



ANNO PRIMO & SECUNDO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. lxxix.

An Act for supplying the Towns of *Old and New Brentford*, and the Villages of *Turnham Green, Hammersmith, and Kensington*, in the County of *Middlesex*, with Gas. [28th May 1821.]

WHEREAS Inflammable Air, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil may be procured from Coal: And whereas the said Inflammable Air, being conveyed by means of Pipes or Tubes, may be safely and beneficially used or applied for lighting Public Streets, Squares, Market Places, and other public Places; and also for lighting Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, and private Houses: And whereas the said Coke may be usefully and beneficially employed as Fuel in private Houses and Manufactories, and the aforesaid Articles may be used and applied in various other Ways with great Advantage: And whereas *John Barlow and George Barlow, of Sambrooke Court, Basinghall Street, in the City of London, Iron Merchants, and Copartners*, are ready to contract with the Commissioners acting under an Act of Parliament passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Third*, intituled *An Act for more effectually repairing, widening, and rendering commodious the Highways within the Parish of Ealing, in the County of Middlesex, and for lighting the Street, in Old Brentford, within the said Parish, from the turning towards Kew Bridge, to a Street called the Half Acre, for lighting the public Lamps of the said Street with Gas*: And whereas the said *John Barlow and*

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George Barlow have also obtained the Consents of the Trustees of the *Brentford* Turnpike, and of the Trustees of the *Kensington* Road, to open the Ground to enable them, the said *John Barlow* and *George Barlow*, to lay the Mains necessary to light the public Road from *Brentford* to *Kensington*, and the Lanes, Paths, and Passages adjacent, and also to light the Shops, private and other Houses and Buildings in the several Villages of *Turnham Green*, *Hammersmith*, and *Kensington*, with Gas: And whereas several Persons being desirous of joining the said *John Barlow* and *George Barlow* in the said Undertaking, and to become Proprietors in the Profits and Advantages of the said Concern, in proportion to the Number of Shares they shall respectively hold therein; but such an Arrangement cannot be effectually carried into execution without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the King'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 the said *John Barlow* and *George Barlow*, and such other Persons as shall from Time to Time, in such Manner as herein-after is mentioned, become Proprietors of Shares in the Undertaking hereby established, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby declared to be

Company. One Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of the *Brentford* Gas Light Company, and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded at Law or in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence indictable by the

Their Style. Laws of this Realm; and that the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing Inflammable Air, Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil from Coal or other Materials, and of lighting the said Towns and Villages, and the Places adjacent, with Inflammable Air or Gas, and of selling and disposing of the Coke and other Products of the Manufactory of the said Company, in such Manner as they shall think proper; and from Time to Time to enter into and make any other Contracts or Agreements with the Commissioners or Trustees for the Time being, under the said Act of Parliament, or any other Commissioners or Trustees who for the Time being shall have the Control, Direction, or Management of the lighting of the said Towns or Villages, and the Places adjacent, or any of them, or any Part thereof, or with any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing to contract with the said Company for the lighting of the said Towns and Villages, or any Part or Parts thereof, or of any Highways, Streets, Roads, Squares, Market Places, Courts, Yards, Passages, Lanes, public Buildings, Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, private Houses, or other Buildings whatsoever, within the said Towns and Villages, or adjacent thereto; and to sell or dispose of as they shall think proper such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, or other Products as aforesaid.

Their General Purpose.

Power to contract for the Purchase of Lands and Buildings.

II. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company or their Committee of Management, and they are hereby empowered, to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments

ditaments within the said Towns and Villages or adjacent thereto, and the Freehold and Inheritance thereof, with any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years, absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, not being a Term or Terms of Years at Rack Rent, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs, and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons, under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also with all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or with any Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall be willing to sell the same, or his, her, or their Right or Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, provided that the Quantity of Land to be purchased as aforesaid shall not exceed Two Acres; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same respectively to the Person or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* in manner by this Act directed (as the Case may be), such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest absolutely in the said *Brentford* Gas Light Company, and may be taken and used for the Purposes of this Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to hold such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any Estate, Term, or Interest therein, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Law or Statute whatsoever; and also in case of a Resale of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, under the Provision herein-after in that Behalf contained, to purchase and hold other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in like Manner; provided the Land to be held for the Purposes of this Act shall not at any Time exceed in Quantity Two Acres.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years, absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, (not being a Term or Terms at Rack Rent,) and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs, and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought necessary or convenient by the said Company to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, (but under such Restrictions as to Quantity as aforesaid,) to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, or any Estate or Interest therein, and to sell and to convey all or any Part thereof,

Bodies Politic empowered to sell.

thereof, and all or any Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever, of, in, and to the same, to the said Company, for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or without any other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Enrolment, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Possibility, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several Cestuique Trusts, and of all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under him, her, or them, or claiming or to claim in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such or particular Estate, or by way of executory Devise or springing Use; and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of any such Person or Persons and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of any Person or Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do, if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons, is and are and shall be indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Directing
Application
of Purchase
Money when
amounting
to 200*l.* and
upwards.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life, or in Tail, or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the *Brentford* Gas Light Company, to the Intent that such Money may be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing and being settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the

same Manner as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General, in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased in case such Purchase and Settlement thereof were then actually made.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail or for Years, Trustees, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in Cases of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be named by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Three or more of the Committee of Management of the said Company (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends to arise thereon, or the Interest thereof, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the said High Court of Chancery.

Application of Money when less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid as last before mentioned shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall belong absolutely and be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application of Money not exceeding 20*l.*

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In case of questionable Title to the Money, Persons in Possession of the Land to be deemed entitled thereto until the contrary shall be shown.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, so purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed or taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Expences of Purchase Money to be allowed by the Court.

VIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Upon Payment of the Purchase Money the Lands to vest in the Company.

