, and shall be made and signed by some credible Person before a Justice, or before a Master or Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery ; and such Declaration shall be left with the Clerk of the Company, and thereupon he shall enter the Name of the Person entitled under such Transmission in the Register Book of Shareholders of the Company, and for every such Entry the Clerk may demand any Sum not exceeding Two Shillings and Sixpence.

Transmission  
of Shares by  
other Means  
than Trans-  
fer to be  
authenticated  
by a Decla-  
ration.

XXII. And be it enacted, That if such Transmission be by virtue of the Marriage of a Female Shareholder, the said Declaration shall contain a Copy of the Register of such Marriage or other Particulars of the Celebration thereof, and shall declare the Identity of the Wife with the Holder of such Share ; and if such Transmission have taken place by virtue of any testamentary Instrument or by Intestacy, the Probate of the Will or Letters of Administration, or

Proof of  
Transmission  
by Marriage,  
Will, &c.

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an official Extract therefrom, shall, together with such Declaration, if required, be produced to the Clerk of the Company, and upon such Production in either of the Cases aforesaid the Clerk shall make an Entry of the Declaration in the said Register of Transfers.

Recording Declaration not to infer Liability of Company.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the recording of such Declaration shall not imply any Liability on the Part of the Company for the Regularity or Validity of the Transfer or Title therein set forth; and all Payments of Dividends or other Acts done by the Company, or by any of their Officers, without Notice of the Irregularity or Invalidity of any such Transfer or Title, shall be effectual, so far as the Company or such Officers are concerned, and shall exonerate them from all Claim on the Part of others alleging a preferable Right to such Shares or Dividends.

The Receipt of Proprietor of Shares to be a sufficient Discharge.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That the Company shall not be bound to see to the Execution of any Trusts, whether express, implied; or constructive, to which any of the said Shares may be subject; and the Receipt of the Person or One of the Persons in whose Name or Names any Share in the said Undertaking shall stand in the Books of the Company shall from Time to Time be a sufficient Discharge to the Company for any Dividend or other Sum of Money payable in respect of such Share, notwithstanding any Trusts to which such Share may be then subject, and whether or not the Company have had Notice of such Trusts, and the Company shall not be bound to see to the Application of the Money paid upon such Receipt.

Receipt of Parent or Guardian.

XXV. And be it enacted, That if any Money be payable to any Shareholder being a Minor, Idiot, or Lunatic, the Receipt of the Guardian of such Minor, or of the Committee of such Idiot or Lunatic, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Company for the same.

Limiting the Amount of Profits to be divided amongst the Proprietors.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the Profits of the said Undertaking divisible amongst the Proprietors of the Company shall not exceed Ten Pounds *per Centum per Annum* in any one Year on the actual Capital Stock of the Company, consisting of the said Sum of Twenty thousand one hundred Pounds authorized to be raised by the said recited Act, and of the said additional Sum of Forty thousand two hundred Pounds hereby made Part of the Capital Stock of the Company, nor Six Pounds *per Centum* on such further Sums as shall at the Time of making any Dividend have been actually advanced and paid up in respect of each new Share created under the Powers of this Act, exclusive of any Premium on the Sale of such Share.

An Account to be made up annually for that Purpose.

