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Oil Gas Company were incorporated for lighting with Gas, produced from other Materials than Coal, the same Places as the *Bristol* Gas-
6 W. 4. c. xv. light Company had been as aforesaid authorized to light: And whereas the Powers of the last-recited Act were varied and enlarged by an Act passed in the Sixth Year of the Reign of King *William* the Fourth, which enabled the *Bristol and Clifton* Oil Gas Company to make Gas
10 & 11 Vict. c. xxvii. from Coal, but by an Act passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, "for granting further Powers to the *Bristol and* "*Clifton* Oil Gas Company," both the Two last-recited Acts were repealed, and the last-named Company was re-incorporated by the Name of "The *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company," and the Limits within which the Powers of the Company were to be exercised were defined to be "the City and County of *Bristol*, and that Part of the Parish of "*Westbury-upon-Trym* which is situate within the County of *Gloucester*, "and that Part of the Parish of *Bedminster* which is situate within the
11 & 12 Vict. c. xiii. "County of *Somerset*," which Act was amended by an Act passed in the next subsequent Session of Parliament: And whereas the Two Companies have severally proceeded in the Execution of their Acts to light with Gas the City of *Bristol* and its Neighbourhood, and their Pipes are laid Side by Side in the Streets and Roads of the said City and Neighbourhood, and occasion very frequent breaking up of the same and Interruption of the Traffic therein; and it would contribute to the public Convenience and would be an Economy of Money if the Two Undertakings were united into One, and were placed under a single Management, and if the Two Companies were also consolidated and united; and the said Companies are desirous of being so united: And whereas the Capital which the *Bristol* Gaslight Company are authorized to raise is One hundred thousand Pounds, in Five thousand Shares of Twenty Pounds each, and they have in fact created such Five thousand Shares, and raised thereby the said Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds; and have, in addition to that Sum, invested in carrying into execution the Purposes of their Acts a further Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds and upwards out of the Profits which they might lawfully have divided among themselves; and they have also certain available Assets, such as Gasmeters, Coal, Tar, and Materials, and the said Company are not indebted on Mortgage or Bond, nor do they owe any Money, excepting for certain of their current Outgoings: And whereas the Capital which the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company are authorized to raise is Eighty thousand Pounds, in Three thousand two hundred Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each, and they have in fact created Two thousand six hundred of such Shares, and have thereby raised the Sum of Sixty-five thousand Pounds; and the same Company are also authorized to borrow on Mortgage or Bond a Sum of Money not exceeding Twenty-six thousand six hundred Pounds, and they now have outstanding on Mortgage or Bonds the Sum of Thirteen thousand seven hundred and

fifty Pounds; and they have also available Assets of a similar Nature to that above referred to: And whereas a Negotiation having been long pending for the Amalgamation of the Two Companies, it was agreed between them that the Amount or Proportion to be assigned to each Company of the Joint Stock of the amalgamated Company should be referred to Mr. *Alfred King* of *Liverpool* and Mr. *Charles Burt Robinson* of *Leicester*, who should have regard to the Values of the Properties and Shares of the respective Companies, and the Profits derived by them respectively as compared with each other, and they the said Referees have made their Report, and in pursuance thereof it has been agreed by the said Companies that the Joint Capital of the amalgamated Company shall be considered to be and shall be One hundred and seventy-nine thousand eight hundred Pounds, whereof there shall be attributed to the Shareholders of the *Bristol* Gaslight Company One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds, and to the Shareholders of the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company Fifty-four thousand eight hundred Pounds, and that the Mortgage or Bond Debt of the last-named Company shall become the Debt of and be assumed by the amalgamated Company: And whereas in consequence of the great Increase of the Population and Buildings of *Bristol*, and the Demands upon the Companies to light the remote Districts and the Suburbs of the said City, it is necessary that the united Company should raise a larger Capital than the Two Companies are both now empowered to raise, and it may also become desirable to extend the Supply of Gas beyond the Boundary of the said City into neighbouring Parishes and Districts, for which the Powers and Capital of the respective Companies are now insufficient: And whereas it is expedient that the Acts relating to both Companies should be repealed and that certain of the Powers contained therein should be re-enacted and other Powers granted: But inasmuch as these Things cannot be accomplished without the Authority of Parliament, may it 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:

Recited Acts repealed, but not to affect Purchases, &c.

