

ANNO PRIMO & SECUNDO

GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. I.

An Act for incorporating the City of *Coventry* Gas Light Company. [7th *May* 1821.]

WHEREAS in and by an Act passed in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for the better paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching the City of* Coventry, *and the Suburbs thereof, and removing and preventing Nuisances and Annoyances therein, and for regulating the public Wells and Pumps within the said City and Suburbs*, the Commissioners thereby appointed were authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to contract and agree with any Person or Persons for doing and performing any of the Works aforesaid, or furnishing or providing any of the Materials and other Things necessary for the Purposes of the said Act, subject to such Regulations as in the said Act are expressed and contained: And whereas Mains and Pipes have been laid down throughout a great Part of the City of *Coventry* aforesaid, in order to the lighting the same: And whereas a considerable Sum has been already expended in the said Works, Mains, and Pipes, and a further considerable Sum will be required to complete the same, and an additional considerable Sum will be required as a Capital, for the providing Coal or other Materials for supplying the Gas for lighting of the said City, and the Payment of the Expences of conducting the said Works for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas the lighting the said City of *Coventry* and the Suburbs thereof with Gas, will very materially add to the Comfort and Accommodation of the Inhabitants of the said City, and be of public Utility, and many Per- 30G. 3. 7.

sons are willing to contribute Sums of Money in aid of and for the completing of the said Undertaking, and carrying on the same, if they can become joint Proprietors thereof; but inasmuch as such Undertaking cannot be effectually carried into Execution, or a competent Supply of Gas afforded to the said City, without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That *John Barlow* and *George Barlow*, and all and every such other Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time become Proprietors of Shares in the Undertaking hereby established as herein-after is mentioned, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby united into a Company, and declared to be one Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of "The City of *Coventry* Gas Light Company;" and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded at Law or in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanour, or other Offence indictable by the Laws of this Realm; and shall by that Name be authorized and empowered to take a Conveyance of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatsoever, for the Purposes of the said Gas Works, not exceeding Three Acres, without being subject to the Penalties of the Statutes of Mortmain.

Persons incorporated.

Purposes for which incorporated.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of making or producing Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, from Coal or other Materials, and of lighting the City of *Coventry* and the Suburbs thereof with Gas or Inflammable Air, and of selling and disposing of the Coke and other Products of the Manufactory of the said Company, in such Manner as they shall from Time to Time think fit; and shall have full Power from Time to Time to enter into and make any new or other Contracts or Agreements with such Commissioners, or the Commissioners for the Time being acting under the said Act, or with any other Commissioners, Trustees, Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall or may be desirous or willing to contract or agree with the said Company for the lighting of the said City and Suburbs, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any public Ways or Roads, Streets, Lanes, Buildings, Houses, Shops, Manufactories, Warehouses, or Premises, within the said City or the Suburbs thereof, or adjacent thereto, and to sell or dispose of the Coke and other Products of the Manufactory of the said Company in such way and manner as the said Company or their Committee of Management may from Time to Time think proper.

Power to contract for the Purchase of Lands and Buildings,

III. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act it shall be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee of Management to be chosen as herein-after is mentioned, and they are hereby empowered to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said City, or the Suburbs thereof, or adjacent thereto, and the Freehold and Inheritance thereof, or any Estate or Interest therein, with any Body or Bodies Politic, Cor-

porate or Collegiate, or any Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, general or special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, or with any Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Feoffees in Trust, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also with all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or with any Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to sell the same, or his, her, or their Right and Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; provided that the Quantity of Land to be purchased as aforesaid shall not exceed Three Acres; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same respectively to the Person or Persons entitled thereto, or into the Bank of *England* in manner directed by this Act (as the Case may be), the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments respectively shall absolutely vest in the said City of *Coventry* Gas Light Company, and may be taken and used by them for the Purposes of this Act.