XXVII. And in order to ascertain the Profits of the Undertaking, be it enacted, That the Company or the Committee of Management shall cause a true Account to be kept, and annually made up to the Thirtieth Day of *June* in each Year, of all Monies received by them under the Authority of the said recited Act and of this Act, and of all Charges and Expences attending the Construction, repairing, and maintaining the Works by the said recited Act and this Act authorized, and the carrying on the said Undertaking, under the several  
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and distinct Heads of Receipt and Expenditure, with a Statement of the Balance of such Account duly audited and certified by the Committee or some of them.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That if the clear Profits of the said Undertaking, after Payment of all such Charges and Expences as aforesaid, shall in any Year amount to a larger Sum than shall be sufficient to make Distribution among the Proprietors of the Company of the respective Amounts *per Centum per Annum* on the said actual Capital Stock, the Excess beyond the Sum which may be necessary for such Purposes shall from Time to Time be invested in Government or other Securities, and the Dividends and Interest arising from such Securities shall also be invested in the same or the like Securities, in order that the same may accumulate at Compound Interest, until the Fund so formed shall amount to and be continued at the Sum of Six thousand Pounds, which Sum shall form a contingent or reserved Fund to answer any Deficiency which may at any Time happen in the Amount of divisible Profits of the Company, or to meet any extraordinary Claim or Demand which may at any Time arise against the Company; and when such Fund shall by Accumulation or otherwise amount to the Sum of Six thousand Pounds, the Interest and Dividends thereon shall no longer be invested, but shall be applied to any of the general Purposes of the said Undertaking, until the said contingent or reserved Fund shall have been applied and exhausted according to the Provisions of this Act, in which Case the same may again be raised and applied in the same Manner as herein-before directed, and so *toties quoties*, as often as Occasion shall require, for the Purposes herein-before mentioned.

Surplus  
Profits to be  
invested.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That the Company shall every Year cause an Abstract of such Account to be prepared, showing the total Receipts and Expenditure of all Funds levied by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, for the Year ending on the Thirtieth Day of *June*, under the several and distinct Heads of Receipt and Expenditure, with a Statement of the Balance of such Account duly audited and certified by the Committee of Management, or some of them, together with an Account of the said contingent Fund, and shall cause a Copy of such Account to be laid before the Justices assembled at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the Borough of *Leeds* next or next but One after the Time of making up such Accounts, and shall transmit another Copy of such Account, free of Charge, to the Clerk of the Peace of the said Borough on or before the Thirty-first Day of *January* then next; which Account shall be open to the Inspection of the Public on Payment to the said Clerk of the Peace of the Sum of One Shilling for every such Inspection, and every Person may take or make Copies thereof, paying for every such Copy the Sum of Sixpence for every One hundred Words: Provided always, that if the Company shall omit to prepare or transmit to the Clerk of the Peace such Account as aforesaid, they shall forfeit for every such Omission the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

Abstract of  
Account and  
an Account  
of contingent  
Fund to be  
laid before  
Justices.

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Company, if required by the Justices, to produce their Books.

Accountant to be appointed to examine Accounts and report.

Rates to be reduced if Profits exceed limited Amounts.

Penalty for not furnishing Abstract of Accounts or producing Books, if required so to do.

Company may resort to contingent Fund in case divisible Profits are less than limited Amounts.

Proof of Debts in Bankruptcy.

XXX. And be it enacted, That the Company or the Committee of Management shall also, if required by the Justices, or by the Accountant or other Person to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, produce their Books of Account, and other Books, Bills, Receipts, Vouchers, and Papers relating to the said Undertaking; and such Justices shall nominate and appoint some Accountant or other competent Person, not being a Proprietor in any Gas Company in the said Borough of *Leeds*, to examine and ascertain the actual State and Condition of the Concerns of the Company, and to make Report thereof to the Justices, the Expense of which Examination and Report, having been ascertained and settled by the said Justices, shall be paid by the Company.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That the said Justices may examine any Witnesses upon Oath touching the Truth of the said Accounts, and the Matters therein referred to; and if it shall appear to such Justices that the Profits of the Company for the preceding Year shall have exceeded the respective Amounts *per Centum per Annum* on the said actual Capital Stock, the Company shall make such a rateable Reduction in the Rents and Prices of Gas to be furnished by them for the then current Year as they the Company may deem expedient, or as in the Judgment of the said Justices shall be proper, but so as such Rents or Prices when reduced shall ensure to the Company a Profit as near as may be to the said respective Amounts *per Centum per Annum* on the actual Capital Stock.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That if the Company shall wilfully fail to lay before the Justices the said Abstract of Accounts, or to produce to the said Justices, or to the said Accountant or other Person as aforesaid, the Books of Account, and other Books, Bills, Receipts, Vouchers, and Papers herein-before mentioned, for the Space of Seven Days after being required so to do by the said Justices, or by such Accountant or other Person as aforesaid, the Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds for every such Failure, and the further Sum of Ten Pounds for every Day such Failure shall continue after the Expiration of the said Seven Days, such respective Penalties to be recovered by any Person who may sue for the same, with full Costs of Suit, by Action of Debt or on the Case, in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That if in any Year after the passing of this Act the Profits of the said Undertaking divisible among the Proprietors thereof shall not amount to the respective Sums *per Centum per Annum* upon the said actual Capital Stock, such a Sum may be taken from the contingent Fund as with the actual divisible Profits of such Year will enable the Company to make such respective Dividends.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That if any Person against whom the Company shall have any Claim or Demand become Bankrupt or take the Benefit of any Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, it shall be lawful for the Clerk to the Company, or the Clerk or Secretary