I. From and after the passing of this Act the several herein-before recited Acts relating to the *Bristol* Gaslight Company and to the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company shall be and the same are hereby repealed; and the said Two Companies are hereby dissolved: Provided nevertheless, that the repealing of the said Acts shall not annul or in anywise prejudice or affect any Purchase, Sale, Conveyance, Grant, Contract, Security, Act, Matter, or Thing whatsoever heretofore made, done, committed, or executed under or by virtue or in pursuance of the said repealed Acts or any of them; but all

all such Purchases, Sales, Conveyances, Grants, Contracts, Securities, Acts, Matters, and Things shall be and the same are hereby declared to be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever as if the said Acts had not been repealed.

Incorporation of new Company.

II. From and immediately after the passing of this Act, the several Persons who at that Time were Shareholders in the *Bristol* Gaslight Company, and the several Persons who at that Time were Shareholders in the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company, and all other Persons who shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, and the Executors, Administrators, and Assigns of the said Persons respectively, shall be and they hereby are united into One Company and Body Corporate, by the Name of "The *Bristol* United Gaslight Company," and by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession, and shall and may sue and be sued, and may purchase and hold and may sell and convey Lands for the Purposes of this Act and within the Restrictions herein contained.

Style of Company.

Purposes and Limits of the Company.

III. The said Company shall be established for the Purpose of manufacturing and selling Gas, and of lighting therewith the City and County of *Bristol*, and the Electoral District of Seven Miles from any Part of the Boundary of the said City and County, and also any Parish, Part only of which may be included within the Electoral District, and especially the Parishes of *Westbury-upon-Trym*, *Horfield*, *Stapleton*, and *St. George's*, in *Gloucestershire*, and *Bedminster*, *Brislington*, and *Keynsham*, in *Somersetshire*, and the Company may do all Acts necessary or usual for the Purposes aforesaid or incidental thereto, including the Conversion, Manufacture, and Sale of secondary Products arising from the Distillation or Manipulation of Coal or other Materials from which Gas may be produced or made: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall render it obligatory on the Company hereby incorporated to lay down Pipes, or to supply Gas, or to light any of the Parishes or Districts beyond the present Boundaries of the City and County of *Bristol*.

Effects, &c. of dissolved Companies vested in the Company hereby incorporated.

IV. From and immediately after the Day of the passing of this Act all Lands, Buildings, Works, Machinery, Apparatus, Plant, Pipes, Meters, Chattels, Shares, Bonds, Deeds, Securities, Books, Writings, Maps, Plans, and all other Personal Estate and Effects of or to which either of the dissolved Companies was on that Day seised, possessed, or entitled, at Law or in Equity, shall be vested in and belong to the Company hereby incorporated, for their absolute Benefit; and all Persons and Corporations who on that Day shall owe any Sum of Money to either of the dissolved Companies, or to any Person on behalf of either of the dissolved Companies, shall pay the same, together with all Interest, if any, due or to accrue due for the

the same, to the Company hereby incorporated; and all Monies which on the said Day shall be due and owing by or recoverable from either of the dissolved Companies, or for the Payment of which either of them was or, but for the passing of this Act, would have been liable, shall be paid, with all Interest, if any, due or to accrue due thereon, by or be recoverable from the Company hereby incorporated; and the Company hereby incorporated shall be subject to all Liabilities, Obligations, Contracts, Claims, Demands, and Penalties to which the dissolved Companies were respectively on the said Day subject, in like Manner as the dissolved Companies respectively would have been subject to the same if this Act had not been passed.

Property and Effects as valued and certified to be the Property of Company hereby incorporated; and 1st Jan. 1853 to be deemed the Commencement of the Union of the Companies.