IX. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money to be so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, by the said Company, to the Party or Parties, or Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England*, for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein-before directed, as the Case may be, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law or Equity of the Party and Parties, and Person and Persons respectively, to whom or for whose Use or Benefit the same shall be paid, into or out of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company and their Successors for ever for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

Form of Conveyance.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be made to the said Company and their Successors shall be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

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I [or we, as the Case may be], of _____ in consideration of the Sum
of _____ to me [or us] paid by the Brentford Gas Light Com-
pany, established under an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign
of King George the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [here insert the Title of this
Act], do hereby grant and release [or assign, as the Case may be,]
to the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors all [here
describe the Premises to be conveyed], and all my [or our] Right, Title, and
Interest in and to the same and every Part thereof, to hold to the said
Company of Proprietors and their Successors and Assigns for ever, [or
as the Case may be,] during all the Remainder of my [or our] Term,
Estate, or Interest in the said Premises. In witness whereof I [or we]
have hereunto set my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and Seals] this
Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and _____

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal to grant and convey, by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may have been so purchased and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act, and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale or Sales of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Company to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold; which Receipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge or sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Money therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons, having *bonâ fide* paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money or any Part thereof.

Re-sale of
Lands not
wanted.

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid shall be the Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds; and that the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted by this Act until the whole of the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for that Purpose.

Capital
Stock not
to exceed
30,000*l*.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Capital Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds shall be raised by a Subscription to be made by the said *John Barlow* and *George Barlow*, and such other Person as shall be admitted by them as Subscribers, and that every Persons by or for whom any Subscription shall be made for or towards raising the said Capital Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the Capital Joint Stock of the said Company in proportion to the Monies which he, she, or they shall have so contributed towards making up the same, and shall have and be entitled to a proportionable Share of the Profits and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted as a Proprietor or Proprietors in the same.

Subscribers
to share in
the Stock in
proportion
to their
Subscrip-
tions.

XIV. And

Property of the Company to be answerable for their Debts and Engagements.

Stock to be divided into Shares of 50*l.* Sterling each, and to be Personal Estate.

Power to raise a further Capital of 7,500*l.*

Company not to borrow Money by way of Loan.

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Lands and Hereditaments, Manufactories, Gasometers, Machinery, Apparatus, and Works, Goods, Chattels, and Effects of the said Company and their Successors, shall be liable and answerable for the just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds Sterling each, and that no Person shall be a Subscriber for a less Sum than Fifty Pounds Sterling; and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the aforesaid Sum of Thirty thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for establishing, completing, and maintaining the said Undertaking hereby authorized, and defraying all necessary Charges relating thereto, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers to raise and contribute amongst themselves, in such Shares and Proportions as to them shall seem meet, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, any further or other Sum of Money for the completing and perfecting the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Seven thousand five hundred Pounds; and every Subscriber towards raising such further Sum of Money shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and shall have a like Vote for himself or herself, or his or her Proxy, in respect of every Share in the said additional Sum so to be raised, and shall also be liable to such Forfeitures, and stand interested in all the Profits and Advantages of the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Sum he, she, or they shall subscribe to the said Undertaking, as generally and extensively, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such further or other Sum hereby allowed to be subscribed for or raised had been originally Part of the said Capital of Thirty thousand Pounds; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not borrow or take up by way of Loan any Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever other than by a Subscription for Shares in manner and to the Extent herein-before directed.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who shall subscribe for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed, or which shall have been subscribed for or in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares respectively, or such Parts or Portions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for, pursuant to or by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Time or Times and Place or Places, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management for the Time being herein-after mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay any such Money at such Time or Times and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management

as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue and recover the same, by Action of Debt or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, and all Costs of Suit from such Person or Persons, or, in Cases where Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or be jointly possessed of any One Share in the said Undertaking, then from all, any, or either of such Persons.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or the Committee of Management to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who shall have subscribed for or may at any Time hereafter be entitled to a Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of such Share or Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered by their Clerk in a Book to be kept for that Purpose; and after such Entry a Certificate under the Common Seal of the said Company shall be delivered to every Proprietor, upon Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he or she is entitled in the said Undertaking; and such Certificate shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor, his or her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified, but the Want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner from selling or disposing thereof.

Names of Proprietors to be entered, and Certificates of their Shares delivered to them.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Affairs and Concerns of the said Company shall be conducted and managed under and subject to the several Rules and Regulations herein-after contained; (that is to say,) the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall assemble together at *Turnham Green* in the County of *Middlesex* at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, within Twenty-one Days next after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, and shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall and may adjourn to or shall assemble at such other Times and Places as shall be duly appointed in manner herein-after mentioned; and every such Assembly shall be styled a General Meeting; and Two such Meetings shall be held in every Year, on the Third *Monday* in the Month of *January* and the Third *Monday* in the Month of *July*, which shall be styled Half-yearly General Meetings; and that at least Six Days previous Notice shall be given of each Half-yearly General Meeting; and that Ten or more of the said Proprietors, not holding collectively less than Forty Shares, may from Time to Time, by Notice in Writing under their Hands, call a Special General Meeting, so as the Object for which such Special General Meeting shall be called be expressed in such Notice, and so as such Notice be given Fourteen Days at least before the Day of Meeting; and that every such General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place as shall be found expedient, and that at least Three Days previous Notice of the Day to which any General Meeting shall be adjourned shall be given; and that at every General Meeting a Chairman shall be appointed; and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors present and not declining to vote, the Number present not being less than Fifteen, according to their respective Number of Shares; and every Proprietor shall be entitled to One Vote for and in respect of every Share of which he shall be possessed, so that no Proprietor shall be entitled to vote for or in respect of more than Ten Shares, except

Regulations for the General Meetings of the Company.

as the legal Representative of any other Person or Persons, for or in respect of the Share or Shares held by or legally vested in him as such Representative; nor shall any Person be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the said Company, or any Adjournment thereof, in respect of any Share or Shares which he or she may possess in the said Undertaking, unless such Person shall have fully paid and satisfied all Arrears of Money which shall or may have become due in pursuance of any Call or Calls made or to be made by the Committee of Management for or in respect of such Share or Shares; nor shall any Person vote at any of the Meetings of the said Company upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking in which such Person or Persons shall be interested otherwise than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors to or of the said Undertaking; and that upon any Difference of Opinion any Proprietor present may require the Votes at any General Meeting of the said Company to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open for more than One Hour; and that the Chairman of every such Meeting shall be entitled to vote; and in case the Number of Votes, including the Chairman's Vote, shall be equal, such Chairman shall also have the casting Vote; and if at any General Meeting a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act shall not assemble and proceed to Business in One Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if the Number of Ten Proprietors be not present when any Business shall be to be decided upon, the Meeting shall adjourn to the same Day in the following Week, or to some other Day to be appointed by the Members present at such Meeting, (Two Proprietors only being hereby declared sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment,) or in default thereof by the Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them.