Secretary to the Committee of Management, in all Proceedings against the Estate of such Bankrupt or Insolvent, or under any Fiat, Sequestration, or Act of Insolvency against such Bankrupt or Insolvent, to represent the Company and act in their Behalf in all respects as if such Claim or Demand had been the Claim or Demand of such Clerk or Secretary respectively, and not of the Company.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company or the Committee of Management to lend any Meter for ascertaining the Quantity of Gas consumed or supplied, and any Fittings for the Consumption of Gas, for such Remuneration in Money as shall be agreed upon, and such Remuneration shall be recoverable in the same Manner as Rents due to the Company; and such Meter or Meters and Fittings shall not be subject to the Rights of Distress of the Landlords of the Premises where such may be used for Rent, nor for any Lien or Pledge known in the Law of *England*, any Law or Practice to the contrary notwithstanding.

Authority to  
lend or hire  
Meters.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Clerk, Engineer, or other Officer duly appointed for that Purpose by the Company to inspect all and every Building or Building and Place or Places lighted with Gas supplied by the Company; and if in any such Building or Buildings, Place or Places, any Meter or Meters which may be used for ascertaining the Quantity of Gas consumed or supplied, or any Stop Cock or Pipe connected therewith, shall be in any way fraudulently injured, destroyed, or altered, and if any Person or Company shall fraudulently make use of such Meter or Meters, Stop Cock, or Pipe connected therewith, which shall be so injured, destroyed, or altered, he or they shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the Company a Penalty not exceeding Ten Pounds, to be recovered summarily as authorized by the said recited Act.

Penalty for  
the Injury of  
Meters.

XXXVII. And be it enacted, That the Company or the Committee of Management shall sell any Land which they shall at any Time have acquired, or any Part thereof, under the Provisions of the said recited Act, and which shall be no longer used for the Purposes of the said recited Act or this Act, and from Time to Time shall agree with any Person who shall be willing to sell the same for the Purchase of any other Lands for the like Purposes, and afterwards to sell the same, and so from Time to Time; but the total Quantity of Land to be held at any one Time by the Company for the Purposes aforesaid shall not exceed Ten Acres.

Power to sell  
Lands not  
wanted and  
purchase  
others.

XXXVIII. And be it enacted, That the Company or the Committee of Management shall not purchase more than Ten Acres from any Party under legal Disability, or who would not be able to sell and convey such Lands except under the Powers of the said recited Act or this Act; and if the Company or the Committee of Management purchase the said Quantity of Land from any Party under such legal Disability, and afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of the Land so purchased, it shall not be lawful for any Party being under legal Disability to sell to the Company or the Committee

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mittee of Management any other Lands in lieu of the Lands so sold or disposed of by the Company or the Committee of Management.

Recovery of Rents.