V. And whereas for the internal Purposes of the Two dissolved Companies, and in pursuance of the Agreement between them, and without Prejudice to the Rights or Claims of any Persons against them, or the Liabilities of any Persons towards them, a separate Account has been made up to, and inclusive of, the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two of the separate Property of each of the said Two Companies, and a Valuation has also been made of the Stock belonging to each of the said Two Companies of Pipes, Meters, Materials, Cash at Bankers and in hand, and other Chattels available for the Purposes of the Company hereby incorporated, and the Values of the Matters aforesaid have been ascertained and certified by the said *Alfred King* and *Charles Burt Robinson* in their Report dated the Eleventh Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three: Be it enacted, That the Prices so fixed as the Values of the said Matters belonging on that Day to each of the said Companies, shall be placed to the Credit of that Company, and shall be deemed a Part of the Shares of One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds and Fifty-four thousand eight hundred Pounds, respectively brought by that Company into the Stock of the Company hereby incorporated; and that the herein-before mentioned Bond Debt of the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company of Thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds shall be paid by the Company hereby incorporated, and all Monies received or expended by or on account of either of the said Two Companies since the Thirty-first Day of *December* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, excepting in discharge of Debts due to or from the particular Company previously to that Day, shall be deemed to be received or expended on account of the Company hereby incorporated, and the First Day of *January* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three shall be deemed to be the Commencement for pecuniary Purposes of the Union of the said Companies.

Contracts and Agreements to remain in force.

VI. All Conveyances, Bonds, Contracts, Agreements, Covenants, and Securities, Rights, Powers, and Liabilities existing or made or entered into, upon or before the passing of this Act to, with, or in favour of or by or for the dissolved Companies respectively, or any Person on either of their Behalves, shall be and remain as good, valid, and effectual in favour of or against and with reference to the Company hereby incorporated as they were in favour of or against and with reference to the dissolved Companies respectively.

Contracts to be completed.

VII. In all Cases in which either of the dissolved Companies shall have, upon or previously to the passing of this Act, entered into any Contract or Agreement for the Purchase or Sale of any Lands or Works, Powers, Rights, or Privileges, which, upon or before the said Day shall not have been effectually conveyed or transferred to or by such Company, or the Purchase Money in respect whereof shall not have been duly paid, then and in every such Case such Contract or Agreement, provided the same shall be valid and subsisting on the said Day, shall be completed by or in favour of, and such Lands, Works, Powers, Rights, and Privileges shall be conveyed and transferred to or by the Company hereby incorporated, as the Case may require, and all the Clauses and Provisions of the Act under which such Contract or Agreement may have been entered into, or such Lands or Works, Powers, Rights, or Privileges purchased, sold, or taken with reference to such Contract, Agreement, Sale, or Purchase, or with reference to the Payment and Application of the Purchase Money, shall be read and construed as though the Company hereby incorporated had been named or referred to therein in lieu of the dissolved Company by whom such Contract or Agreement may have been made, or such Lands or Works, Powers, Rights, or Privileges purchased, sold, or taken.

All Rights acquired and Penalties incurred under repealed Acts to be enforced, and all Matters made Evidence to remain so.

VIII. All Rights and Remedies which, upon the Day of the passing of this Act shall be vested in any Person under the said Acts hereby repealed, or any of them, shall continue and the same shall be enforced against the Company hereby incorporated, and all Penalties and Forfeitures to which any Person on the said Day shall be liable under the said Acts hereby repealed, or either of them, shall continue and the same shall be enforced as if the said Acts had not been repealed; and all Matters by the said Acts, or any of them, made Evidence of any other Matter or Thing shall continue Evidence of such Matter or Thing as if the said Acts had not been repealed.