Notice of Meetings, &c. to be given by the Clerk of the Company.

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Notices hereinbefore directed to be given of any General Meetings or Adjournments respectively, and all Notices to be given to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not hereby otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors, or to such individual Proprietors respectively, 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, or to the individual Proprietors entitled to such Notice (as the Case may be), and that the same Notices shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Notices.

General Meetings may make Bye Laws.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, at any of their General Meetings, to make such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws as to them shall seem meet and proper for the good Government of the said Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the Committee of Management, and for the regulating of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking in all respects whatsoever, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, and to make others, and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Persons offending against such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence, as to the said Company at a General Meeting shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules

Orders, and Bye Laws so made as aforesaid (being reduced into Writing, and a Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed) shall be binding upon all Persons, and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same: Provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* called *England*, or any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act, or to the Provisions of any Act now in force or hereafter to be enacted for regulating the several Roads, Highways, or Trusts through or upon which the Main Pipes and other the necessary Apparatus whatsoever of the said Company may be laid; provided also, that Copies thereof shall be printed and fixed and continued in the Office of the Clerk, or some other Building of the said Company; and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall be subject to Appeal in manner by this Act directed.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting of the said Company, to nominate and elect by Ballot, and to appoint under the Common Seal of the said Company, any Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, or other Officer or Officers, and from Time to Time to remove any such Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, or other Officer or Officers of the said Company, and to nominate, elect, and appoint another Person or Persons in his or their Room or Stead: Provided always, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Person who shall be appointed Treasurer, Receiver, or Collector, for any of the Purposes of this Act, for the faithful Execution of their respective Offices, before they shall enter thereupon respectively.

Power to
appoint Offi-
cers.

Treasurer,
&c. to give
Security.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting of the said Company, or at some Adjournment thereof, Seven Members of the said Company shall be elected and chosen a Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company, and such Committee of Management shall continue in Office and be respectively Members of the said Committee until the Half-yearly Meeting which shall be held in *January* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, or until others or another shall be appointed in their or any of their Stead, in pursuance of this Act, and at the said Half-yearly Meeting, or at some Adjournment thereof, and also at the Half-yearly Meeting to be held in *January* in every succeeding Year, or at some Adjournment thereof, a new Committee of Seven Members shall from Time to Time be elected and appointed, out of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertakings, to be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company, who shall continue in their Offices until the next yearly Appointment of a Committee of Management as aforesaid, or until other or another shall be duly elected into their or any of their Places, under the Provision herein-after in that Behalf contained; provided that nothing herein contained shall render any one of the Committee whose Office shall have expired ineligible to be re-elected a Committee Man, if otherwise duly qualified; provided also, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected, nor to serve or act as a Member of the said Committee, who shall hold any Place of Profit under the said Company, or who shall be concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts under this Act, or who shall offer to take or succeed in taking, or shall participate in any Man-
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Committee
of Manage-
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ner in any Work to be done for the said Company, whether by Contract or otherwise, or who shall be a Dealer either directly or indirectly in any One of the Articles to be provided or manufactured by the said Company.

For supply-
ing Vacan-
cies in Com-
mittee.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Member of the Committee of Management to be elected by virtue of this Act shall die or become disqualified, or shall refuse or neglect for the Space of Six Calendar Months to attend the Meetings of the said Committee, it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting to be called or held pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect some other Proprietor to be a Member of the said Committee, and every such Proprietor so elected to fill any such Vacancy shall continue in his Office as a Member of the said Committee so long as the Person in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have been entitled to have continued if such Death, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect had not happened.

No Person to
act as a
Committee
Man unless
possessed of
Four Shares.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be eligible to be elected one of the Committee for managing the Affairs of the said Undertaking unless at the Time of the Election he shall be entitled to Four Shares in the said Undertaking.

Meeting of
the Com-
mittee, and
Regulations
for their
Proceedings.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall and may hold their Meetings at such Place within the said Village of *Turnham Green*, at such Times, and adjourn their Meetings from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as they shall think fit; and at every Meeting one of the Members of the said Committee present at such Meeting shall be elected Chairman, and all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management at any of their Meetings shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of the Members then present, the Number present not being less than Five; and in case of an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, including the Vote of the Chairman for the Time being, such Chairman shall have the decisive and casting Vote; and that if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee Five Members qualified to vote shall not attend, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned till the next Day, if not a *Sunday*, and if the next Day shall be a *Sunday*, then to the *Monday* following, by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present then by the Clerk of the said Company or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and that any Three or more Members of the Committee may, at any Time when they shall think fit, call a Meeting of the Committee by Notice in Writing signed by such Three or more Members, to be sent by the Post or otherwise to the Residence or Address of every Member of such Committee.

Power of
Committee.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and shall have full Power and Authority to meet and adjourn from Time to Time, and from Place to Place as aforesaid, and also at any Time to call Special General Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and to appoint the Time and Place of holding Half-yearly General and Special General Meetings, and to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, or laying out and disposing of all Sums to be issued or received,
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laid out or disposed of for the Purposes of the same, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels, for the Use of the said Undertaking, and in making and entering into Contracts or Agreements for lighting of the said Towns and Villages, and of the Places adjacent, or any of such Highways, Streets, Squares, Market Places, Lanes, Ways, and public or private Houses or Buildings as aforesaid; and in ordering, directing, or employing the Works and Workmen of the said Company, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid, and in making, enforcing, and rescinding all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, subject to such Orders, Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company in Restraint, Control, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint any Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Company; and if any Person shall act in both Capacities as Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, any Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Same Person not to act as Clerk and Treasurer.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That the Orders and Proceedings of every Meeting, as well of the Company as of the Managing Committee, shall be entered by the Clerk in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and such Orders and Proceedings, so entered and signed by the Clerk of the said Company, or by the Chairman of each respective Meeting, shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts, and before all Judges, Justices, and others; and that no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting besides the Business for which it shall have been called, and no other Business shall be transacted at any adjourned Special General Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place.

