CHAPTER xl.

An Act to extend the limits of supply of and to confer further powers on the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company and for other purposes. A.D. 1899.

[20th June 1899.]

WHEREAS by the Cambridge University and Town Gas Act 1867 (in this Act called "the Act of 1867") the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated and empowered to supply gas within the town and University of Cambridge and the precincts and neighbourhood thereof:

And whereas by the Cambridge University and Town Gas Act 1881 (in this Act called "the Act of 1881") further powers were conferred upon the Company:

And whereas the several parishes of Grantchester Trumpington Chesterton Girton Fen Ditton and Cherryhinton are partly included within the limits of the Act of 1867 and it is expedient that the said limits be extended so as to include the whole of the said parishes and the parish of Histon:

And whereas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to raise further capital and that further powers be conferred upon them and the herein-before recited Acts be in some respects amended:

And whereas for the purpose of enabling the Company to convey oil to their works for use in the manufacture of gas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to construct and maintain the line of pipes herein-after described:

And whereas a plan and section showing the line and levels of the line of pipes by this Act authorised and also a book of reference to such plan were duly deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Cambridge and are herein-after respectively referred to as the deposited plan section and book of reference:

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And whereas the purposes of this Act 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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Cambridge University and Town Gas Act 1899.

Incorporation of general Acts.

2. The Lands Clauses Acts (except the provisions thereof with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement and with respect to the entry upon lands by the promoters of the undertaking) the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 and the clauses and provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 with respect to the following matters (that is to say):—

The distribution of the capital of the Company into shares;
The transfer or transmission of shares;
The payment of subscriptions and the means of enforcing the payment of calls;
The forfeiture of shares for non-payment of calls;
The remedies of creditors of the Company against the shareholders;
The borrowing of money by the Company on mortgage or bond;
The consolidation of the shares into stock;
The general meetings of the Company and the exercise of the right of voting by the shareholders;
The making of dividends;
The giving of notices; and
The provision to be made for affording access to the special Act by all parties interested;

and Part I. (relating to cancellation and surrender of shares) Part II. (relating to additional capital) and Part III. (relating to debenture stock) of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 as amended by subsequent Acts are (so far as the same respectively are applicable for the purposes of and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act but notwithstanding anything in the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 the powers of sections 49 50 and 51 of the Act of 1867 shall remain in full force and effect.

Interpretation.

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 corporation" means the mayor aldermen and burgesses of the borough of Cambridge.

Recovery of demands under fifty pounds.

4. Proceedings for the recovery of any demand not exceeding fifty pounds made under the authority of this Act or any incorporated enactment whether provision is or is not made for the recovery in any specified court or manner may be taken in the county court.

Extension of limits of supply.

5. From and after the passing of this Act the limits of the Company for the supply of gas shall extend to and include (in addition to the limits of the Act of 1867 as defined by section 5 of that Act) the parish of Histon and so much of the parishes of Grantchester Trumpington Chesterton Girton Fen Ditton and Cherryhinton as is not now included within the existing limits of supply of the Company as defined as aforesaid and the Company shall have and may exercise within such extended limits all such and the like powers rights privileges authorities and immunities and be subject to the like obligations which they now have or may exercise and are subject to within such existing limits of supply and the Act of 1867 and the Act of 1881 as amended by this Act shall be in force and have effect within such extended limits accordingly.

For protection of London and North Western and Great Eastern Railway Companies.

6. The following provisions for the protection of the London and North Western and Great Eastern Railway Companies (in this section referred to as "the railway companies") shall be in force and have effect (that is to say):—

In laying down or executing or in effecting under the powers of this Act the repairs and renewals of any mains pipes or other works upon across over under or in any way affecting the railways or works belonging to the railway companies or either of them or any bridge approaches or level crossing repairable by the railway companies or either of them the same shall be done under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of the principal engineer of the railway company or companies affected and according to plans and sections to be previously submitted to and reasonably approved by him and in all things by and at the expense of the Company and all such works matters and things shall be constructed executed and done so as not to cause any injury

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to such railways or the structure of such bridges approaches or works or interruption to the passage or conduct of the traffic over such railways or at any station thereon And if any injury or interruption shall arise from or be in any way owing to any of the acts operations matters and things aforesaid the Company shall make compensation in respect thereof to the railway company or companies affected:

Any difference which may arise between the Company and the railway companies or either of them under this section shall be determined by an arbitrator to be appointed on the application of either party by the Board of Trade.