Suits by or against dissolved Companies may be

IX. All Suits, Actions, and Proceedings which, in any Court or before any Magistrate, but for the passing of this Act might have been brought in the Name of either of the said dissolved Companies, may

may be brought or prosecuted in the Name of the Company hereby incorporated; and all Suits, Actions, and Proceedings in any Court or before any Magistrate, which but for the passing of this Act might have been brought or prosecuted against either of the said dissolved Companies, may be brought or prosecuted against the Company hereby incorporated; and the like Judgment and Remedy may be had and obtained for or against the Company hereby incorporated that might have been had and obtained against the dissolved Companies respectively if this Act had not been passed. brought by or against Company hereby incorporated.

X. No Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding whatsoever commenced or carried on by or against either of the dissolved Companies previously to the Day of the passing of this Act, shall abate or be discontinued, or be prejudicially affected by this Act, but the same shall continue and take effect, both in favour of and against the Company hereby incorporated, in the same Manner in all respects as if the said Action and Prosecution or Proceeding had originally been commenced by or against the Company hereby incorporated: Provided always, that any such Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding shall be continued in the Name of the dissolved Company by or against which the same had been originally commenced, and in the same Form as if this Act had not been passed. Actions, &c. not to abate.

XI. All Officers and Persons appointed under the recited Acts respectively shall hold their respective Offices and Employments, according to the Terms of their Appointments, until Appointments of other Officers and Persons shall be made under this Act, or until they shall be removed by the Directors of the Company hereby incorporated; and all such Officers and Persons shall have the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages, and shall be liable to the same Penalties, Obligations, Restrictions, and Regulations as if they had been appointed under this Act: Provided always, that in case any Officer or Person employed by either of the Companies shall not be employed and retained by the Company hereby incorporated in the same Office, or shall not be placed in an Office of equal Value under this Act, it shall be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated, or the Directors thereof, if they think fit, to make such Compensation by way of Annuity or otherwise to such Officer or other Person as the Company or Directors at their Discretion shall think right. Officers under recited Acts to continue until removed.

XII. All Officers or Persons who upon or after the Day of the passing of this Act shall have in their Possession or under their Control any Money, Books, Documents, Papers, Writings, or Effects under or by virtue of any of the Provisions of the recited Acts respectively, shall be liable to account for and to deliver up all such Money, Books, Documents, Papers, Writings, or other Effects, to the Officers under recited Acts to account.

the Company hereby incorporated, or to such Person as they shall appoint to receive the same, in the same Manner and subject to the same Process, Pains, and Penalties for Refusal or Neglect as if such Officers or Persons had been appointed and had become possessed of such Money, Books, Documents, Papers, Writings, or other Effects under the Provisions of this Act; and all Bonds, Guarantees, or Suretyships by any Person or Persons for the faithful Execution by any such Officer or Person of his Office or Employment already made and executed to either of the said dissolved Companies, shall still continue and remain in force to the Company hereby incorporated, and be recoverable upon by such last-mentioned Company, as if actually made thereto.

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 16. and 18. and 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15. incorporated with this Act.

XIII. "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act: Provided always, that nothing contained in the said "Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall authorize the Company hereby incorporated to take or use any Land unless with the Consent of and by Agreement with the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers thereof.

24 Hours Notice to be given before opening Streets, &c. instead of Time fixed by 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15.

XIV. Notwithstanding the Provision contained in the Eighth Section of the "Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," requiring the Company hereby incorporated, before they proceed to open or break up any Street, Bridge, Sewer, Drain, or Tunnel, to give to the Persons under whose Control or Management the same may be, or to their Clerk, Surveyor, or other Officer, Notice in Writing of their Intention to open or break up the same not less than Three clear Days before beginning such Works, it shall be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated to proceed to open and break up any such Street, Bridge, Sewer, Drain, or Tunnel for the Purpose of laying down Service Pipes, after having given to the Persons under whose Control or Management the same may be, or to their Clerk, Surveyor, or other Officer, Notice in Writing of their Intention to open or break up the same not less than Twenty-four Hours before beginning such Work, except in Cases of Emergency arising from Defects in any of the Pipes or other Works, in which Cases such Notice shall be given so soon as is possible after the Beginning of the Work, or the Necessity for the same shall have arisen; and the Penalty that might have been incurred for opening or breaking up any Street, Bridge, Sewer, Drain, or Tunnel, under the said "Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," contrary to the Provisions of that Act, shall extend and apply to the Notice required to be given under this Act: Provided always, that for the Purpose of laying any Main the Notice required by the said Eighth Section shall be given.