Proceedings to be entered.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That whenever Two or more Persons shall be jointly possessed of or entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as a Proprietor of such Share or Shares shall, for the Purposes of this Act, be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall and may be given to such Person whose Name shall so stand first in the Books of the said Company, and such Notice to such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Notice to all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or

The Person whose Name stands first for divided Shares to be deemed the Owner, and entitled to vote.

Shares, for all the Purposes for which such Notice is intended to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any such Share or Shares; and that such Owners or Proprietors shall be entitled to give their Votes in respect thereof by the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as a Proprietor of such Share or Shares, and his Vote shall on all Occasions be deemed and allowed to be the Vote for or in respect of the whole Property in such Share or Shares, without Proof of the Concurrence of the other Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares.

Power for
the Pro-
priators to
vote by
Proxy.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That any Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company's Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Share or Shares at any General Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at any such General Meeting as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking; provided nevertheless, that no One Person shall deliver in Proxies for more than Ten Proprietors; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of the
Appointment
of Proxies.

‘ I *A. B.* of one of the Proprietors of the *Brentford Gas*
‘ *Light Company*, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of
‘ to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence to vote
‘ or give my Assent to or Dissent from any Business, Matter, or Thing
‘ relating to the said Undertaking, that shall be mentioned or proposed at
‘ any General Meeting of the said Company, in such Manner as he the
‘ said *C. D.* shall think proper according to his Opinion and Judgment,
‘ for the Benefit of the said Undertaking, or any Thing relating thereto.
‘ In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand the
‘ Day of One thousand eight hundred and .’

Committee
to make
Calls.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have full Power, at any Time or Times, to make such Call or Calls upon the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Amount of the Subscriptions for their respective Shares, in such Instalments as such Committee shall from Time to Time deem requisite or necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; and every Order for a Call shall be signed by the Chairman of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, and Two other of the Members of the said Committee at least, present at some Meeting of the said Committee duly held; and the several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company for the Time being at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Fourteen Days previous Notice shall be given in such Manner as the said Committee shall direct or appoint in that Behalf; and if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Proportion of the Money so to be called for by the Space of Three Calendar Months next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, together with lawful Interest for the same, from such appointed Time of Payment, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, at some Half-yearly General Meeting to be held after such Neglect or Refusal, to declare all and every or any of the Share or Shares of such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid to be forfeited, and from thenceforth the said Share or Shares so
declared

On Non-
payment of
Calls, Shares
to be for-
feited.

declared to be forfeited, and all the Profit and Benefit thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced on account thereof, shall be vested in the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, to and for the Uses and Purposes herein-after mentioned.

XXXIV. And whereas, in case any original Holder or Proprietor of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, or become insolvent or bankrupt, or shall transfer his or her Right or Interest to some other Person or Persons, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk of the said Company, it may not be in the Power of any Officer acting for the said Company to ascertain who is or are the Owner or Proprietor, or Owners or Proprietors, of such Share or Shares, in order to give him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, Notice or Notices of Calls to be made on such Share or Shares, or to maintain any Action or Actions, Suit, or other Proceedings against him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely paying to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore enacted, That in all Cases where the Right and Property in One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers, or any other Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, to any other Person or Persons, by any other legal Means than by a registered Transfer thereof in the Form and Manner herein-after specified, an Affidavit shall or may be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons before a Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such other Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns; and such Affidavit shall be delivered to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book or List of Subscribers and Proprietors of the said Undertaking to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company; and in all or any of the said Cases, after Three Calendar Months Notice in Writing shall have been given by the said Clerk to the Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons appearing by such Affidavit to be Owner or Owners thereof, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, to pay his, her, or their Proportion of Money so to be called for, and if such Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall not have paid his, her, or their Proportion as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Subscribers and Proprietors, at any General Meeting, after the Expiration of such Notice, to declare the same Share or Shares to be forfeited, and that in such Case the same, and all the Profit and Benefit thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced on account thereof, shall be vested in the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, to and for the Use and Purposes herein-after mentioned.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

XXXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no Share or Shares of any Person or Persons of and in the said Undertaking shall be forfeited or vest in and accrue to the said Company until Notice shall have been published in some one of the Daily *London* Newspapers Thirty Days at least before the holding of such General Meeting, in which Notice shall be contained a Statement and Account of the Money due from such Person

No Share to be forfeited unless published in a Newspaper.

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or Persons for such Call or Calls in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, exclusive of the Interest thereon; and no such Share or Shares shall be forfeited to or vested in the said Company if the Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares, or the Person or Persons appearing by such Affidavit or Affidavits to be Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares, shall before the holding of such General Meeting pay what shall be due thereon for such Call or Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest for the same, and all the Expences attending the Application for and advertising of the same as aforesaid.

Company empowered to sell Shares become forfeited.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares of the said Undertaking shall by virtue of this Act have become forfeited to or become vested in the said Company as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and empowered from Time to Time to sell or cause to be sold by public Auction or private Contract, and by Writing under the Common Seal of the said Company to assign and transfer, such and so many of the Share or Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters as the said Company or their Committee shall from Time to Time find necessary and direct to be sold, unto such Person or Persons as shall become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and such Assignments and Transfers shall be good, valid, and effectual against the Owner or Owners of every such Share or Shares so forfeited to or vested in the said Company and sold as aforesaid, and all Persons claiming under him, her, or them.

If the Purchase Money for such Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay the Arrears of Calls and Interest, and Expences thereon, the Surplus to be paid to the Owner, on Demand. Shares unsold to revert to the former Owners.

XXXVII. Provided always, That in case the Money produced by the Sale of any such Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest thereon, and the Expences attending the Sale or Sales, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid, on Demand, to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged, or shall appear by such Affidavit or Affidavits to have belonged: Provided also, that the said Company or their Committee shall not by virtue of this Act sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred, any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be sufficient as near as may be at the Time of such Call to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters for or on account of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after Payment of all and every of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares vested in the said Company as aforesaid which shall remain in their Hands unsold shall revert to and again become the Property of the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

Executors and Administrators indemnified in paying Calls.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall die before such Payment shall have been made by him, her, or them of the full Sum to be called for in respect thereof as aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provision, by Will or otherwise, how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, then and in such Case the Executors or Administrators

of such Proprietor or Proprietors, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians of any Infant or other Person entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors shall be indemnified against such Infant, and all other Persons whomsoever, for paying any Money which shall be called for as aforesaid, in respect of the Share or Shares of such deceased Proprietor or Proprietors.

