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An Act for dissolving the Alford Gas Company (Limited), for re-incorporating the proprietors therein with others, and for conferring powers on the Company so to be incorporated; and for other purposes. [19th July 1875.]

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WHEREAS in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three certain persons formed themselves into a gas company, under the name of The Alford Gas Company (Limited), (herein-after referred to as "the Limited Company") for the purpose of supplying with gas the parish of Alford in the county of Lincoln, and generally for carrying on the business usually carried on by gas companies, and such company was duly registered under "The Companies Act, 1862:"

And whereas the present share capital of the Limited Company consists of ten thousand pounds, divided into two thousand shares of five pounds each, of which one thousand one hundred and seventy-five shares have been subscribed for and fully paid up, and the Company have borrowed on mortgage two thousand eight hundred pounds:

And whereas the gasworks of the Limited Company are situate on the piece of land described in the first schedule to this Act, and the Company are now supplying gas within the parish aforesaid:

And whereas the demand for gas in the parish of Alford aforesaid has increased and is increasing, and other parishes and places in the neighbourhood thereof are wholly without a supply of gas, and it is expedient that the works of the Limited Company be improved and their mains and limits of supply extended, and that additional capital be provided for such improvement and extension:

And whereas it is expedient that the Limited Company be dissolved and re-incorporated with further powers:

And whereas it is expedient that the Company to be incorporated by this Act (in this Act called "the Company") be authorised to

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purchase and acquire, by compulsion or otherwise, the lands described in the second schedule to this Act, which adjoin the existing gas lands of the Limited Company, and on such lands to extend their existing gasworks and erect new works:

And whereas a plan of the lands which may be purchased by compulsion for the purposes and under the powers of this Act, and a book of reference to such plans, containing the names of the owners and lessees, or reputed owners and lessees, and of the occupiers of the said lands, were duly deposited with the clerk of the peace for the parts of Lindsey in the county of Lincoln, and are hereinafter respectively referred to as the deposited plan and book of reference:

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

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Alford Gas Act, 1875."

Provisions of certain general Acts incorporated.

2. "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," and "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and Part I. (relating to cancellation and surrender of shares), and Part II. (relating to additional capital), and Part III. (relating to debenture stock) of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," and "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869," are, subject to the provisions of this Act, incorporated with and form part of this Act; and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," shall apply to the existing undertaking of the Limited Company, as if the same had been authorised by this Act.

Interpretation of terms.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith shall have the same respective meanings, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction: the expression "the works," "the gasworks," and "the undertaking" shall respectively mean and include the gasworks, and works connected therewith, by this Act vested in or authorised to be made or maintained by the Company, and any improvement thereof which they may construct under the powers of this Act, and the lands, buildings, estate, right, title, property, privileges, effects, and undertaking of the Company, and every part thereof respectively; and the expressions "superior courts," or "court of competent jurisdiction," or any other like expression in this Act, or any Act

wholly or partially incorporated herewith, shall for the purposes of this Act be read and have effect as if the debt or demand in respect of which the expression is used were a common simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Limits of Act.

4. The limits of this Act shall be the parishes, townships, extra-parochial and other places of Alford, Bilsby, with the hamlets of Thurlby and Asserby, Well, Tothby near Alford, and Rigsby-cum-Ailby, in the parts of Lindsey in the county of Lincoln.

Incorporation of Company.

5. From and after the passing of this Act the Limited Company shall be by this Act dissolved, and the several persons and corporations who immediately before the passing of this Act were members of that Company, and all other persons and corporations who have subscribed to or who shall hereafter become proprietors in the undertaking of the Company, and their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns respectively, shall be and they are hereby united into a company for the purpose herein-after mentioned, and shall be incorporated by the name of "The Alford Gas Company," and by that name shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to purchase, take, hold, and dispose of lands and other property for the purposes of this Act.

General purposes of the Company.

