CHAPTER xiv.

An Act for empowering the British Gaslight Company, Limited, to enlarge their Works and to expend further Capital at Norwich; and for other purposes. A.D. 1875.

[13th May 1875.]

WHEREAS by "The British Gaslight Company, Limited, (Norwich) Act, 1858," the British Gaslight Company (in this Act called "the Company") were empowered to lay down mains and to supply gas in the city and county of Norwich and the liberties and precincts thereof, and also in the suburbs of the said city: 21 & 22 Vict. c. lxxix.

And whereas, since the passing of the said Act, much land within the limits thereof has been laid out for building purposes, many new streets have been formed, and numerous houses, manufactories, and works have been erected, and the trade and population and demand for gas therein have greatly increased and are still steadily increasing:

And whereas by the said Act (section sixteen) the capital which the Company were authorised to expend for the purposes of the said Act was limited to one hundred thousand pounds; and whereas the said capital has been expended for the purposes of the undertaking, and the Company require to expend further capital effectually to carry on their undertaking:

And whereas by the said Act (section eleven) the Company were authorised to maintain and use gasworks upon the lands then already purchased by or held in trust for them, or rented by them on lease, at or near to Bishop Bridge, in the hamlet of Thorpe, in the county of the city of Norwich, and at or near World's End Lane, in the parish of Saint Martin-at-Palace, in the city of Norwich, but upon no other land within the limits of the said Act; and it is expedient that the Company should be authorised to erect further works for the storage of gas upon the additional lands described in the schedule to this Act, adjoining the sites upon which the

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present works are situate at World's End Lane and Bishop Bridge aforesaid:

And whereas by the said Act (section twenty-four) the Company were restricted from charging, as part of the expenses of the management of their undertaking at Norwich, any greater proportion of the general expenses of their chief office in London, including directors salaries, than six hundred pounds, and it is expedient that that amount should be increased:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be obtained 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 British Gaslight Company, Limited, (Norwich) Act, 1875.

Construction of Act.

2. The British Gaslight Company, Limited, (Norwich) Act, 1858, and this Act shall be construed together, except so far as such construction would be inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act.

Interpretation of terms.

3. The expression "the Company" in this Act shall mean the British Gaslight Company, Limited; the expression "the Act of 1858" shall mean "The British Gaslight Company, Limited, (Norwich) Act, 1858;" the expression "the works" or "the gasworks," or "the undertaking," shall mean respectively and include the gasworks and works connected therewith already vested in or constructed by the Company under the authority of the Act of 1858, or any gasworks they may provide under the powers of this Act; and for the purposes of this Act the expression "superior courts," or "court of competent jurisdiction," or any other like expression in this Act or the Acts incorporated herewith, shall include county courts, in respect to all matters within their jurisdiction, and shall be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Purchase of additional lands for storage of gas.

4. Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1858 contained, the Company may, subject to the provisions of this Act, erect, construct, make, and maintain works for the storage of gas upon the lands situate at World's End Lane and at Bishop Bridge in the city of Norwich, described in the schedule to this Act annexed, if or when the said lands shall have been purchased or acquired by them, but no works

for the manufacture of gas or residual products shall at any time be constructed thereon; and the Company may make and maintain thereon all roads, ways, approaches, conducting pipes, appliances, and conveniences necessary for the storage and distribution of gas.

Provision for limiting dividend to be paid.

5. Notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1858 contained, the Company may expend for the purposes of this Act the sum of one hundred thousand pounds, in addition to the said sum of one hundred thousand pounds already expended under the powers of the Act of 1858: Provided always, that of the said sum of one hundred thousand pounds by this Act authorised to be further expended, the sum of eighty thousand pounds and no more may be so expended out of the capital stock of the Company; and the Company may from time to time borrow on mortgage, in respect of such further capital so authorised, sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of twenty thousand pounds: Provided further, that the profits to be divided by the Company in respect of so much of the additional capital of eighty thousand pounds as may from time to time be actually expended shall not exceed seven pounds per centum per annum in respect of so much thereof as shall be issued as ordinary capital, and six pounds per centum per annum in respect of so much thereof as shall be issued as preference capital, and that the rate of interest to be paid upon any sums so borrowed on mortgage shall not exceed five pounds per centum per annum.

Provisions of Act of 1858 to apply to capital expended under this Act.

6. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, all the provisions of the Act of 1858 respecting the capital thereby authorised to be expended shall apply to the capital by this Act authorised to be expended.

Prescribing illuminating power of gas.

7. Section twenty-six of the Act of 1858 (prescribing illuminating power of gas) is hereby repealed, and henceforth the gas to be supplied by the Company within the limits of the Act of 1858 shall be of such quality as to produce from the prescribed burner a light equal in intensity to that produced by fourteen sperm candles of six in the pound, burning one hundred and twenty grains per hour; and all gas so supplied by the Company shall not exhibit any trace of sulphuretted hydrogen when tested in accordance with the rules prescribed in that behalf in Part II. to the Schedule A. annexed to the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871, and shall not contain more than thirty grains of sulphur in any other form than sulphuretted hydrogen in every one hundred cubic feet of gas, or a greater quantity of ammonia than five grains in every one hundred cubic feet of gas.

Prescribed burner.