Bodies Politic and other Persons empowered to sell.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, general or special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Feoffees in Trust, and other Trustees whomsoever, for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, and likewise for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants, Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which the said Company are hereby enabled to purchase for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, (but under such Restrictions as to Quantity as aforesaid) to treat, contract, and agree, with the said Company or their Committee of Management for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company and their Successors for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or without any other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Enrolment, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Possibility, Claim and Demand whatsoever of their several Cestuique Trusts, and of all Persons whomsoever, claiming or to claim by, from, or under him, her, or them, or any of them, or claiming or to claim in Remainder or Reversion, or expectant on any such particular Estate, or by way of executory Devise, or springing Use; and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar all

Dower

Dower of any such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of any Person or Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do, if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, general or special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees and other Trustees, and all and every other Person or Persons, is and are and shall be indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue or in pursuance of this Act.

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

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Money to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the City of *Coventry* Gas Light Company, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, standing and being settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined, and capable of taking Effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person

Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase and Settlement thereof were then actually made.

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

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

Application of Money not exceeding 20*l.*

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

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

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons,

or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery; and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Expences of Purchase Money to be allowed by Court.

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

Upon Payment of Purchase Money Premises to be vested in the Company.

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

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

Form of Conveyance.

'I [*or* we, *as the Case may be*,] of in consideration
'of the Sum of to me [*or* us] paid by the
'City of *Coventry* Gas Light Company, established under an Act passed
'in the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled
'*An Act* [*here insert the Title of this Act*], do hereby grant and release
'[*or*, assign, *as the Case may be*], to the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors all [*here describe the Premises to be conveyed*], and all
'my [*or* our] Right, Title, and Interest, in and to the same and every
'Part thereof: To hold to the said Company of Proprietors and their
'Successors and Assigns for ever, [*or as the Case may be*] during all the
'Remainder of my [*or* our] Term, Estate, or Interest in the said Pre-

'mises. In Witness whereof I, [*or* we] have hereunto set my Hand
'and Seal, [*or* our Hands and Seals, *or* our Common Seal, *as the Case*
'*may be*] this Day of One thousand eight hundred
'and .'

Re-sale of Lands not wanted.

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

Power to erect Works, and break up the Soil and Pavements of Streets, &c. for laying Pipes, and lighting Houses, &c.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company hereby established, and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, with the Consent of the Commissioners acting under the said recited Act, by their Servants, Agents, Workmen and others, from Time to Time to make and erect such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, and other Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works and Devices on the Lands taken or to be purchased or acquired by them, by virtue of the Powers herein-before contained; and to sink and lay Pipes, and to erect and fix Pipes against any Walls, or in Posts or Pillars in the Streets, of such Construction and in such Manner as the said Commissioners shall think necessary or proper for carrying the Purposes of this and the said recited Act into Execution; and with the like Consent to break up the Soil and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages within the said City, or the Suburbs thereof, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches, from such Pipes, in, under, across and along the same, and in such manner as shall be necessary for carrying this and the said recited Act into Execution; and from Time to Time to alter the Position of, and to repair, re-lay, and maintain such Pipes, Stop-cocks, Syphons, and Plugs or Branches, and also to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe laid in any Street, Road, Highway, Lane or Passage by virtue of this Act, into or through any Dwelling-house or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting any public or private Lamp from any of such Mains or Pipes, and to erect and set up any Machine or other Apparatus necessary or requisite for securing to any Dwelling-house or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply; and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been so placed, which shall be injured or damaged, and to do all

all such other Acts, Matters, and Things as the said Commissioners shall from Time to Time think necessary and convenient for completing, amending, repairing, improving, supplying and using the same, provided a proper Compensation be made for any Damage which may be done thereby.

Power to erect Works, and break up Soil and Pavements.

XIV. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company or their Successors to sink or make any such Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, and Reservoirs, in any Situations or Direction where the same can, shall, or may interfere with any present or future public or private Drain, Sewer or Well; nor to carry or lay any Pipes, Cocks, or Branches from any Main or Pipe into or against any Dwelling-houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, without the Consent in Writing of the Occupiers for the Time being of every such Dwelling-houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, and which Consent the said Occupier or Occupiers is and are hereby authorized to give; and provided also, that no such Consent of the Occupier or Occupiers shall be considered to be binding and conclusive on the Owner or Owners of the said Property for the Time being for any longer Period than for the Estate and Interest of such Occupier or Occupiers so giving Permission as aforesaid; provided also, that all public Streets, Highways, Roads, Lanes, and Passages, shall only be broken up with the Consent of a Majority of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Person having the Control of the said Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages; and that all private Roads or Ways shall only be broken up with the Consent of the Occupier or Occupiers, and Owner or Owners of the Soil thereof respectively; provided nevertheless, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to give Power to the said Company, or any of their Officers or Servants, to enter into any House or Premises for the Purpose of removing or altering any Main or Pipe, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner and Occupier thereof for the Time being first had and obtained.