6. The Company shall be established for the purpose of manufacturing gas or inflammable air from coal, peat, oil, or other materials yielding gas or inflammable air of what nature soever, and for supplying gas within the limits of this Act, and for converting or utilising and distributing materials used in and about the manufacture of gas or inflammable air as aforesaid, and of residual products resulting from such manufacture, and for dealing in, selling, and disposing of gas and inflammable air, and also coal, and also lime, coke, tar, chemicals, and other residual and manufactured products, and other matters and things, and for carrying on the business usually carried on by gas companies, or by companies or persons dealing in any of the matters and things aforesaid, and for manufacturing, purchasing, or hiring and supplying gas meters, fittings, and other apparatus.

Present property of Limited Company vested in Company incorporated by this Act.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act, all the lands, gasworks, erections, buildings, rights, and easements which immediately before the passing of this Act were vested in the Limited Company, or any person in trust for them, or to which the Limited Company were in anywise entitled, and all mains and pipes, plant, plugs, lamps, irons, retorts, gauges, meters, lamp-posts, syphons, apparatus, stock, effects, matters, and things which have been by them purchased, provided, laid down, erected, or placed in any place or house within the limits

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of this Act, or which immediately before the passing of this Act were the property of the Limited Company, and all money, securities, credits, effects, and other property whatsoever, which immediately before the passing of this Act belonged to the Limited Company, or to any trustee on their behalf, and the benefit of all contracts and engagements entered into by or on behalf of the Limited Company, and immediately before the passing of this Act in force, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Company to the same extent and for the same estate and interest as the same were, previously to the passing of this Act, vested in the Limited Company, or any trustee on their behalf, and may, according to the provisions of this Act, be held and enjoyed, sued for and recovered, maintained, altered, discontinued, removed, dealt with, and disposed of by the Company as they think fit.

Memorandum and articles of association of the Limited Company to be void, without prejudice to remedies for antecedent breaches thereof.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the memorandum and articles of association of the Limited Company shall, as to any prospective operation thereof, be wholly void, and the Company and the shareholders shall be exempted from all the provisions, restrictions, and requirements of any Act which applied to the Limited Company and the members thereof as such; but nothing in this Act contained shall release or discharge any person from any liability or obligation in respect of any breach of the provisions of the said memorandum or articles of association incurred before the passing of this Act, but such liability or obligation in respect of any such breach shall continue, and, save as in this Act otherwise provided, may be enforced by or on behalf of the Company as nearly as may be in like manner as the same might have been enforced by or on behalf of the Limited Company if this Act had not been passed.

Nothing to affect previous rights and liabilities.

9. Except as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the passing of this Act done or suffered by or with reference to the Limited Company, or the members thereof as such, shall be as valid as if the Company had not been incorporated and the said memorandum and articles of association had not been avoided by this Act, and such incorporation and avoidance and this Act respectively shall accordingly be subject and without prejudice to everything so done or suffered, and to all rights, liabilities, claims, and demands, both present and future, which, if the Company were not incorporated and the said memorandum and articles of association were not avoided by this Act, and this Act were not passed, would be incident to or consequent on any and every thing so done or suffered; and with respect to all such rights, liabilities, claims, and demands, the Company and its shareholders and property shall to all intents and purposes represent the Limited Company,

and the members thereof as such, and the property of the Limited Company (as the case may be), and the generality of this enactment shall not be restricted by any of the other clauses and provisions of this Act.

Contracts prior to Act to be binding.

10. Except as is by this Act otherwise specially provided, all purchases, sales, conveyances, grants, assurances, deeds, contracts, bonds, and agreements entered into or made before the passing of this Act, by, to, or with the Limited Company, or any trustees or persons acting on behalf of the Limited Company, or by, to, or with any other person to whose rights and liabilities they have succeeded, and now in force, shall be as binding and of as full force and effect in every respect against or in favour of the Company, and may be enforced as fully and effectually, as if, instead of the Limited Company, or the trustees or persons acting on behalf of the Limited Company, the Company had been a party thereto.

Actions, &c. not to abate.

11. Nothing in this Act contained shall release, discharge, or suspend any action, suit, or other proceeding at law or in equity which was pending by or against the Limited Company, or any member thereof in relation to the affairs of the Limited Company, or to which the Limited Company, or any member thereof in relation to such affairs, were parties immediately before the passing of this Act; but such action, suit, or other proceeding may be maintained, prosecuted, or continued by or in favour of or against the Company (as the case may be) in the same manner and as effectually and advantageously as the same might have been maintained, prosecuted, or continued by or in favour of or against the Limited Company, or any member thereof, if this Act had not been passed, the Company and the shareholders therein being in reference to the matters aforesaid in all respects substituted for the Limited Company, and its members respectively.