XV. It

No Building for Manufacture of Gas to be erected within certain Limits.

XV. It shall not be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated to erect or establish any Manufactory, Gasometer, or other Building or Work for the Purpose of manufacturing Gas within that Part of the City and County of *Bristol* which is bounded by the Old Line of the Rivers *Avon* and *Frome* (now being Part of the Floating Harbour of *Bristol*) and the Communication of those Rivers by *Castle Ditch*, without the Consent of the Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said City and County, or at some Adjournment thereof, Ten Days previous Notice of the Application for such Consent being given in all the *Bristol* Newspapers; and if the Company hereby incorporated shall erect or establish any Manufactory, Gasometer, or other Building or Work without such Consent, and use the same for the Purpose aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay for every Day they shall so use the same, to any Person who shall sue for the same, the Sum of One hundred Pounds, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit in any of the Superior Courts.

Company not to break up the Soil of certain Bridges, &c. without Consent.

XVI. It shall not be lawful for the Company to open or break up the Soil or Pavement of Two several Bridges across the *New Cut* within the said City and County, called or known by the Name of *Harford's Bridge* and *Hill's Bridge*, or either of them, or any of the Walls, Piers, Wharfs, Locks, or Basins belonging to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of *Bristol*, or lay down, place, or make upon, along, or within the said Walls, Piers, Bridges, Wharfs, Locks, and Basins, or any or either of them, or within the Floating Harbour, within the said City and County, any Pipe, Conduit, Service Pipe, or other Work, except with the Consent in Writing of the Chairman or Secretary for the Time being of the Dock Board appointed by the Town Council of the said City, and on such Conditions as the said Dock Board may prescribe.

Washings not to be carried into the Floating Harbour.

XVII. It shall not be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated to carry or convey, or cause to be carried or conveyed, into the Floating Harbour of *Bristol*, or into the River *Frome*, any Washings or Refuse which shall be produced in manufacturing or procuring the said Gas, or in or by the Prosecution of any of the Works aforesaid.

Power to Local Board of Health to require Company to alter Pipes.

XVIII. If in pursuance of their respective Duties and Trusts it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Local Board of Health of the City of *Bristol* to require the Company hereby incorporated to raise or sink any of the Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves, or Branches which shall be laid down by the said Company, the said Company shall, at their own Expense, within One Calendar Month next after being required so to do by Notice

in Writing to them given by the said Local Board of Health, signed by their Clerk or Agent authorized, unless the said Local Board of Health shall grant further Time for so doing, raise or sink such Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves, or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Manner as the said Local Board of Health shall think right and proper for the Purposes of their Trust; and in default thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Local Board of Health, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves, or Branches to be raised or sunk, and the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company; and in case such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within One Month next after Demand shall be made by such Clerk or Surveyor, or other Person, the same may be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty incurred by the said Company hereby incorporated may be recovered.

If Company fail to comply, Local Board may alter Pipes, &c. at Expense of the Company.

If Pipes, &c. are wilfully or negligently injured, Company may recover Damages from Local Board.

XIX. If by the raising or sinking of any of the said Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves, and Branches any Damage or Injury shall be wilfully or negligently done to the same by the said Local Board of Health, or their Servants or Workmen, then and in every such Case such Damage or Injury shall be made good by the Company hereby incorporated themselves, as soon as Circumstances will permit, and the Costs, Charges, and Expenses thereof shall be paid by the said Local Board of Health to the said Company hereby incorporated, and the same shall be ascertained, settled, and recovered, as any Penalty incurred by or against the Company hereby incorporated may be ascertained, settled, and recovered.

Capital.