XXXIX. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall empower the said Company to sue the original Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares which shall be declared to be forfeited, in manner and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and meaning of this Act, except as to any such Share or Shares as shall revert as herein-before directed, for any Call or Calls for Money subsequent to the Declaration of such Forfeiture; but when any such forfeited Share or Shares shall be sold, the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof shall be liable to the future Calls, in the same Manner as if he, she, or they had been the original Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares.

Company not to sue the original Proprietors for any Calls upon forfeited Shares.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, or their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to sell and transfer any Share or Shares of which they shall respectively be possessed, and every such Transfer shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Shares may be transferred.

‘ I of the Sum of of in consideration
 ‘ of the Sum of paid to me by
 ‘ of do hereby bargain, sell, assign, and transfer to
 ‘ the said the Sum of Capital
 ‘ Stock of and in the Undertaking called the *Brentford* Gas Light Com-
 ‘ pany, being my Share, [*or* Shares,] Number [*or* Numbers]
 ‘ therein, to hold to the said Executors,
 ‘ Administrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules, Orders, and
 ‘ Restrictions, and on the same Conditions as I held the same immediately
 ‘ before the Execution hereof: And I the said do
 ‘ hereby agree to take and accept the said Share, [*or* Shares,] subject to
 ‘ the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions and Conditions. As witness my
 ‘ Hand and Seal, this Day of in the Year of our
 ‘ Lord One thousand eight hundred and .’

Form of Transfer.

And every such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company by an Entry of the Date and Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred, for which Entry or registering the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more, shall be paid to the Clerk or other Officer making the same by the Person at whose Request such Registry shall be made, and a Copy of such Register, signed by the Clerk or other such Officer of the said Company, shall be sufficient Evidence of every such Sale and Transfer, and shall be accounted as such in all Disputes and in all Trials before any Court, and by all Judges, Justices, and others in the United Kingdom; and that until such Transfer shall be entered or registered in the Books of the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages thereof, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any

Transfer to be registered.

Meeting or Meetings as Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

No Share to be sold after a Call until the Money is paid.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, after the Day appointed for the Payment of any Call for Money, until the Money so called for in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares intended to be sold shall be paid; and that until such Money so called for shall be paid in respect of such Share or Shares intended to be sold such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void, and such Share or Shares shall be liable to Forfeiture under the Provisions herein-before contained, in such and the same Manner as if no such Sale or Transfer had been made.

Accounts be settled yearly.

Meetings to declare Dividends.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That any Half-yearly General Meeting, or any General Meeting specially called for the Purpose, shall have full Power to call for, examine, and settle the Accounts of the said Company, and that at every Half-yearly General Meeting, to be held on the Third *Monday* in *January*, in every Year, or some Adjournment thereof, a Yearly Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend shall be at and after the Rate of so much *per Centum* for every Share upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the said Subscribers, their Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine; provided that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall in any degree be reduced or impaired, nor shall any Dividend be paid in respect of any Share or Shares, after a Day appointed for Payment of any Call for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid, and that the Committee of Management who shall make any such Dividend shall be personally responsible to the Proprietors and to the Creditors of the said Company for any Injury which may arise therefrom.

Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil Lights.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply all the public Streets, Squares, Lanes, Passages, and Places in the said Towns and Villages, or adjacent thereto, with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light than could be obtained from Oil; and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for lighting with Gas any public Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Place by the said Company shall contain a Clause providing that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Place shall at all Times be better and cheaper lighted by the said Company than could be done by Oil.

Service Pipes to be kept fully charged with Gas.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put up by the said Company for lighting the Streets, Squares, and other public Places of the said Towns, Villages, and Places adjacent, any or either of them, under any Contract or Agreement with the said Commissioners, or other Persons thereunto authorized, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks shall be so formed and turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted.

XLV. And

XLV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, subject to the Provisions and Restrictions herein mentioned, by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make and erect such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, and other Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works, and to sink and lay Pipes of such Construction and in such Manner as the said Company shall think necessary or proper for carrying the Purposes of this Act into execution, and also in a careful and workmanlike Manner, doing thereby as little Damage as may be, and placing and leaving the Ground and Pavement so broken up in as good a State and Condition as it was in before it was broken up, and to break up the Soil, Pitchings, and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes and Passages within the said Towns and Villages, or adjacent thereto, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes in, under, across, and along such Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages, and in such Manner as shall be necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution, or supplying any such Light as aforesaid, placing and laying the Mains or Pipes in the Footpaths where the Roads are gravelled, and by the Side of the Curbstone, Watercourse, or Gutter where the Road or Street is paved, and from Time to Time to alter the Position of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stopcocks, Syphons, and Plugs, or Branches, and also to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe laid in any Street, Highway, Road, Way, Lane, Footpath or Passage, by the said Company, by virtue of this Act, into a Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same from any of such Mains or Pipes, and to fix, place, and maintain any Apparatus or Convenience necessary or requisite, or deemed advisable for securing to any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply; and also to alter or amend any Work which shall have been placed when the same shall be bad and imperfect, or which shall be injured or damaged in such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things of the same or the like Nature as shall from Time to Time be necessary and convenient for the Purposes of carrying this Act into execution: Provided always, that a proper Compensation be made by the said Company of Proprietors for any Damage to be done by the said Acts respectively; and provided also that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company or their Successors to sink or make any such Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, and Reservoirs in any Situation or Direction where the same can, shall, or may interfere with any present or future public or private Drain, Sewer, or Well, nor to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches, from any Main or Pipe into or against any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers for the Time being of every such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid; provided also, that the Soil,
Pitchings,

Power to
break up the
Soil, and the
Pavements
of Streets.