Trustees, &c. of Limited Company to be indemnified.

12. Every trustee or other person in whom or in whose name any lands, works, buildings, easements, rights, property, or effects belonging to the Limited Company were vested immediately before the passing of this Act, and who (being authorised so to do) entered into any bond, covenant, contract, or engagement in respect of the same, or otherwise, on behalf of the Limited Company, shall be indemnified out of the funds and property of the Company against all liability (including costs, charges, and expenses) which he may sustain or incur or be put unto by reason of his having entered into such bond, covenant, contract, or engagement.

Company to satisfy liabilities of Limited Company.

13. From and after the passing of this Act, and except as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, the Company shall in all respects be subject to and shall discharge all obligations and

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liabilities to which the Limited Company immediately before the passing of this Act were subject, and shall indemnify the members, directors, officers, and servants of the Limited Company, and their respective representatives, from all such obligations and liabilities and from all expenses and costs in that behalf.

Recovery of gas rents, &c.

14. All gas rents and sums of money which immediately before the passing of this Act were due or accruing to the Limited Company shall be payable to and may be collected and recovered by the Company, in like manner as if they had become payable for the like matters supplied or done under this Act.

As to payment of debts owing before passing of Act.

15. All persons who immediately before the passing of this Act owed any money to the Limited Company, or to any person on their behalf, shall pay the same, with all interest (if any) due or accruing upon the same, to the Company; and all debts and moneys which immediately before the passing of this Act were due or recoverable from the Limited Company, or for the payment of which the Limited Company were or, but for this Act, would be liable, shall be paid, with all interest (if any) due or accruing upon the same, by or be recoverable from the Company.

Certificates, &c. to remain in force.

16. Notwithstanding the avoidance of the said memorandum and articles of association, all certificates (until cancelled under the powers of this Act), sales, transfers, and dispositions heretofore made or executed under them, for and with respect to any shares in the Limited Company, shall remain in full force, and continue and be available in all respects as if they had not been avoided.

Books, &c. continued evidence.

17. All documents, books, and writings, which, if the said dissolution and avoidance had not taken place, would have been receivable in evidence shall be admitted as evidence in all courts of law and equity and elsewhere, notwithstanding such dissolution and avoidance.

Officers to continue until removed.

18. All officers and servants of the Limited Company who were in office immediately before the passing of this Act shall hold and enjoy their respective offices and employments, together with the salaries and emoluments thereunto annexed, until they shall resign the same or be removed therefrom by the Company, and shall be subject and liable to the like conditions, obligations, pains, and penalties, and to the like powers of removal, and to the like rules, restrictions, and regulations in all respects whatsoever as if they had been appointed under this Act.

Present registers of members to be continued.

19. The books kept by the Limited Company for entering the names and designations of the members thereof, with the numbers of their shares and the proper distinguishing number of such shares,

shall and may continue to be kept for the same purpose by the Company, and shall, until some other register of shareholders shall be provided by the Company, be taken and considered as the register of shareholders required to be kept by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Capital.

20. The capital of the Company shall be fifteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-five pounds, and shall consist of stock to the amount of five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five pounds, to be deemed fully paid up, and of one thousand shares of ten pounds each.

Vesting of stock in present shareholders.

21. The said sum of five thousand eight hundred and seventy-five pounds capital stock shall be vested in the several persons who, immediately before the passing of this Act, were the registered members of the Limited Company, in substitution for their existing shares in the capital of the Limited Company, and in proportion to their respective holdings in that capital; and every portion of stock so vested shall be subject and liable to the same trusts, powers, provisions, declarations, agreements, charges, liens, and incumbrances as, immediately before the passing of this Act, affected the share or shares for which the same is substituted, and so as to give effect to and not revoke any testamentary disposition of or affecting the same.

Company shall call in and cancel existing share certificates, and issue new certificates in lieu thereof.