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

XV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to break, take up, or disturb the Soil or Pavement in or of any Street, Road, Highway, Lane or Passage within the Limits of this Act, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons in whom the Superintendance, Property, or Control of any such Street, Road, Highway, Lane, or Passage is by Authority of Parliament or otherwise howsoever vested under the Hand or Hands of their proper Officer or Officers; and that all and every the Works, Matters, and Things at any Time hereafter to be done or performed by the said Company, or their Servants, Workmen, or others, in, upon, through or over any such Street, Road, Highway, Lane or Passage, shall be subject to the Provisions, Regulations, Penalties, and Notices, and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Rules, Directions, Forfeitures, Claims, Matters, and Things contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament for the making, amending, repairing, or improving any such Street, Road, Highway, Lane, or Passage, or otherwise relating thereto.

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Power to alter Pipes.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements, Ground, or Soil of or in the said Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages respectively, to require the said Company to raise, sink, or otherwise to alter the Situation of any of the Pipes, Stop-cocks, Plugs, or Branches, which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, within Three Calendar Months next after being required so to do, by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons respectively, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Pipes, Stop-cocks, Plugs, or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Manner and in such Place or Places as the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall think right and proper; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order, or under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised, sunk, or altered, and the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing the same shall be paid by the said Company, and shall and may be certified to them, and paid by them, within the Time, and shall and may be recovered from them in such and the same Manner as is by this Act directed, limited and authorized, as to any Monies to become due from any Person whomsoever, for the Costs and Charges of repairing or paving or repaving any Pavements, Ground, or Soil of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, or Passages, by the Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons having the Control of the Pavements, Ground, or Soil in any Streets or public Places within the said City of *Coventry*, and the Suburbs thereof.

Workmen in laying Pipes to make good the Pavements.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus, shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill in the Trenches, and make good the Pavements and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned thereby, and repair any Damage arising from any Drains, Sewers, or Cuts, which may be made for the Purposes of this and the said recited Act, without any Delay, and shall in the meantime fence or guard the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, and cause a Light or Lights to be fixed and remain during the Night, in such Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle and Carriages: Provided always, that if there shall be any wilful or negligent Delay in filling in any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads, or in case the said Trenches, or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall not during such Time be properly guarded and fenced, or such Light or Lights be placed and maintained as aforesaid, then and in every such case it shall and may be lawful for the Surveyor of the Street or Place where such Delay shall take place, or any other Person under his Authority, to fill in such Ground, and remove such Rubbish, and to repair and make good the Pavements of any Street, Highway, Lane, or Passage or Place so broken up, and the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company or their Treasurer to such Surveyors; and in default of Payment thereof for Seven Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor, or other Person acting under his Authority, (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the

Peace for the City of *Coventry* aforesaid), all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry*, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs, Charges, and Penalties shall be paid to such Surveyor or Person acting under his Authority.

Protection for the Water Pipes.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if in carrying into Execution any of the Powers or Authorities by this Act given or granted, any Injury or Damage shall be done or committed to any of the Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, or Things, by Means whereof the said City of *Coventry*, or any Part thereof, is or shall be supplied with Water, either by removing or disturbing the Ground or Soil wherein or whereon the same is or are laid or placed, or by the Compression or subsequent settling or lowering of the same, at any Time or Times afterwards, or by any other Means whatsoever, the said Company shall at their own Expence, Costs, and Charges, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice in Writing to them given, by any Two of the Justices of the Peace of the said City, or the Town Clerk of the said City or his Deputy, or by the Renter of the Water Works for the Supply of the said City, cause such Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials and Things to be well and effectually repaired and amended; and in default or neglect thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Justices, or Town Clerk, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to cause such Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, and Things so injured or damaged as aforesaid, to be effectually repaired, amended, and made good; and the reasonable Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences attending the same shall be paid and defrayed by the said Company or their Treasurer; and if they cannot agree touching the Amount or Value thereof, the same shall be ascertained and settled by the Justices of the Peace assembled at the then next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the said City, who are hereby authorized to hear and determine the same, and their Determination therein shall be final and conclusive; and such Damage and Expences, together with such Costs and Charges as shall be by them allowed, shall be levied and recovered by Warrant of Distress under their Hands and Seals.