XX. And with respect to the Capital of the Company hereby incorporated, be it enacted as follows: The Capital of the said Company shall be One hundred and seventy-nine thousand eight hundred Pounds, and the same shall be formed into a General Capital Stock, whereof One hundred and twenty-five thousand Pounds shall be divided among the Persons, or the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of the Persons, who on the Day of the passing of this Act were Shareholders in the *Bristol* Gaslight Company, in proportion to the Number of Shares held by each of those Persons in the same Company; and the Sum of Fifty-four thousand eight hundred Pounds shall be divided among the Persons, or the Executors, Administrators, or Assigns of the Persons, who on the Day of the passing of this Act were Shareholders in the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company, in proportion to the Number of Shares held by each of those Persons in the same Company; and every Person in whom any Portion of the Stock of the Company hereby incorporated shall be vested, in pursuance of the Provisions in this Section contained, shall hold

hold the same under the same Trusts, and for the same Purposes, and subject to the same Liens as affected the Shares in lieu of which such Stock was issued: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall oblige the Company hereby incorporated to see to the Execution of such Trusts or to the Satisfaction of such Liens.

Arbitration.

XXI. If any Question shall arise with respect to this Act which shall involve the relative Rights or Interests of the Two dissolved Companies, or of the Shareholders thereof respectively, or concerning the Distribution among the Shareholders of each of the said Companies of the Amount of Capital hereby assigned to that Company, such Question shall be referred to the Arbitration of the Two Referees herein-before named, whose Decision thereon shall be final: Provided always, that if the said Referees shall differ, or if either of the said Referees shall die or refuse to act, then every such Question shall ~~be~~ referred to Arbitration in the Manner prescribed by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the Settlement of Disputes by Arbitration.

Increase of Capital.

XXII. It shall be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated from Time to Time, by Vote of any Extraordinary General Meeting convened with Notice of the Matter to be discussed, to raise, by the Issue of new Shares, a further Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole Eighty thousand Pounds, and for that Purpose from Time to Time to issue Shares of such nominal Amount, in such Manner, and under and subject to such Terms and Conditions in all respects as the said Meeting may determine: Provided always, that the said Shares shall in the first instance be offered to Sale by Public Auction in the City of *Bristol* after not less than Fourteen Days Notice of such Sale, advertized once in not less than Two Papers published in the said City; and any Premium paid for such Shares shall be applicable to the general Purposes of the Company hereby incorporated, but shall not be entitled to Dividend.

Manner of voting in respect of Stock or Shares.

XXIII. The several Persons in whom the Stock of the Company hereby incorporated shall be vested shall be entitled to vote at the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Company, according to the Scale following; that is to say, if possessed of Stock to the Amount of Fifty Pounds, One Vote; of One hundred Pounds, Two Votes; Two hundred Pounds, Three Votes; of Three hundred Pounds, Four Votes; and Five hundred Pounds and upwards, Five Votes; and any Persons entitled to any Shares by this Act authorized to be created shall, upon the like Scale of Amount paid up by them, be entitled to vote at such Meetings.

XXIV. All

Transfer of Stock and Shares.

XXIV. All Sales or Transfers by Proprietors of Stock in the Company hereby incorporated shall be of a Sum of not less than Ten Pounds, or a Multiple of Ten Pounds of such Stock, unless any such Sale or Transfer shall be of the whole of the Stock then standing in the Name of such Proprietor; and for the Purpose of bringing the said Stock into Amounts of Ten Pounds, or Multiples of Ten Pounds, it shall be competent to the Company hereby incorporated to receive from or pay to the Holder of any Stock a sufficient Sum to increase or reduce the Stock of such Holder to a Multiple of Ten Pounds, so nevertheless that the same be done within Twelve Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, and so also that no greater Addition shall be thereby made to the Capital of the Company hereby incorporated than Four thousand Pounds.

Power to borrow Money on Mortgage or Bond, but not bound to see to the Execution of Trusts.