8. The prescribed burner shall be any burner for the time being approved by the Board of Trade, or if there be no such burner, then

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Sugg's London argand burner number one, with a six-inch by one-and-three-quarters-inch glass chimney, but if at any time the gas flame tails over the top of that glass, a six-inch by two-inch chimney shall be used.

Limiting the expenses of management at Norwich.

9. Section twenty-four of the Act of 1858 (limiting expense of management at Norwich) is hereby repealed, and the Company may charge, as part of the expenses of the management of their undertaking at Norwich, any proportion of the general expenses of the chief office of the Company in London, including directors salaries, not exceeding one thousand pounds per annum.

Expenses of Act.

10. The costs, charges, and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing, applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise relating thereto, shall be paid by the Company.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

First.—A certain piece of land situate in the hamlet of Thorpe, in the county of the city of Norwich, belonging or reputed to belong to William Corrie, Henry Wood, and Henry Wilkin, and in the occupation of the British Gaslight Company, Limited, and bounded by a public road leading from Bishop Bridge to Mousehold, called "the Gas-house Hill," on the north; by land belonging or reputed to belong to Sir Charles Harvey, Baronet, on the east; by a fence separating the said land from land belonging or reputed to belong to Sarah Ann Coalman, and in the occupation of John George Mumford, on the south; by a fence separating the said land from land belonging or reputed to belong to the said Sir Charles Harvey, Baronet, in part on the west; and by a fence separating the said land from land belonging or reputed to belong to Messieurs Youngs, Crawshay, and Youngs, and now in the occupation of Robert Tidman, in remaining part towards the west.

Secondly.—Twelve cottages or tenements and gardens situate in the parish of Saint Martin-at-Palace, in the city of Norwich, belonging or reputed to belong to the said William Corrie, Henry Wood, and Henry Wilkin, seven of which said cottages or tenements and gardens are in the several occupations of Thomas Newman, Robert Mitchell, Sarah Ann Durrant, Jonathan Batson, William Howard, Lucy Tench, and George Tillett, and the remainder whereof are severally unoccupied; all which said twelve cottages or tenements and gardens are bounded by the land and gasworks of the Company on the east and south; by a private yard or street called Talleyrand Street, herein-after described, on the west; and by the next described premises and bin on the north.

Thirdly.—Certain premises, together with the bin thereto belonging and adjoining, situate in the said parish of Saint Martin-at-Palace, belonging or reputed to belong to the said William Corrie, Henry Wood, and Henry Wilkin, bounded by the river Wensum on the north and north-west; by the last-described cottages or tenements on the south; by the land and gasworks of the Company on the east; and by the said private yard or street called Talleyrand Street on the west.

Fourthly.—The said private yard or street called Talleyrand Street, together with the staithe thereto belonging and adjoining, situate in the said parish of Saint Martin-at-Palace, belonging or reputed to belong to the said William Corrie, Henry Wood, and Henry Wilkin, bounded by the before-described cottages or tenements and gardens, premises and bin, partly on the east; by the land and gasworks of the Company, in remaining part, on the east; by a street or lane called "World's End Lane" on the south; and by the cottages or tenements, gardens and premises herein-after described, on the west; and by the said premises, in part, and by the river Wensum, in remaining part, on the north.

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Fifthly.—Thirteen cottages or tenements and gardens, situate in the said parish of Saint Martin-at-Palace, belonging or reputed to belong to the said William Corrie, Henry Wood, and Henry Wilkin, four of which last-mentioned cottages or tenements and gardens are in the several occupations of George Stretton, Henry Box, Henry Barham, and Charles Carry, and the remainder whereof are severally unoccupied, bounded by the next-described cottage or tenement and garden on the north; by the said yard or street called Talleyrand Street on the east; by land and buildings belonging or reputed to belong to and occupied by William Augustus Cullingford on the west; and by the said street or lane called World's End Lane on the south.

Sixthly.—A cottage or tenement and garden, situate in the said parish of Saint Martin-at-Palace, occupied by Mary Ann Edwards, together with the premises adjoining thereto, occupied by Messieurs Boardman and Sursham, and which said cottage and premises belong or are reputed to belong to James Boardman, and are contracted to be sold to the said William Corrie, Henry Wood, and Henry Wilkin, bounded by the river Wensum on the north and north-west; by the said yard or street called Talleyrand Street on the east, and partly on the south; by the last-described cottages or tenements and gardens in remaining part on the south; and by land and buildings belonging to or reputed to belong to the said William Augustus Cullingford on the west.

Seventhly.—A certain piece of land situate in the parish of Saint Martin-at-Palace, belonging or reputed to belong to the said William Corrie, Henry Wood, and Henry Wilkin, and in the occupation of the British Gaslight Company, Limited, bounded by the land and gasworks of the Company on the north and west; by the said street or lane called the "World's End Lane" in part on the south; and by a passage or footway leading from the said World's End Lane to land and hereditaments called "the Adam and Eve Gardens," belonging or reputed to belong to the trustees of the Great Hospital, and in the occupation of Charles Frazer, in remaining part on the south; and by certain sheds or buildings belonging or reputed to belong to the said trustees, in the occupation of the said Charles Frazer or his under-tenants, on the east.

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