Pitchings, and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Foot-paths, Lanes, and Passages, within the present or future Jurisdiction of the said Trustees for executing the said Act, of the Seventh Year of His said late Majesty, be only broken up with the Consent of a Majority of such Trustees present at a public Board, and under the Inspection of their Surveyor; provided also, that all Works to be done or repaired within the Jurisdiction of such last-mentioned Trustees be done under the Inspection of their Surveyor (Emergencies excepted); provided also, that all other public Streets, Roads, and Highways shall only be broken up with the Consent of a Majority of the Commissioners or Trustees of the same Streets, Roads, and Highways respectively present at a public Board, and that the breaking up of such said Pitchings and Pavements shall be done under the Inspection of the Surveyor of the same Streets, Roads, or Highways; and provided also, that all private Roads or Ways shall only be broken up with the Consent of the Occupier or Occupiers, and Owner or Owners of the Soil thereof respectively.

Company
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Pipes, &c.
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nants quit,
if required.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company and their Successors shall at their own Expence on the Expiration or Determination of the Tenancy or Tenancies of any such Occupier or Occupiers so giving Consent as aforesaid, or within Twenty-one Days after the Expiration or Determination of such Tenancy or Tenancies, upon receiving Notice in Writing for that Purpose, for or on behalf of the Owner or Owners, or the succeeding Occupier or Occupiers of any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, remove, take, and carry away, or cause to be removed, taken, and carried away, any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches, from any Main or Pipe which shall have been introduced or laid by the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors, in or against any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, pursuant to the Power for that Purpose herein-before contained, and repair and make good such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, where the same shall have been so introduced, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and in default thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for such Owner or Owners, or such new Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require, or any other Person or Persons acting under their, his, or her respective Authorities or Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, or Branches to be removed, taken, and carried away, and the Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings where the same shall have been introduced to be repaired and made good, and the reasonable Costs and Charges for so doing the same shall be immediately paid by the said Company and their Successors, or their Treasurer for the Time being, to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within One Calendar Month next after Demand shall be made by such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*), all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County,

County, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require.

XLVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to break, take up, or disturb the Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement, in or of any Road or Highways within the Limits of this Act, without the Consent, in Writing, of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons in whom the Superintendence, Property, or Control of any such Road or Highway is, by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever, vested, under the Hand or Hands of their proper Officer or Officers; and that all and every the Works, Matters, and Things at any Time hereafter to be done or performed by the said Company, or their Servants, Workmen, or others, in, upon, through, or over any such Road or Highway, shall be subject to the Provisions, Regulations, Penalties, and Notices, and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Rules, Directions, Forfeitures, Claims, Matters, and Things contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament for the making, amending, repairing, or improving any such Road or Highway, or otherwise relating thereto, so far as the same or any of them are applicable to Gas Light Companies, as fully and effectually as if the same had been amply re-enacted herein.

To be subject to all Acts of Parliament relating to Roads.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if for the Purposes of the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of His late Majesty, or of any other Act passed or to be passed for regulating the several Roads and Highways or Grounds through which the said Company shall lay their Main or other Pipes, it shall at any Time or Times hereafter be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners or Trustees acting under and by virtue of the said Act, or of any such other Act or Acts, to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Mains, Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid within the present or future Jurisdiction of the same Commissioners or Trustees respectively, the said Company of Proprietors shall, at the Expence, Costs, and Charges of the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, within Two Calendar Months next after being required so to do by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Mains, Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches according to such Notice, in such Manner and in such Place or Places as the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall think right or proper; and in default thereof it shall be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority (at the like Costs and Charges of the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively), to cause such Mains, Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised, sunk, or altered as aforesaid, so that in either of the said Cases no Damage be done thereby to the said Company or their Successors, and so that they be not thereby prevented from or inconvenienced or obstructed in lighting any public or private Lamp or Lamps, unless such Damage or Obstruction from the Circumstance of the Case be unavoidable.

Situation of Pipes, &c. may be altered if Commissioners desire it.

Situation of Pipes, &c. under private Roads may be altered if Owners desire it.

XLIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall at any Time hereafter break up the Soil, Pitching, or Pavement of any private Road or Way, for the Purpose of laying any Main or Pipe along, under, or across the same, with the Consent of the Owner or Owners of the Soil, and after the same shall have been so laid and placed, it shall be lawful for such Owner or Owners, at any Time or Times hereafter, if he, she, or they should deem it necessary or expedient, and at his, her, or their own Costs and Charges, to alter and vary the Position of such Pipe or Pipes, Main or Mains, and to relay the same, so that no Damage be done thereby to the said Company, and so that they be not thereby prevented from or obstructed in lighting any public or private Lamp, unless such Damage or Obstruction be unavoidable.

Company to be remunerated for Loss sustained by altering Pipes, &c. in certain Cases.

L. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising, sinking, or altering any of the said Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches, either by the said Commissioners or Trustees, or any such Owner or Owners as last-mentioned, any Damage, Loss, or Injury shall be done, accrue, or be sustained to or by the said Company, either by losing the lighting of any such public or private Lamp or Lamps as aforesaid or otherwise, then and in every such Case such Damage, Loss, or Injury, to be fixed and ascertained by One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, shall be made good to the said Company by the said Commissioners or Trustees, or by the said Owner or Owners, as the Case may be, as soon as Circumstances permit; and in default of Payment thereof by any such Owner or Owners for One Calendar Month after Demand shall be made by the said Company or by their Clerk or Superintendant, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, the same shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Owner or Owners, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Company as the Case may require.