Power to purchase lands by agreement.

7. The Company may for the general purposes of their undertaking purchase take on lease and hold (by agreement but not otherwise) in addition to any lands which they are otherwise authorised to acquire any lands and hereditaments not exceeding in the whole five acres but the Company shall not create or permit a nuisance on any such lands and no lands shall be used by the Company for the purpose of manufacturing gas or residual products except the lands respectively described in the schedule to the Act of 1867 and the schedule to the Act of 1881.

Restriction on taking houses of labouring class.

8. The Company shall not under the powers of this Act purchase or acquire in any city borough or other urban district or in any parish or part of a parish not being within an urban district ten or more houses which on the fifteenth day of December next before the passing of this Act were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers nor except with the consent of the Local Government Board ten or more houses in any city borough or urban district or any parish or part of a parish not being within an urban district which were not so occupied on the said fifteenth day of December but have been or shall be subsequently so occupied.

If the Company purchase or acquire any house or houses under the powers by this Act granted in contravention of the provision of this section they shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred pounds in respect of every such house which penalty shall be recoverable by the Local Government Board by action in the High Court and shall be carried to and form part of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom Provided that the court may if it think fit reduce such penalty.

For the purposes of this section the expression "labouring class" means mechanics artizans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working

at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons other than domestic servants whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them. A.D. 1899.

Power to lay down line of pipes.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may make lay down and maintain in the line and according to the levels respectively shown on the deposited plan and section a line of pipes wholly situate in the parish of Saint Andrew-the-Less in the borough of Cambridge in the county of Cambridge commencing at the sidings of the Company at Coldham Lane and terminating at the gasworks of the Company and may from time to time repair relay renew or alter the same and for those purposes or any of them may enter upon break up and interfere with the streets and roads shown on the deposited plan and described in the deposited book of reference and the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the breaking up of streets for the purpose of laying pipes and for the protection of pipes when laid so far as they are applicable shall extend and apply to such line of pipes and to the Company in the exercise of the powers of this section and the Company may utilise such pipes for the purpose of conveying oil to the works of the Company.

Power to deviate.

10. In constructing and laying down the said line of pipes the Company may deviate laterally from the line thereof shown on the deposited plan to any extent within the limits of deviation shown thereon and the Company may also deviate from the levels of such line of pipes as delineated on the deposited section to any extent not exceeding one foot upwards or five feet downwards but not so as to alter the surface level of any road or raise such line of pipes above the surface of the ground except so far as may be shown on the deposited section.

For protection of corporation of Cambridge.

11. In all cases where the Company execute any work involving the opening or breaking up of any street within the borough of Cambridge repairable by the inhabitants at large the following provisions shall unless otherwise agreed between the Company and the corporation have effect (that is to say):—

(1) The Company shall not be entitled to proceed themselves to reinstate or make good the surface of such street:

(2) The Company shall give to the corporation not less than twenty-four hours notice in writing that the work is so far completed as to be ready for the reinstatement and making

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good of the surface of the street so broken up as aforesaid and such notice shall be given at such time as to expire between six a.m. and one p.m. on any week day and a receipt therefor shall be given by the corporation to the Company :

(3) Upon the expiration of such notice as last aforesaid the corporation shall proceed to exercise and discharge the duties of the Company with regard to the reinstatement and making good of the street so broken up subject to the like restrictions and conditions so far as the same are applicable as the Company would themselves be subject to in so doing and the Company shall be relieved from such duties and shall not be liable to any penalty or obligation imposed upon them with respect to the reinstatement and making good or maintaining of any such street by sections 10 11 and 12 of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 nor be in any way responsible for any failure of or delay in carrying out such work nor for any accident damage claim or demand caused by or arising therefrom :

(4) The corporation shall within three months from the date of the receipt in each respective instance of notice that the street is ready for reinstatement deliver to the Company an account of all expenses incurred by them in the reinstating and making good of the surface of the street under the provisions of this section and all such expenses properly incurred by the corporation shall be repaid to them by the Company and may be recovered summarily Provided that in case any dispute shall arise between the Company and the corporation with respect to the amount or necessity of the expenses properly incurred by the corporation under this section the same shall be settled by arbitration under the provisions of the Arbitration Act 1889.