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

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe or Tube, to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, nor use Burners of larger Dimensions than he, she, or they respectively shall contract or pay for, or supply any Inhabitant or other Person with any Part of such Gas, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Forty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe shall so remain, or such Excess be so committed, or such Supply furnished; every such Penalty to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City of *Coventry*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture

and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the House of Correction for the City of *Coventry*, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, if they shall so think fit, also to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of the Person so offending notwithstanding any Contract or Agreement which may have been previously entered into.

Penalty for wilfully damaging Pipes, &c.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously remove, take away, destroy, damage or injure any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or any Part thereof respectively, or shall wilfully or maliciously extinguish or put out any One or more of the public Lamps or Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste or improperly use any of the inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry*, shall for each separate and distinct Act or Offence forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices to be done; such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any) on Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or if it shall appear to the said Justice or Justices, either by Confession or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath or have not any Goods or Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture or Damage aforesaid, such Offender shall and may be committed to the House of Correction of the City of *Coventry* aforesaid, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, Damages, and Costs shall be sooner paid or tendered.

Satisfaction for accidental Damage to Pipes, &c.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto, or to the said Company, or any Lamp or Lamps set up by the Company, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their private Expence, or carelessly or accidentally waste any of the inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or keep the Lamps burning for a longer Time than he, she, or they respectively shall contract to pay for, and shall not upon Demand by the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendant, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, or for the Excess of Gas obtained and used, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City of *Coventry*, and he or they is and are hereby required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred, and upon hearing the Allegation and Proofs

Proofs on both Sides, or on Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to proceed *ex parte*, and to award such Sum or Sums of Money, by Way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons (as the Case may require), for such Damages or Excess, as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded within Seven Days after Demand, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices, or any One or more of them, and he and they is and are hereby required to cause the same to be raised and levied in such and the like manner as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture is by this Act directed to be raised and levied.

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wantonly or maliciously hinder or interrupt the said Company, or their Deputies, Agents, Workmen, or Servants, or any of them, in doing or performing any of the Works, or in the Exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or shall in anywise cause or procure such Interruption or Hindrance to take place, and shall be thereof convicted before any Justice or Justices acting in and for the City of *Coventry*, either on Evidence, or by Confession, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum, to be adjudged by such Justice or Justices, not exceeding Forty Shillings, and such Sum so adjudged shall be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may by virtue of this Act be recovered; or the said Company may at their own Option sue for the Damages sustained by them for such Hindrance or Interruption.

Service Pipes to be kept fully charged with Gas.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put down by the said Company for lighting the Streets, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places of the said City, under any Contract or Agreement with the said Commissioners, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks shall be so turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted.

For preventing the Escape of Gas.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes already laid down, or which shall be laid down or set up by the said Company in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall at their own Expence, immediately after receiving Notice, by Parol or in Writing, of any such Escape of Gas, from any Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company shall not within Three Hours next after such Notice, by Parol or in Writing, being given of any such Escape of Gas, effectually stop up and prevent the Gas from escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, that then and in every such Case the said Company shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every Day after the Expiration of Three Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid, which Penalty shall from Time to Time be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Information to be laid and exhibited before some One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City, and shall and may be

be recovered and levied, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, by Warrant of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, in manner herein-after mentioned.

Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil Light.

XXV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply all the public Streets and Lanes in the said City of *Coventry*, and the Suburbs thereof, which shall be lighted under and by virtue of this Act, with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a better and cheaper Light than could be obtained from Oil Lamps.