Non-attendance of Surveyor of Commissioners not to retard the Works.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall refuse or neglect to attend to inspect any of the Works hereby directed to be done under his Inspection, and which shall have been consented to by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, after being thereunto required by Notice in Writing from the said Company or their Clerk, given to or left at the Place of Abode of the said Surveyor, the said Company are hereby fully authorized to do and perform such Works without the Inspection of such Surveyor, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Pavements to be made good when Pipes are laid.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Stop-cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus, shall do as little Damage as may be to the Pavement or otherwise, and shall forthwith fill in the Trenches, and make good the Pavements and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned by such Works, and repair any Damage arising from any
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Drains, Sewers, or Cuts, which may be made for carrying off the Washings or waste Liquids aforesaid, without any Delay, and shall in the meantime fence, guard, and light the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, in such Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages; the same several and respective Works and Repairs to be done under the Superintendence, and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Commissioners under the said Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, in all Cases where such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus shall be laid or repaired, in or under any of the Public Streets, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, or other Places, now or hereafter to be within the Jurisdiction of the same Commissioners, and under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Trustees or Commissioners of any other Roads or Highways which may be so broken up, and under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being, in all other Places: Provided always, that if there should be any wilful or negligent Delay in the said Company, or in any of their Agents or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, in filling in any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads as aforesaid, or in fencing, guarding, and lighting the Place where any such Ground shall be opened as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or their Surveyor or Surveyors or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the same Commissioners, as to any Street, Highway, Way, Lane, Passage, or Place within their Jurisdiction as aforesaid, so broken up, and to and for the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Trustees or Commissioners of any other such Road or Highway as aforesaid, and to and for the Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being, in all other Places, to fill in such Ground, and remove such Rubbish, and repair and make good any Pavement or Road so broken up; and to fence, guard, and light such Places so opened as aforesaid, and the reasonable, Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company or their Treasurer, to the said Surveyor or Surveyors, or Owner or Owners, as the Case may require; and in default of Payment thereof for Thirty Days next after Demand shall be made by any such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees, as the Case may require, by such Owner or Owners, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds, by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs, Charges, and Penalty shall be paid to the said Trustees or Commissioners, or their Treasurer, or, as the Case may require, to the said Owner or Owners.

Powers of Commissioners of Pavement, &c. not to be affected.

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the Effect of depriving the said Commissioners or their Successors, or any other Person or Persons, of any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them at present possess, or of interfering with any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them may hereafter acquire, of lighting any of the public Streets, Highways, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and other Places, Houses, Manufactories, or Buildings in the said Towns or Villages, in or adjacent thereto as aforesaid, with Gas Lights, or in any other Manner; or to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Rights, Powers, and Authorities of the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the said recited Act of the Seventh Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, or to remove any of the Disabilities or Restrictions, or to take away any of the Penalties or Forfeitures, contained therein or imposed thereby, but that the said Act, and all and every the Matters, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Disabilities, Restrictions, Provisions, Articles, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Clauses therein contained, shall be and continued in full Force and Effect to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, in such and the like Manner as if this Act had not passed.

No Pipes of Communication to be laid without Consent of the Company.

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall, without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe or Tube to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, nor supply any Inhabitant or other Person with Gas from any such Pipe, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Forty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe or Tube shall so remain, or such Supply be furnished, every such Penalty of Forty Shillings to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture, and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, are deducted, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, or such Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to some House of Correction of the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, and all reasonable Charges, to be fixed by such Magistrate or Magistrates in the Event of Commitment, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company, if they should so think fit, also to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of the Person so offending, notwithstanding any Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements, which may have been previously entered into.

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen.

LV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person should wantonly or maliciously hinder or interrupt the said Company, or their Deputies, Agents, Workmen, or Servants, or any of them, in doing or performing any of the Works, or in exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or should in anywise cause or procure such Interruption or Hindrance to take place, and should be thereof convicted before any Magistrate or Magistrates acting in or for the said County of *Middlesex*, either on Evidence
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of any credible Witness, or by Confession of the Party accused, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum, to be adjudged by such Magistrate or Magistrates, not exceeding Five Pounds, and such Sum so adjudged shall be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may by virtue of this Act be recovered.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not by any Ways or Means, or under any Pretence or Pretences, contract to sell and furnish or shall sell or furnish any Stove, or Pipe or Pipes, or Apparatus, or Machinery of any Description whatever, for the Purpose of conveying, or whereby such Inflammable Air as aforesaid, or any Quantity thereof, may be conveyed into any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same.

Company not to traffic in Machinery for conveying the Gas into private Houses.

LVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company, in carrying into execution the Power hereby granted in respect of fitting up any such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, shall employ or appoint such Manufacturers of or Dealers in the Materials to be used as to the said Company shall seem meet and proper, and such Manufacturers or Dealers shall execute the same under and subject to the Superintendence, Control, and Direction of the said Company; provided also, that the said Company shall not, on any Account or upon any Pretence whatever, employ or set to work in fitting up any such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, any Workman or Servant, or any other Person in the Pay or Employ of the said Company, nor shall the said Company themselves manufacture, sell, or vend any of the Materials requisite, Stopcocks, and Burners, nor directly or indirectly take or derive any Emolument, Advantage, or Profit from such Works.

Power to employ Manufacturers and Dealers of the Materials to be used in fitting up Houses, &c.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to make Sewers or Cuts, of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think expedient, under the Ways, Lanes, Avenues, and Places within the said Towns and Villages, and Places adjacent, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings or other waste Liquids which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers or Cuts, and immediately repairing at their own Expence all such Damage; provided that no such Washings or other waste Liquids or any other Matter or Thing made or arising in the Manufacture of such Gas shall be conducted or conveyed into any River, Brook, or running Stream, and that no such Sewer or Cut shall be made in any Situation where the same can, shall, or may in any Manner interfere with, prejudice, or affect any of the present or future public or private Wells, Sewers, or Drains, within the said Towns and Villages, or Places adjacent, or without the Consent of the Commissioners or Trustees of any public Roads, Highways, or Passages, or of the Owner and Owners, Occupier and Occupiers, of any private Lands or Grounds, in, through, under, or across which the said Sewers or Cuts shall be made.

Power to convey Washings.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down or set up by the

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said Company, in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall at their own Expence, immediately after receiving Notice, by Parol or in Writing, (to be left or given at their Office or usual Place of transacting their Business,) of any such Escape of Gas, from any Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice by Parol or in Writing being given of any such Escape of Gas, effectually stop and prevent the Gas from escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case the said Company shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every Day, after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid; which Penalty shall from Time to Time be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said Town and County, or other Justice or Justices having Jurisdiction, as the Case may require, and shall and may be recovered, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, by the Warrant of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, to be granted in like Manner, and subject to the like Provisions as are herein directed touching other Penalties to be recovered from the said Company.

Penalty for
damaging
Pipes, &c.