Power to sell certain lands.

12. The Company may sell and dispose of any lands for the time being vested in them or in any trustee on their behalf and acquired from the Cambridge Consumers Gas Company Limited and notwithstanding anything in the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 contained the provisions of sections 128 to 132 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall not apply to any such sale or disposal or to any sale under the powers of section 6 of the said Act of 1871 of any lands which may have been or may be acquired by the Company by agreement.

Payment &c. of auditors.

13. Notwithstanding anything in the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 a single auditor may be elected by the Company and such auditor need not be a shareholder in the

Company and the directors may pay to any auditor so elected such salary or remuneration as they think fit.

Cancelling of certificates and issue of new certificates.

14. The Company shall prior to the thirtieth day of June one thousand nine hundred call in and shall cancel the certificates of all the consolidated ordinary stock in the capital of the Company entitled to a maximum dividend at the rate of seven per cent. and shall issue in exchange for those certificates to each holder of such stock free of charge a new certificate of the consolidated ordinary stock entitled to a maximum dividend at the rate of seven per cent. held by him but no stockholder shall be entitled to a new certificate until he shall have delivered up to the Company to be cancelled the existing certificate or certificates for which such new certificate is to be substituted or shall have proved to the satisfaction of the directors of the Company the loss or destruction thereof and if any holder of such consolidated ordinary stock omit or neglect to send to the Company his existing certificate or certificates for the period of six months after notice in writing sent by post to the address appearing in the "Shareholders' Address Book" the Company may suspend the payment of any dividend declared or made payable upon or in respect of the stock so held by him until such existing certificate or certificates is or are sent or delivered to the Company or proved to the reasonable satisfaction of the directors of the Company to have been lost or destroyed.

Power to apply moneys and raise additional capital.

15. The Company may from time to time apply to the purposes of this Act to which capital is properly applicable any moneys they may have already raised or are authorised to raise and may from time to time raise additional capital to such nominal amount as shall be sufficient to produce including the premiums if any which may be obtained on the sale thereof the sum of sixty thousand pounds by the creation and issue of further amounts of ordinary shares or stock or preference shares or stock or wholly or partly by one or more of those modes respectively but the Company shall not issue any share of less nominal value than ten pounds nor shall any such share or any stock created and issued by the Company under this section vest in the person accepting the same unless and until the full price of such share or stock together with any premiums obtained upon the sale thereof shall have been paid in respect thereof.

Holders of preference capital not to vote.

16. Except as otherwise expressly provided by the resolution creating the same no person shall be entitled to vote in respect of any shares or stock in such additional capital to which a preferential dividend shall be assigned.

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Limit of dividend on additional capital.

17. The Company shall not in any one year pay out of their profits any larger dividend on the additional capital to be raised under the powers of this Act than five pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds actually paid up of such capital.

Receipt in cases of persons not sui juris.

18. If any money is payable to a shareholder being a minor idiot or lunatic the receipt of the guardian or committee of his estate shall be a sufficient discharge to the Company.

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

19. In case in any half year the net revenues of the Company applicable to dividend shall be insufficient to pay the full amount of dividend on each class of ordinary stock or shares in the capital of the Company any deduction made from the full maximum amount of such dividend shall be made proportionately in the dividend of each class of such stock or shares.

Privileges &c. of holders of new capital.

20. The additional capital from time to time raised by the Company under this Act by shares or stock shall be part of the general capital of the Company and save as otherwise provided in respect of such capital by this Act the holders of shares or stock in such additional capital shall be entitled to the like rights of voting and other rights qualifications and privileges in proportion to the amount of their shares or stock from time to time paid up and be subject to the like provisions and liabilities as the holders of shares or stock in the present capital of the Company.

New shares or stock to be offered by auction or tender.

21. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained the Company shall when any shares or stock in the additional capital created under the powers of this Act are to be issued and before offering the same to the holders of any other shares or stock in the Company and whether the ordinary shares or stock of the Company is at a premium or not offer the same for sale by public auction or by tender in such manner at such times and subject to such conditions of sale as the Company shall from time to time determine Provided that at any such sale no single lot shall comprise more than one hundred pounds nominal value of shares or stock and that the reserved price put upon such shares or stock shall not be less than the nominal amount thereof and notice of the amount of such reserved price shall be sent by the Company in a sealed letter to the Board of Trade not less than twenty-four hours before the day of auction or the last day for the reception of tenders as the case may be and such letter may be opened after such day of auction or last day for the reception of tenders and not sooner And provided that no priority of tender shall be allowed to any holder of shares or stock in the Company except that if any bid or offer by tender of any holder or holders of shares or stock in the Company be the

same in amount as any bid or offer made by any other person the bid or offer of such holder or holders of shares or stock in the Company shall be accepted in preference.

Purchase money of capital sold to be paid within three months.

22. It shall be one of the conditions of any sale of shares or stock under this Act that the full amount thereof including any premium given by any purchaser at such sale shall be paid to the Company within three months after such sale.

Notice to be given as to sale of shares or stock.

23. The intention to sell any such shares or stock by auction or by tender shall be communicated in writing to the town clerk of the borough of Cambridge and to the clerk of the district council of every district included within the limits of the Company for the supply of gas and to the Secretary of the Committee of the London Stock Exchange at least twenty-eight days before the day of auction or the last day for the reception of tenders as the case may be and notice of such intention shall be duly advertised once in each of two consecutive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulated within the borough of Cambridge.

Shares or stock not sold by auction or by tender to be offered to holders of ordinary shares or stock.

24. When any shares or stock in the additional capital created under the powers of this Act have been offered for sale by auction or tender and not sold the same shall be offered at the reserved price put upon the same respectively for the purpose of sale by auction or tender to the holders of ordinary shares or stock of the Company in manner provided by the Companies Clauses Act 1863 Provided always that any shares or stock so offered and not accepted within the time prescribed by the said Act shall again be offered for sale by public auction or by tender in the manner and subject to the provisions of this Act with respect to the sale of shares and stock in the additional capital created under the powers of this Act and any shares or stock not then sold shall be again offered to the holders of ordinary shares or stock of the Company at the reserved price put upon the same at such last-mentioned sale and so from time to time until the whole of such shares or stock is sold Provided also that the reserved price put upon such shares or stock at the second or any subsequent sale may if the directors of the Company think fit be less than the nominal value thereof.

Application of premium arising on issue of shares or stock.

25. Any sum of money which shall arise from the issue of any such shares or stock by way of premium after deducting therefrom the expenses of and incident to such issue shall not be considered as profits of the Company but shall be expended in extending or improving the works of the Company or in paying off money borrowed or owing on mortgage by the Company and shall not be

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considered as part of the capital of the Company entitled to dividend Provided that the premium received from the sale of shares or stock by auction or tender as herein-before provided shall for the purpose of determining the powers of the Company to raise money by borrowing or the amount which the Company may set aside as a reserve fund be reckoned as part of the paid-up capital.

Power to borrow.

26. The Company may from time to time subject to the provisions of this Act borrow on mortgage of the undertaking in respect of the additional capital by this Act authorised to be created and issued any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one-fourth part of the amount which the Company have at the time actually raised by the issue of shares or stock in such additional capital but no part thereof shall be borrowed until the whole of the shares or stock at the time issued together with the premiums (if any) realised on the sale thereof shall have been fully 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 shares and stock together with the premiums (if any) realised on the sale thereof have been issued and fully paid up 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 certificate shall be sufficient evidence thereof and no higher rate of interest than four pounds per centum per annum shall be paid by the Company in respect of any moneys borrowed under the powers of this Act.

Appointment of receiver.

27. Section 18 of the Act of 1881 (For appointment of a receiver) is hereby repealed but without prejudice to any appointment heretofore made or to any proceedings pending at the passing of this Act and in lieu thereof the mortgagees of the Company may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal or principal and interest due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver and in order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall not be less than four thousand pounds in the whole.

Debenture stock.