22. The Company shall call in and cancel the existing certificates of shares in the Limited Company, and issue in lieu thereof certificates of the stock appropriated and vested by this Act as aforesaid, as nearly as may be in the form and under the conditions prescribed by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to certificates of shares; but the holders of such existing certificates of shares shall not be entitled to any certificates of proprietorship under this Act until they shall have delivered up to the Company to be cancelled the certificates of proprietorship issued to them before the passing of this Act, or shall have proved to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company the loss or destruction thereof.

Shares not to issue until one fifth paid up.

23. The Company shall not issue any share created under the authority of this Act, nor shall any such share vest in the person or corporation accepting the same, unless and until a sum not being less than one fifth of the amount of such share is paid in respect thereof.

Calls.

24. One fifth of the amount of a share shall be the greatest amount of a call, and three months at least shall be the interval between successive calls, and three fourths of the amount of a share shall be the utmost aggregate amount of the calls made in any year upon any share.

Rights of stockholders.

25. The several holders of the stock of the Company appro-

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priated and vested by this Act as aforesaid shall be entitled to participate in the dividends and profits of the Company, and to the same privileges and advantages for the purpose of voting at meetings of the Company as regards qualification for the office of directors, and for other purposes, as if the stock had been formed by the conversion or consolidation into stock of fully paid-up shares of the capital of the Company.

Dividends on different classes of stock or shares to be paid rateably.

26. In case in any half year the net revenues of the Company applicable to dividend shall be insufficient to pay the full amount of the prescribed maximum rate of dividend on each class of ordinary stock or shares in the capital of the Company, a rateable deduction shall be made in the dividend of each class.

Power to borrow on mortgage.

27. The Company may at any time, and from time to time, after the passing of this Act, borrow on mortgage any sums not exceeding in the whole three thousand eight hundred pounds, inclusive of the sum of two thousand eight hundred pounds borrowed on mortgage by the Limited Company; but no part of that sum shall be borrowed in addition to the sum of two thousand eight hundred pounds already borrowed by the Limited Company until the whole of the capital of the Company under this Act, other than the stock appropriated and vested by this Act as aforesaid, is issued and accepted, and one half thereof is paid up, and the Company have proved to the justice who is to certify under the fortieth section of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," (before he so certifies) that the whole of such capital has been issued and accepted, and that one half thereof has been paid up, and that not less than one fifth part of the amount of each separate share in such capital has been paid on account thereof before or at the time of the issue or acceptance thereof, and that such capital was issued bonâ fide and is held by the persons or corporations to whom the same was issued, or their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, and that such persons or corporations, their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, are legally liable for the same; and upon production to such justice of the books of the Company, and of such other evidence as he shall think sufficient, he shall grant a certificate that the proof aforesaid has been given, which shall be sufficient evidence thereof.

Priority of principal moneys secured by existing mortgages.

28. All mortgages and bonds granted by the Limited Company before the passing of this Act, and subsisting at the passing hereof, shall, during the continuance of such mortgages and bonds, have priority over any mortgages granted by virtue of this Act; but nothing in this section contained shall affect any priority of the interest of any debenture stock at any time created and issued by the Company.

Priority of mortgages over other debts.

29. All money raised or to be raised by the Company on mortgage or debenture stock under the provisions of this Act shall have priority against the Company, and the property from time to time of the Company, over all other claims on account of any debts incurred or engagements entered into by them after the passing of this Act: Provided always, that this priority shall not affect any claim against the Company or their property in respect of any rentcharge to be granted by them in pursuance of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860, or in respect of any rent or sum reserved by or payable under any lease granted or made to the Company in pursuance of any Act relating to the Company, which is entitled to rank in priority to or pari passu with the interest on their mortgages or debenture stock, nor shall anything in this section contained affect any claim for land taken, used, or occupied by the Company for the purposes of the Company's undertaking and works, or injuriously affected by the construction thereof, or by the exercise of any powers conferred on the Company.

As to conversion of borrowed money into capital.

30. The Company shall not have power to raise the money by this Act authorised to be borrowed on mortgage, or any part thereof, by the creation of shares or stock instead of borrowing, or to convert into capital the amount borrowed under the provisions of this Act, unless in either case all dividends upon the shares or stock referred to in this section are limited to a rate not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum.