Capital Stock to be Twenty thousand Pounds.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves a Sum of Money by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds; and that the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise the Powers granted by this Act until the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for that Purpose.

Stock to be divided into Shares.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds to be subscribed under the Powers of this Act shall be divided into Shares of Twenty-five Pounds each; and that every Proprietor of a Share or Shares shall be entitled to and interested in the Capital Stock and Effects of the said Company, and the Profits and Advantages attending the same, according to the Number of Shares he or she shall hold; and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and shall be made transmissible accordingly.

Power to raise a further Capital of 5,000*l.*

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the aforesaid Sum of Twenty thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for making, completing, and carrying on the aforesaid Undertaking, then and in such case it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to raise and contribute amongst themselves, in such Shares and Proportions as they shall think proper, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, any further or other Sum of Money, not exceeding the Sum of Five thousand Pounds; and every Subscriber towards raising such further Sum of Money shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and shall have a like Vote by himself or herself, or by Proxy, in respect of his or her Shares in the said additional Sum so to be raised, and be liable to such Forfeitures, and stand interested in all the Profits and Advantages of the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Sum he, she, or they shall subscribe to the said Undertaking, as extensively to all Intents and Purposes as if such further or other Sum hereby allowed to be subscribed for or raised had been originally Part of the said Capital of Twenty thousand Pounds; any thing herein contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that the said Company shall be obliged to raise the said Sum of Five thousand Pounds within Seven Years from the passing of this Act.

Lands, &c. of Company, liable for Debts of Company.

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

Remedy for Recovery of Rents.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That in case any Body or Bodies, Commissioners, Trustees, or other Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take or use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in their private Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other public or private Buildings or Manufactories, Grounds or Premises, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Seven Days after Demand, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendant, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One of the Justices of the Peace for the said City of *Coventry*, which Warrant such Justice of the Peace is hereby empowered and required to grant, upon Confession, or upon Proof of such Demand by the Oath of One credible Witness, to levy the said Sum or Sums of Money in respect whereof such Refusal or Neglect shall happen, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Costs and Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be first deducted: Provided always, that if at the Time of such Distress being made any Rent shall be then due and in arrear to the Landlord of the Premises in which such Goods and Chattels shall be distrained, or any Part thereof, such Landlord shall have and be entitled to receive such or so much of the said Rent in arrear as the said Landlord would be legally entitled to receive in the Case of an Execution issued and levied under any Judgment entered up against the Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers of the said Premises, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who shall subscribe for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed, or such Parts or Proportions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for, pursuant to or by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places, to such Person or Persons, and in such manner, as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management for the Time being, in manner herein-after mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall at any Time neglect or refuse to pay any such Money at such Times and in such Manner required for that Purpose as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same by Action of Debt, or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, and all Costs of Suit, from such Person or Persons, or in Cases where Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or be jointly possessed of any One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, then from all, any, or either of such Persons.

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

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

First Meeting of Proprietors.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That on the Fourteenth Day after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, a General Assembly or Meeting of the Proprietors of Shares shall be holden in *Coventry* aforesaid, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, of which General Assembly or Meeting Five Days Notice shall be given, Once in the *Coventry Mercury* and *Coventry Herald* Newspapers, and shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall or may adjourn to, or shall assemble at, such other Times and Places as shall be appointed in manner herein-after mentioned; at which General Assembly or Meeting, or an Adjournment thereof, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and Committee of Management, consisting of Five Proprietors, to continue until the Half-yearly Meeting which shall be held in the Month of *January* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, or until others or another in their or any of their Stead shall be elected and chosen; and that after the said Committee shall have been elected, one of the Members thereof shall be chosen the Chairman, and another Member thereof the Deputy Chairman; and an Engineer shall be named and appointed; and such General Assembly or Meeting may be adjourned to such other Time and Place as the Proprietors of the Majority of Shares then present shall think fit.