28. Section 20 of the Act of 1881 is hereby repealed and 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 and of all mortgages at any time after the passing of this Act created and issued or granted by the Company under

any previous Act or this or any subsequent Act shall subject to the provisions of any subsequent Act rank pari passu (without respect to the dates of the securities or of the Acts of Parliament or resolutions by which the stock and mortgages were authorised) and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages Notice of the effect of this enactment shall be endorsed on all mortgages and certificates of debenture stock issued after the passing of this Act.

Priority of mortgages and debenture stock over other debts.

29. All money to be raised by the Company on mortgage or by the issue of debenture stock 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 granted or to be granted by them in pursuance of the Lands Clauses Acts 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 or dividend on their mortgages or debenture stock.

Existing mortgages to have priority.

30. All mortgages granted by the Company in pursuance of the Act of 1867 or of the Act of 1881 and subsisting at the date of the passing of this Act shall during the continuance thereof have priority over all mortgages granted in pursuance 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.

Application of moneys.

31. All moneys raised under this Act whether by shares stock debenture stock or mortgages shall be applied for the purposes of this Act and for the general purposes of the Company being in all cases purposes to which capital is properly applicable.

Power to supply gas fittings &c. for heating and other purposes.

32. The Company may purchase provide supply sell let for hire use and otherwise deal in fit up fix alter remove and refix meters engines stoves ranges pipes fittings and other apparatus and appliances for lighting for motive power for the warming and ventilating of houses and buildings for the cooking of food and for all other purposes for which gas can or may be used and may provide all materials and do all work necessary or proper in that behalf and may demand and take such remuneration or rents and charges and make such terms and conditions with respect to such supply sale letting fixing fitting up altering removing or refixing or

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such materials or work and with respect to the repair of articles and fittings let and for securing the safety and return to the Company of such articles and fittings and otherwise as may be agreed upon between the Company and the persons to or for whom the same are sold supplied let fixed up altered removed refixed or done.

The stoves ranges pipes fittings and other apparatus appliances articles and things let for hire under the provisions of this section shall not be subject to distress or to the landlord's remedy for rent nor to be taken in execution under any process of a court of law or equity or any proceedings in bankruptcy against the persons in whose possession the same may be Provided that such stoves ranges pipes fittings apparatus appliances articles and things have upon them a distinguishing metal plate affixed to a conspicuous part thereof or a distinguishing brand or other mark conspicuously impressed or made thereon sufficiently indicating the Company as the actual owners thereof.

Power to lay pipes in streets not dedicated to public use.

33. The Company may upon the application of the owner or occupier of any premises abutting on or being erected in any street or road laid out or made but not dedicated to public use supply such premises with gas and may lay and from time to time take up alter relay or renew in across or along such street or road such pipes as may be requisite or proper for the furnishing such supply and the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 with respect to the breaking up of streets for the purpose of laying pipes and for the protection of pipes when laid so far as they are applicable for the purposes of this section shall extend and apply mutatis mutandis to and for the purposes thereof.

Gas consumers to give notice to Company before removing.

34. Twenty-four hours notice in writing shall be given to the Company by every gas consumer before he shall quit any premises supplied with gas by the Company and in default of such notice the consumer so quitting shall be liable to pay to the Company the money accruing due in respect of such supply up to the next usual period for ascertaining the register of the meter on such premises or the date from which any subsequent occupier of such premises shall require the Company to supply gas to such premises whichever shall first occur.

Notice of the effect of this enactment shall be endorsed on every demand note for gas rent.

Notice to discontinue supply of gas.

35. A notice to the Company from a consumer for the discontinuance of a supply of gas shall not be of any effect unless it be in writing signed by or on behalf of the consumer and be left at or sent by post to the office for the time being of the Company.

Power to refuse supply to persons in debt for other property.

36. If a person requiring a supply of gas from the Company have previously quitted premises at which gas was supplied to him by the Company without paying to them all gas or meter rent due from him to the Company they may refuse to furnish to him a supply of gas until he pays the same.

Period of error in defective meters.