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person should wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously remove, take away, break, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or should wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously extinguish or put out any of the public Lamps and Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any one of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, shall for each separate and distinct Act or Offence herein-before enumerated forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage to be done, as the same shall be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, such Penalty and Damage, together with the reasonable Costs, to be levied under the Warrant of such Magistrate or Magistrates by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or if it shall appear to the said Justice or Justices, either by Confession or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath or have not any Goods or Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture or Damage aforesaid, such Offender or Offenders shall or may be forthwith committed to the House of Correction of the County or Place where the Offence shall be committed, and there to remain for any Time to be fixed, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, Damages, and Costs so directed to be levied shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Satisfaction
for accidental
Damage
to Lamps,
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LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure any Lamp or Lamps hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or
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by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their private Expence, or any Pipe Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto, or to the said Company, or carelessly or accidentally waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or keep the Lights burning for a longer Time than he, she, or they respectively shall contract to pay for, and shall not upon Demand by the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendent, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, or the Excess of Gas obtained and used, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, and he or they is and are hereby required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred, and upon hearing the Allegation and Proofs on both Sides, or on Nonappearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to award such Sum or Sums of Money, by way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons (as the Case may require) for such Damages or Excess as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded within Three Days after Demand, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, or any One of them, and he and they is and are hereby required to cause the same to be raised and levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Person or Persons, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice or Justices.

LXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said *Brentford* Gas Light Company shall at any time drain or convey or cause or suffer to be drained or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings or other waste Liquids, or any noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which may arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the Works of the said *Brentford* Gas Light Company, into the River *Thames*, or into any running Stream or Brook, or into any Sewer, Drain, Passage, or Channel, by means whereof any such Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things as aforesaid shall be drained, conducted, or conveyed into the said River *Thames*, or into any River, Brook, or Stream communicating therewith, or into any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond belonging to or used, or intended for the Supply of Water by the Company of Proprietors of the *West Middlesex* Waterworks, or the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, or the Governor and Company of *Chelsea* Waterworks, or do or cause to be done any other Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond, whereby the said Water, or any Part thereof, shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then and in each and every such Case the said *Brentford* Gas Light Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparlance, shall be allowed, and one Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety to the Waterworks Company against whom any such Annoyance, Act or thing as aforesaid, shall have been done or committed: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within

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Companies.

Twelve

Twelve Calendar Months from the Time of such Penalty being incurred; provided also, that over and above and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, in case any of the said Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow, in manner aforesaid into the River *Thames* or into any River, Brook, or Stream communicating therewith, or into any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond belonging to or used or intended for the Supply of Water by any of the said Waterworks Companies, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any of the said Waterworks Companies, or by any other Person or Persons whatsoever to the said *Brentford* Gas Light Company, and the said *Brentford* Gas Light Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things from being drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing, in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said *Brentford* Gas Light Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow, in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such Penalty shall and may be recovered, levied, and applied in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by this Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied.

Appeal may
be made to
Quarter
Sessions.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rule, Order, or Bye Law of the said Company, or any thing done in pursuance thereof, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of this Act, may, within Six Calendar Months after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Middlesex*, the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten clear Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Clerk of the said Company as representing the said Company, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such Complaint at such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or if they think proper may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the said County, and if they see Cause may mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of any such Rule, Bye Law, Order or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party
injured,

injured, or Costs to either of the Parties, as they shall judge reasonable and proper, and all such Determinations of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons should be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices of the Peace touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on behalf of the Prosecutor or on behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and should refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of Appearance, or appearing should refuse to be examined on Oath, or being a Quaker or Quakers on solemn Affirmation; which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer, and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case any such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for his or her Costs and Charges in attending as a Witness.

Compelling the Attendance of Witnesses and respecting Service of Notices.

LXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be requisite or necessary for any Person or Persons, or Party or Parties, to serve any Notice or Notices upon the said Company, or any Writ or Writs or other legal Proceedings, the Service thereof upon any Member of the said Committee of Management, or left at his usual Place of Abode, or upon the Clerk of the said Company, or at the Office of such Clerk, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or at the Office of the said Company, or in case the same respectively should not be found or known, then Service upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

Directing what shall be deemed a Service of Notices, &c. on the Company.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act for any Offence or Offences against this Act, unless Information respecting such Offence or Offences should have been lodged before a Magistrate of the said County of *Middlesex* within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Proceedings to be within Six Calendar Months.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders or of applying the Penalties is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex* in a summary Way, and such Magistrate is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending, (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer,) and in default of Payment of such Pains or Forfeitures the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

Hand and Seal of such Justice; and one Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained, the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted, shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor in such Parish; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or in case the Offender shall declare before such Justice that he hath not any Goods or Chattels whereon to levy, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction of the County or Place where the Offence shall be committed for any Time to be fixed, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures and Costs shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Form of
Conviction.

LXVIII. And for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That a Conviction in the Form or to the Effect following shall be good, without alleging more than the Substance of the Offence; (*videlicet,*)

‘ County of } BE it remembered, That on the Day of
 ‘ Middlesex, }
 ‘ to wit. } in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight
 ‘ hundred and } is [*or are*] convicted
 ‘ before me [*or us, as the Case shall be,*] of His Majesty’s Justices
 ‘ of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, by virtue of an Act passed in
 ‘ the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An*
 ‘ *Act* [*here insert the Title of this Act,*] of having [*specifying the Offence,*
 ‘ *and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the*
 ‘ *Case shall be,*] contrary to the said Act, and for which Offence I [*or we,*
 ‘ *as the Case shall be*] do adjudge the said to have
 ‘ forfeited the Sum of and
 ‘ for Costs. Given under my Hand and Seal [*or our, as the Case shall*
 ‘ *be, Hands and Seals*] the Day and Year first above written.’

Expences of
the Act how
to be paid.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies to be subscribed by virtue of this Act.

Nothing in
this Act to
prevent
Company
from being
indicted for
a Nuisance.

LXX. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding by Indictment or otherwise against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any Actions against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works, or Method of lighting, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of lighting or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Person employed therein.

LXXI. Provided

LXXI. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be deemed or construed to extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and Part of the County of *Middlesex*; but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual as if this Act had not been made.

Powers of Commissioners of Sewers for Westminster, &c. not to be affected.

LXXII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Commissioners and Trustees for lighting and paving the said Town and Villages and Places adjacent, or any of them, and their Successors respectively, their respective Rights, Privileges, and Franchises, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not passed.

General Saving.

LXXIII. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

Public Act.

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