Debenture stock.

31. The Company may create and issue debenture stock, subject to the provisions of Part III. of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863;" but, notwithstanding anything therein contained, the interest of all debenture stock at any time created and issued by the Company shall rank pari passu with the interest of all mortgages at any time hereafter granted by the Company, and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages.

Application of moneys.

32. All moneys raised under this Act, whether by shares, debenture stock, or borrowing, shall be applied for the purposes of this Act only.

First ordinary meeting.

33. The first ordinary meeting of the Company shall be held within six months after the passing of this Act.

Number of directors.

34. The number of the directors shall be six, but the Company may from time to time reduce the number, provided that the number be not less than three.

Qualification of directors.

35. The qualification of a director shall be the possession in his

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own right of not less than ten shares, or of stock to the amount of one hundred pounds.

Quorum.

36. The quorum of a meeting of directors shall be three, but if the number of the directors be reduced to three, the quorum shall be two.

First directors.

37. John William Casey, Edwin Teasdale, William Cartwright Holmes, Joseph Morton, John Burgess, and Humphrey Taylor shall be the first directors of the Company, and shall continue in office until the first ordinary meeting held after the passing of this Act.

Election of directors.

At that meeting the shareholders present in person or by proxy may either continue in office the directors appointed by this Act, or any of them, or may elect a new body of directors, or directors to supply the place of those not continued in office, the directors appointed by this Act being, if qualified, eligible for re-election; and at the first ordinary meeting to be held in every year after the first ordinary meeting the shareholders present in person or by proxy shall (subject to the power herein-before contained for reducing the number of directors) elect persons to supply the places of the directors then retiring from office, agreeably to the provisions of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845;" and the several persons elected at any such meeting, being neither removed nor disqualified, nor having died or resigned, shall continue to be directors until others are elected in their stead in manner provided by the same Act.

Contracts not to disqualify for office of director.

38. Any contract to be made with any board, corporation, or public body under this Act shall not disqualify any of the members of any such board, corporation, or public body for the office of directors, but no director being a member of any such board, corporation, or public body shall vote on any question as to any contract with such board, corporation, or public body.

Power to take lands.

39. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may enter on, take, and use the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited books of reference.

Powers for compulsory purchases limited.

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

Powers as to construction and maintenance of gasworks, &c.

41. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may maintain, alter, improve, enlarge, extend, and renew or discontinue the existing gas and other works of the Limited Company by this Act vested in the Company, and erect, make, and maintain, alter, improve, enlarge, extend, and renew or discontinue other works for the manufacture of gas or inflammable air, from coal, peat, oil,

or other materials yielding gas or inflammable air of what nature soever, and convert or utilise and distribute materials used in and about the manufacture of gas or inflammable air as aforesaid, and of residual products resulting from such manufacture, upon the lands and hereditaments described in the first and second schedules to this Act, or some of them, or some part or parts thereof respectively; and upon those lands they may accordingly manufacture gas and inflammable air, and manufacture, convert, utilise, and distribute such materials and residual products as aforesaid, and also on those lands store gas and inflammable air, and erect houses and other buildings; and the Company may also, from time to time, provide, lay down, maintain, alter, improve, enlarge, extend, and renew or discontinue drains, sewers, mains, pipes, meters, lamps, lamp-posts, burners, stopcocks, machinery, and other works and apparatus and conveniences, and may do all such other acts as they may think proper for making, storing, and supplying gas or inflammable air within the limits of this Act, and may supply gas or inflammable air accordingly, and may deal in and sell and dispose of coal, and also lime, coke, tar, and other residual and manufactured products, and other matters and things, and carry on the business usually carried on by gas companies, or by companies or persons dealing in any of the matters and things aforesaid, and may manufacture, purchase, or hire, and supply gas meters, fittings, and other apparatus.

Power to purchase lands by agreement.

42. The Company may, for the purposes of their undertaking, purchase, take, and hold (by agreement, but not otherwise), in addition to the lands described in the schedule to this Act, any lands and hereditaments, not exceeding in the whole five acres, which the Company may from time to time require for the purposes of their works and undertaking, but no gas or residual products shall be manufactured by the Company except on the lands described in the schedules to this Act.