General Assemblies to be holden.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall in the Months of *January* and *July* in each Year hold a General Assembly or Meeting of the said Proprietors, of which General Assembly or Meeting Five Days Notice shall be given in the herein-before mentioned Newspapers, or such of them as shall then be published; and at every General Assembly to be holden in the Month of *January*, or some Adjournment thereof, the Committee of Management for the Year ensuing, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman thereof, to be elected as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time be appointed; provided that nothing herein contained shall render any one of the said Committee whose Office shall have expired ineligible to be immediately re-elected upon such Committee of Management if otherwise duly qualified; provided also, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected or to serve or act as a Member of the said Committee,

Committee, who shall hold or derive any Place of Profit under the said Company, or deal or be interested in any Articles manufactured by the said Company, or concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts under the said Company, or shall not have possessed Five Shares in the said Undertaking for Three Months at the least; and at any of such General Assemblies or Meetings the said Company shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations from Time to Time, as to them shall seem meet and proper for the good Government of the said Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the said Committee of Management, and the Duties and Conduct of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the Superintendance and Management of the said Undertaking in all respects whatsoever; and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, and to make new or other Orders, and impose such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Officers, Workmen, and Servants of the said Company, and other Persons to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, or in the Superintendance and Management of the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings for any one Offence, as to the said Company at a General Assembly shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, so made as aforesaid, being reduced into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed, shall be binding upon all such Persons, and shall be a sufficient Authority in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same; provided nevertheless, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws be not repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or to any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act; provided also, that Copies of all such Bye Laws shall be affixed and continued in the Office of the said Company: Provided always, that in case at any Assembly of the said Proprietors the Number of Votes (including the Vote of the Chairman) shall be equal, then and in every such case the Chairman for the Time being shall have the casting Vote.

Proprietors to vote according to the Number of their Shares.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That no Member of the said Company shall be entitled to be present, or to vote at any General or Special Meeting, or Adjournment thereof, unless he shall have subscribed for at least One Share in the joint Stock of the said Company; and that the Members of the said Company shall have One Vote at such General or Special Meetings for every Share he or she shall possess in the said Undertaking, but no Member shall be entitled to vote in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Instalment or Call, to be made or called for as herein-after is mentioned, until such Instalment or Call shall have been paid; and that no Person or Persons shall vote at any General or Special Meeting upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking, in which such Person or Persons shall be in anywise interested, other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, in the said Undertaking.

Shares standing in the Names of more

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares in the said joint Stock shall be jointly possessed by or be the Property of more than One Person, the Owner or Proprietor whose Name shall stand first

first in order on the Books of the said Company shall, for all the Purposes of the said Company, be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company shall and may be given to, or served upon, such Person whose Name shall so stand first in order in the Books of the said Company; and such Service upon such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Service upon all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, for all the Purposes for which such Service is intended to be made upon the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares, and such Person shall be entitled to any Vote or Votes to be given in respect of such Shares.

Where more than one Person, the Person whose Name stands first shall, for all the Purposes of this Act, be deemed the Owner.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That any Female, Infant, or other Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company's Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Shares at any General or Special Assembly or Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General or Special Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Empowering Proprietors of Shares to vote by Proxy.

'I *A. B.* of One of the Proprietors of and in the *Coventry* Gas Light Company, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Stead to vote or give my Assent to, or Dissent from, any Business, Matter, or Thing relating to the said Undertaking, that shall be mentioned or proposed at the General or Special Assembly of the said Company, to be holden on the Day of or any Adjournment thereof, if I shall not be present, in such manner as he the said *C. D.* shall think proper, according to his Opinion and Judgment, for the Benefit of the said Undertaking, or any Thing relating thereto. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, the Day of .'

Form of Proxy.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting of the said Company, to nominate and appoint, under the Common Seal of the said Company, any Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers, and from Time to Time remove any such Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company, and to nominate, elect, and appoint another Person or Persons in his or their Room or Stead.

Power to General Meeting to appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers.

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Notices herein-before directed to be given of any General Meetings or Adjournments respectively, and all Notices to be given to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not hereby otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors, or to such individual Proprietor respectively, by Letters from the Clerk of the said Company, sent by the Post, if they shall live out of the City of *Coventry* or the Suburbs thereof, to each and every of the said Proprietors entitled to vote at such Meetings respectively, or to the individual Proprietors entitled to such Notice, (as the Case may be); and that the same Notices shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Notices.