XXXIX. And be it enacted, That if any Person supplied with Gas by the Company shall neglect for the Space of Ten Days after Demand to pay the Rent or Sum due to them for the same, it shall be lawful for the Company to stop such Supply, and to recover the Rent or Sum due from such Person, if less than Twenty Pounds, together with the Expences of cutting off such Supply as aforesaid, and Costs of recovering the same, by the same Means as any Damages for the Recovery of which no special Provision is contained in the said recited Act are thereby directed to be recovered; or if the Rent or Sum so due shall amount to Twenty Pounds or upwards, it shall be lawful for the Company to recover the same, together with the Expence of cutting off such Supply, in any of the Superior Courts, by Action of Debt or on the Case.

Power to take away Pipes, &c. when Gas is discontinued.

XL. And be it enacted, That in all Cases in which it shall be lawful for the Company to take away the Supply of Gas from any Premises, it shall also be lawful for them, or their Agents and Workmen, to enter into such Premises in the Daytime for the Purpose of removing and to remove any Pipe, Meter, Cock, Branch, or Apparatus belonging to the Company.

Pipes not to be laid in Buildings without Consent.

XLI. And be it enacted, That nothing in the said recited Act or this Act contained shall authorize or empower the Company to carry or lay or to continue any Pipe into, over, through, or against any Building without the Consent of the Owner and Occupier of such Building into, over, through, or against which any such Pipe may be carried or laid: Provided always, that in all Cases in which any Lamp Iron and Lamp shall have been or shall be affixed or continued to any House or Building under the Authority of the Council of the said Borough by virtue of any Powers vested in them for that Purpose, it shall be lawful for the Company to fix against such House or Building such Pipes as may be necessary for supplying with Gas any Lamp so affixed as aforesaid.

For paying the Expences of this Act.

XLII. And be it enacted, That all Costs, Charges, and Expences preparatory to and attending the passing of this Act shall be paid by the Company out of the first Monies arising by virtue of the said recited Act or this Act, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Construction of certain Terms in this Act.

XLIII. And be it enacted, That in this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,)

Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number shall include the Singular Number:

Words importing the Masculine Gender shall include Females:

The Word "Lands" shall extend to Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments of any Tenure:

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The Expression "Superior Courts" shall mean Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*:

The Word "Justice" shall mean Justice of the Peace for the County, City, Liberty, or Place where the Matter requiring the Cognizance of a Justice shall arise, and who shall not be interested in the Matter:

The Expression "the Company" shall mean "The *Leeds* Gas Light Company:"

And the Expressions "the Committee of Management" and "the Clerk" shall mean the Committee of Management and the Clerk of the said Company.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prejudice the Company of Proprietors established by an Act passed in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act for the better supplying with Water the Town and Neighbourhood of Leeds in the West Riding of the County of York*. Saving Rights of the Leeds Waterworks Company. 7 W. 4. & 1 Vict. c. 83.

XLV. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to abridge, alter, prejudice, or take away any of the Rights, Privileges, Franchises, Powers, or Authorities of or belonging to or vested in the Town Council of the said Borough of *Leeds*, either by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled *An Act for better lighting, cleansing, sewerage, and improving the Borough of Leeds in the County of York*, or by any other Act. Saving Rights of the Leeds Town Council. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 104.

XLVI. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, prejudice, lessen, or affect any of the Powers, Privileges, or Authorities now belonging to the *Leeds* new Gas Company, granted by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifth and Sixth Years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled *An Act for better lighting with Gas the Town and Neighbourhood of Leeds in the Borough of Leeds in the West Riding of the County of York*. Reservation of Rights of the Leeds New Gas Company. 5 & 6 W. 4. c. 84.

XLVII. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such. Public Act.



The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

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*Form of Certificate of Shares.*

THE LEEDS GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

Number  
THESE are to certify, That *A.B.* of is a Proprietor of the Share, Number of the Capital Stock of the Leeds Gas Light Company, subject to the Regulations of the said Company.

Given under the Common Seal of the said Company, the  
Day of in the Year of our Lord

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