XXV. It shall be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated and they are hereby empowered to borrow on Bond any Sum of Money, so that the Sums due by the Company hereby incorporated on Bond (inclusive of the said Sum of Thirteen thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds so due and owing upon the Bonds of the said *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company, and assumed by the Company hereby incorporated,) shall not exceed in the whole the Sum of Eighty-five thousand Pounds, and shall not at any Time exceed One Third of the Stock or Share Capital of the Company at that Time paid up; and the Company hereby incorporated shall not be bound to see to the Execution of any Trusts, whether express, implied, or constructive, to which any Mortgage or Bond may be subject: Provided always, that the Bonds already granted by the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company shall, during the Subsistence thereof, rank before the Bonds granted by virtue of this Act.

Number of Directors.

XXVI. The Number of Directors shall be Fifteen, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession by him of Capital Stock to the Amount of Two hundred Pounds at the least, or of Shares equivalent to the same Amount.

Power to vary the Number of Directors.

XXVII. It shall be lawful for the Company to reduce the Number of Directors, provided that the reduced Number be not less than Nine.

First Directors.

XXVIII. Within One Month after the passing of this Act the Persons who were on the Day previous to the passing thereof Directors of the *Bristol* Gaslight Company shall meet, after not less than One Week's Notice of such Meeting and of the Object thereof, left at the usual Address of every such Director; and at such Meeting the Directors then assembled shall elect Ten Persons either out of their own

own Number or partly out of their Number and partly out of the general Body of Shareholders of the said Company to be Directors of the Company hereby incorporated; and the Persons who on the Day before the passing of this Act were Directors of the *Bristol and Clifton* Gaslight Company shall in like Manner meet and elect Five Persons to be Directors of the Company hereby incorporated; and the Fifteen Persons so elected shall be the First Directors of the Company: Provided always, that until the Directors are so chosen, the Directors of the Two Companies who are in Office at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be the Directors of the united Company.

Remuneration to Directors.

XXIX. It shall be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated, at any of their General Meetings, to fix and determine what Remuneration (if any), not exceeding Four hundred Pounds *per Annum*, shall be made to the Directors for the Time being for their Time and Trouble in conducting the Affairs of the Company, and to direct the Amount of such Remuneration to be paid to such Directors out of the Funds of the Company hereby incorporated.

Power to purchase Lands.

XXX. It shall be lawful for the Company to agree with the Owners of any Lands which they may think requisite or proper for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, for the absolute Purchase for a Consideration in Money of any such Lands, or such Parts thereof as they shall think proper, not exceeding in the whole Fifteen Statute Acres, and of all subsisting Leases therein, and of all Rentcharges, Annuities, Mortgages, or Incumbrances affecting any such Lands, and all commonable or other Rights to which such Lands may be subject, and all other Estates or Interests in such Lands of what kind soever: Provided always, that the total Quantity of Land to be held by the Company at any One Time shall not exceed Fifteen Acres.

Consumers of Gas, if required, to consume Gas by Meter.

XXXI. Every private Consumer of Gas of the Company hereby incorporated shall, upon Request in Writing by the Company, consume Gas by Meter, to be found and provided by and at the Expense of the Company at a reasonable Remuneration for the same, unless the Consumer shall think fit to provide the same at his own Expense, in which Case such Meter shall be approved by the Company.

Limiting Price of Gas for public Lamps.

XXXII. From and after the Expiration of any existing Contract or Contracts for the Supply of Gas by the said dissolved Companies, or either of them, to any public Lamp within the City and County of *Bristol*, the Company hereby incorporated shall, on the Request in Writing of the Local Board of Health, afford such Supply from any Main situate within Twenty-five Yards of any such Lamp, at a Price equal to the lowest Price charged for the Time being by the Company to any private Consumer.

Price of Gas limited.

XXXIII. It shall not at any Time be lawful for the Company hereby incorporated to demand and receive from any Person or Corporation who shall use or burn Gas supplied within the City and County of *Bristol* by the said Company, either for public or private Use and used by the Meter, any Sum exceeding the Rate of Four Shillings and Sixpence *per* One thousand Cubic Feet of such Gas.

As to Quality of Gas to be supplied.