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

Meeting of Committee, and Regulations for their Proceedings.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management to be from Time to Time appointed as aforesaid, or any Three or more of them, shall hold their Meetings at such Time and at such Place within the said City of *Coventry*, or the Suburbs thereof, as they shall from Time to Time think proper; and that all Questions, Matters, and Things, which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management at any of their Meetings, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of Members present, and in case of an equal Number of Votes, including the Vote of the Chairman for the Time being, such Chairman shall have the decisive and casting Vote; and if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee, Three Members qualified to vote shall not attend, then and in such case the Meeting shall be adjourned till the next Day if not a *Sunday*, and if the next Day should be a *Sunday* then to the *Monday* following, by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present then by the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and that any Three or more Members of the Committee may at any Time, when they shall think fit, call a Meeting of the Committee, by causing Three Days Notice in Writing, signed by such Members, to be sent by the Post or otherwise, to the Residence or Address of every other Member of such Committee, and also renew the Meetings of the Committee, although they may have been discontinued for want of Adjournment, or to institute a new Meeting independent of any Meeting appointed by Adjournment,

Power of Committee.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and appoint the Time and Place for holding General Assemblies, and direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out or disposed of, for the Purposes of the said Company, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels, for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into Agreements or Contracts for lighting the said City and the Suburbs thereof as aforesaid, or the Houses, Shops, or Buildings therein, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid, and in making, enforcing, and rescinding, compounding and compromising all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, subject to such Orders, Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations, as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company in Restraint, Control, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted; and the said Committee of Management shall be at liberty at any Time to call any Special General Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and shall and they are hereby required to take such Security to the said Company of Proprietors from the Treasurer or Treasurer's Clerk, or other Officer or Officers, or other Person for the faithful Execution of their respective Duties, as they shall think proper and adequate to the Trust.

For supplying Vacancies in Committee.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Member of the Committee of Management, to be elected by virtue of this Act, shall die or become disqualified, or shall for the Space of Three Calendar Months refuse or neglect to attend the Meetings of the said Committee, it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting to be

held pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect some other Proprietor, qualified as herein mentioned, to be a Member of the said Committee in his Stead; and every such Proprietor so elected shall continue in Office as a Member of the said Committee so long as the Person in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have been entitled to have continued if such Death, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect had not happened.

Power to the Committee to appoint Clerks.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall and may appoint a Clerk, Officers, Servants, and Workmen, and Tradesmen of the said Company, and from Time to Time dismiss, remove, and suspend them, as they shall think fit.

Treasurer and Clerk not to be the same Person.

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

Treasurer not to issue Money without an Order signed by Three of the Committee.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers, or other Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Company, shall not issue or pay any Sum or Sums of Money on account of the said Company without an Order or Orders in Writing, signed by Three or more Members of the said Committee of Management; and that the Receipts of such Treasurer or Treasurers for all Monies payable to him or them on account of the said Company shall be effectual Discharges for the same.

Proceedings to be entered in Books.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the said Company of Proprietors, and of the Committee of Management, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and such Orders and Proceedings so entered, and signed by the Chairman for the Time being of each respective Meeting, shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever.

Committee may make Calls on Subscribers.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have full Power at any Time or Times to make such Call or Calls upon the several Subscribers and Proprietors of the said Undertaking, or their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Amount of the Subscriptions for their respective Shares, either in one Payment or by Instalments, as such Committee shall deem requisite or necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; and every Order for a Call shall be signed by Three of the said Committee

mittee of Management for the Time being at least, present at some Meeting of the said Committee duly held; and the Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Company for the Time being, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Twenty-one Days previous Notice shall be given, in such Manner as the said Committee shall direct or appoint in that behalf.

In default of Payment of Calls, Shares to be forfeited.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Subscriber, Person or Persons, or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Part or Portion of the Money to be called for by the Committee of Management as aforesaid, by the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then and in such case such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall (whether or not the same shall then have been sued for in any Court of Law or Equity) absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, and Interest in the said Undertaking and Capital Stock, and all Profit and Advantage thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them on account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Company, unless otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting; and that all Shares which shall or may be so forfeited shall or may be sold at a public Sale for the most Money that can be gotten for the same, and the Produce thereof shall go to and make Part of the Capital or joint Stock of the said Company; but that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, until after Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been given by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the said Company, or Three of the Committee of Management, to the Owner or Owners thereof, by Notice in Writing left at his, her, or their usual or last Place of Abode; and that every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, so forfeiting, against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions for any Breach of Contract or other Agreement between such Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns.