37. In the event of any meter used by a consumer of gas being tested in manner provided by the Sale of Gas Act 1859 and being proved to register erroneously within the meaning of the said Act such erroneous registration shall be deemed to have first arisen during the then last preceding quarter of the year unless it be proved to have first arisen during the then current quarter The amount of the allowance to be made to or of the surcharge to be made upon the consumer by the Company shall be paid by or to the Company to or by the consumer as the case may be and shall be recoverable in the like manner as gas rents are recoverable by the Company.

Dwelling-houses for workmen.

38. The Company may upon any lands for the time being belonging or leased to them erect fit up maintain and let houses cottages and buildings for the officers and servants employed by the Company for the purposes of their undertaking.

Power to inspect gas fittings in new buildings.

39. Every person intending to lay down or fix any pipes or other fittings for the distribution or supply of gas by the Company in any new building and which are intended to be covered over shall before such pipes or fittings be covered over give to the Company twenty-four hours notice in writing specifying the situation of such building and any officer of the Company duly appointed for that purpose may before the expiration of such notice enter such building between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon and inspect such pipes and fittings and may by order in writing prohibit any such as by reason of improper arrangement inferior workmanship or insufficiency in size or material will in the opinion of such officer be dangerous by allowing the escape of gas or be insufficient to ensure a satisfactory supply of gas to such building and if any person shall fail to give such notice as aforesaid or shall refuse entry to such officer into such building within the time and for the purpose aforesaid or shall prevent him from making such inspection or shall not to the reasonable satisfaction of such officer make such alteration in the pipes and fittings as he may reasonably require the Company shall not be bound to furnish to such person a supply of gas for the premises in which such building is situate Provided that any person deeming himself aggrieved by any order made under this section or any refusal to supply gas on account of

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the failure of any person to comply with the provisions of this section may appeal to the mayor for the time being of the borough of Cambridge acting with the borough surveyor as assessor within seven days after the date of the said order and the decision of the mayor shall be final Notice of the provisions of this section shall be given by advertisement published once in each of two newspapers circulating in the borough of Cambridge.

As to purity testing &c. of gas.

40. Sections 66 67 68 and 69 of the Act of 1867 and subsection (A) of section 3 of the Act of 1881 are hereby repealed and from and after the first day of January one thousand nine hundred the following provisions with respect to purity illuminating power and testing of the gas supplied by the Company and for the purposes of the application of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 to the undertaking of the Company shall have effect (that is to say):—

(1) The prescribed number of candles shall be sixteen:

(2) The prescribed burner shall be a Sugg's No. 1 London Argand burner having twenty-four holes (each hole of ·045 of an inch in diameter) with a glass chimney six inches long and one-and-three-quarter inches in diameter but if the illuminating value is such that the flame issues from the top of such chimney then the chimney used shall measure six inches long and two inches in diameter or such other burner as shall be approved by the Board of Trade:

(3) The prescribed testing place shall be at the Guildhall in the borough of Cambridge and the Corporation shall prior to the first day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine provide and set apart and thereafter maintain a sufficient building or portion of the Guildhall as and for such testing place and the Company shall prior to the first day of January one thousand nine hundred provide and erect and thereafter maintain in such building or portion of the Guildhall testing apparatus for testing the purity and illuminating power of the gas supplied by the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 as varied by this Act and the Corporation shall afford to the Company their officers and servants free access to such testing place at all times Such apparatus shall be under the control and management of the Company and sections 30 and 34 of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 shall for the purposes of this Act be read and have effect as if in section 30 the said testing place had been referred to instead of "the premises of the Company" and as if in

section 34 the testing "apparatus" had been referred to instead of the testing "place":

(4) The gas supplied by the Company shall not contain more than four grains of ammonia or more than twenty grains of sulphur in any form in one hundred cubic feet of gas and shall be so far free from sulphuretted hydrogen that it shall not discolour moistened test paper imbued with acetate of lead when such test paper is exposed for ten minutes to a current of gas issuing under a pressure of five-tenths of an inch of water:

(5) The prescribed apparatus for ascertaining the amount of sulphur shall be that prescribed by the gas referees appointed for testing gas supplied within the metropolis.

Repeal of s. 65 of Act of 1867.

41. Section 65 of the Act of 1867 is hereby repealed.

Expenses of Act.

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

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