XXXIV. All the Gas to be supplied by the newly incorporated Company shall be of such Quality as to produce from an Argand Burner having Fifteen Holes and a Seven Inch Chimney, or other approved Burner and Chimney, and consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas *per* Hour, a Light equal in Intensity to the Light produced by Ten Sperm Candles of Six in the Pound burning One hundred and twenty Grains *per* Hour.

Company to erect a Meter to test Purity, &c. of Gas.

XXXV. The Company shall, within Six Months after the passing of this Act, erect or cause to be erected upon some convenient Part of their Works an experimental Meter, furnished with an Argand Fifteen Hole Burner and a Seven Inch Chimney, or other approved Burner and Chimney, capable of consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas by the Hour, with other necessary Apparatus for estimating the illuminating Power and for testing the Purity of Gas.

Power to Local Board of Health to test the Purity, &c. of Gas.

XXXVI. If at any Time the Committee of the Local Board of Health of the said City and County shall wish to test the illuminating Power and Purity of the Gas, it shall be lawful for the said Committee, under the Hand of the Town Clerk, to appoint some competent Person, not being a Member or an Officer or Servant of the said Local Board of Health, to proceed to the Works of the Company, and it shall be lawful for such Person so appointed at all reasonable Times in the Daytime, and on Six Hours previous Notice in Writing given to the Company, and on the Production of such written Authority, to enter the Works of the Company for the Purpose of making, and forthwith in the Presence of the Superintendent or other Officer of the Company to make, Experiments upon the illuminating Power and Purity of the Gas by means of the experimental Meter and other Apparatus herein-before mentioned; and if it shall be proved to the Satisfaction of any Two Justices, after hearing the Parties, that the illuminating Power of the Gas supplied by the Company, when consumed in an Argand Fifteen Hole Burner and a Seven Inch Chimney, or other approved Burner and Chimney, consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas *per* Hour, did not equal the illuminating Power of Ten Sperm Candles of Six in the Pound burning One hundred and twenty Grains *per* Hour, then and in any such Case the Company shall forfeit such Sum not exceeding Five Pounds as to the said Justices shall seem fit.

Penalty on Company if Gas shall be proved to be deficient in Quality, &c.

XXXVII. The

Recorder to appoint Inspector of Meters.

XXXVII. The Recorder of the City of *Bristol* shall appoint, and from Time to Time remove and again appoint, an Inspector of Meters, which he is hereby authorized to do; and such Inspector shall have at all Times, on the Application and at the Expense of any Consumer of Gas supplied by the Company hereby incorporated, a Right to inspect the Meters erected by the said Company hereby incorporated, in the Premises of the Person making such Request, after giving Forty-eight Hours Notice of such intended Inspection to the said Company hereby incorporated, or to their Secretary.

Person requiring Inspection of Meter to deposit Money appearing to be due.

XXXVIII. Before such Inspection, the Person requiring such Examination shall deposit in the Hands of the Inspector all Money due or appearing to be due by such Person to the Company hereby incorporated on an Account delivered, and in case such Deposit shall appear to be in excess of the Sum found to be due to the Company, such Excess shall be returned to the Consumer.

As to Recovery of Rent for Gas and Fittings under 20*l.*

XXXIX. In addition to the Power given by the "Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," in this Behalf, the Company hereby incorporated may recover the Rent of any Gas, or the Price or Rent of any Pipe, Burner, Meter, Lamp, or Fitting supplied, sold, delivered, or let to hire by the Company, together with the Expense of cutting off the Service Pipe or Gas, by Action in any Court of competent Jurisdiction, although the Demand in respect thereof may be less than Twenty Pounds.

Saving of Rights.

XL. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained (save as herein provided to the contrary) shall alter, lessen, or abridge any Power or Authority given or granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the City of *Bristol*, in any of their corporate Relations, or to any Commissioners, Trustees, or Body Politic or Corporate, under or by virtue of any Act of Parliament for the Control or Management of the Streets of the said City and Parishes, or for supplying the same with Water.

Short Title.

XLI. In citing this Act it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The *Bristol* United Gaslight Company's Act, 1853."

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