Power to lay pipes against buildings.

43. The Company, with the consent of the owner and occupier of any building, may lay any pipe, branch, or any other necessary apparatus from any main or branch pipe into, through, or against such building, for the purpose of lighting it, and may, with the like consent, provide and set up any apparatus necessary for securing to such building a proper and complete supply of gas, and for measuring and ascertaining the extent of such supply, and may from time to time, with the like consent, repair, replace, alter, discontinue, and remove any such pipe, branch, or apparatus.

Limiting the price of gas.

44. The price to be charged by the Company for gas supplied by them to persons who shall burn the same by meter shall not

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at any time exceed six shillings and eightpence per thousand cubic feet.

Pressure of gas.

45. All gas supplied by the Company to any consumer of gas shall be supplied at such pressure as to balance a column of water from midnight to sunset not less than six tenths of an inch, and from sunset to midnight not less than eight tenths of an inch in height at the main, as near as may be to the junction therewith of the service pipe supplying such consumer; and any gas examiner appointed under "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," may, subject to the terms of his appointment, from time to time test the pressure at which the gas is supplied, and may for that purpose open any street, road, passage, or place vested in or under the control of any local or road authority, and the provisions of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," with reference to testing of gas and to penalties, shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to such testing of pressure; and two hours previous notice shall be given to the Company of the time and place at which such testing shall be conducted.

Quality of gas.

46. The prescribed number of candles shall be fourteen.

Testing place.

47. Within twelve calendar months from the passing of this Act a testing place shall be provided upon some part of the works or lands of the Company, or within two hundred yards from any part thereof.

Burner.

48. The prescribed burner shall be Sugg's No. 1 London argand burner, consuming five cubic feet of gas per hour, with a six-inch by one-and-three-quarter-inch glass chimney; and if at any time the gas flame rises above the top of the glass, a six-inch by two-inch chimney shall be used.

Company to pay interest on money deposited as security for gas meter, &c.

49. If any person is required by the Company to give to them security for the payment of the price or rent of a meter, the Company shall pay interest after the rate of five pounds per centum per annum on every sum of ten shillings deposited by way of such security for every six months during which the same remains in their hands.

Power to hold licenses under letters patent.

50. The Company may take, hold, and use patent rights or licenses or authorities (not being exclusive) under any letters patent for the use of any invention relative to the manufacture, conversion, utilisation, or distribution of gas or inflammable air, and of such materials and residual products as aforesaid.

Contracts for supplying gas for public purposes.

51. The Company may enter into and carry into effect any agreement with any local board of health, urban or rural sanitary authority, or other local authority, and the trustees of any turnpike or other road, or any highway board, or any surveyors of any

highway, and any railway company, and any other companies, bodies, or persons, for the supply of gas or inflammable air by the Company for public purposes within the limits of this Act, for any period not exceeding under any one such contract or arrangement seven years, and may vary, suspend, or rescind any such agreement, and enter into or carry into effect other agreements in lieu thereof or in addition thereto.

Notices to Company to be in writing, &c.

52. No notice to the Company to discontinue the use of any gas supplied by them shall be of any effect unless such notice shall be in writing, and shall be left at the principal office for the time being of the Company.

Justices not disqualified by being creditors.

53. No justice or judge shall be disqualified from acting in the execution of this Act by reason of his being a creditor of the Company.

Expenses of Act.

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

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The SCHEDULES referred to in the foregoing Act.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Certain lands (on which the existing works of the Limited Company are situate) situate in the parish of Alford, in the county of Lincoln, formerly part of Handby Close and Catleys Gardens, on the outskirts of the town of Alford, and to the south-east thereof, and comprising one thousand two hundred and thirty-five square yards or thereabouts.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

Certain lands situate in Alford parish aforesaid, on the north of and next adjoining to the lands lastly herein-before described, formerly belonging or reputed to belong to Mr. William Catley Sampson, but now belonging or reputed to belong to Mr. Henry Duncan Robinson and comprising about one quarter of a rood.

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