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

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

belonged

belonged immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

Shares may be transferred.

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

'I [*or* we] of in consideration of
'paid to me [*or* us] by of do hereby
'bargain, sell, and transfer to the said Share
'[*or*, Shares, *as the Case may be*,] in the *Coventry* Gas Light Company,
'Number [*or* Numbers] in the said Undertaking: To
'hold to the said Executors, Administrators, and Assigns,
'subject to the same Rules, Orders, and Restrictions, and on the same
'Conditions, as I [*or* we] held the same Share [*or* Shares] immediately before the Execution hereof; and I [*or* we] the said
'do hereby agree to take and accept the said Share [*or* Shares,] subject to the said Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and Conditions: As Witness our Hands and Seals, this Day of
'in the Year of our Lord .'

Transfer to be registered.

And every such Transfer shall be produced to the Clerk of the said Company, and shall be registered by him in the Books of the said Company, for which the Sum of Three Shillings shall be paid, and no more; and the Registry thereof shall specify the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred; and a Copy of such Register, signed by the said Clerk, shall be sufficient Evidence of such Transfer, and be received and admitted as such; and until such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be deemed a Proprietor, or have any Part of the Profit of the said Undertaking, or in the Profits or Advantages thereof, nor shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to any Vote at any Meeting or Meetings, as Member or Members of the said Undertaking, in respect of such Share or Shares, until the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after such Transfer shall have been registered.

No Share to be sold after a Call, till the Money called for is paid.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after any Call for Money shall have been made by virtue of this Act, no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, after the Day appointed for the Payment of the said Call, until the Money so called for in respect of his, her, or their Shares intended to be sold shall be paid; and until such Money so called for shall be paid, any such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void; and all and every Person or Persons making default therein shall be subject and liable to forfeit such his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, to and for the general Benefit of the said Undertaking, unless he, she, or they shall at the Time of such Sale or Transfer pay to the Treasurer of the said Company the full Sum of Money called for upon every Share so to be sold or transferred; such Forfeiture nevertheless to be first notified and declared in manner directed by this Act, with

with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for not answering the Calls to be made thereon as aforesaid.

Executors, &c. indemnified in paying Calls.

LII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall die before Payment shall have been made by him or her of the full Sum to be called for in respect thereof as aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provision as aforesaid, by Will or otherwise, how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, that then and in such case the Executors or Administrators of such Proprietor or Proprietors, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians of any Infant, or other Person or Persons entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such Infant, and all other Persons whomsoever, for paying any Money which shall be called for as aforesaid, in respect of the Share or Shares of such deceased Proprietor.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

LIII. And whereas in case any original Holder or Proprietor of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, become insolvent or bankrupt, go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk to the said Company, it may not be in the Power of the said Company, or any Officer acting for the said Company, to know who is or are the Owner or Proprietor, or Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares; be it therefore further enacted, That in all Cases where the Right and Property in One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers, or any Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, to any other Person or Persons, by any other legal Means than by a Transfer or Conveyance thereof in the Form and Manner herein-before specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by a credible Person, before a Master or Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City of *Coventry*, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, and that such Affidavit shall be delivered to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book or List of Subscribers and Proprietors in the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company.

Power to convey Wastings.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to make such Sewers or Cuts of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think expedient, under the Streets, Ways, Lanes, Avenues, and Places within the said City and Suburbs, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings and other waste Liquids which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers or Cuts, and immediately repairing at their Expence all such Damage: Provided always, that no Part of such Washing or waste Liquid shall be conducted or conveyed into any River, Brook, or running Stream whatsoever.

LV. And

Accounts to be settled Half-yearly.

LV. And be it further enacted, That at the General Assemblies or Meetings in the Months of *January* and *July*, or some Adjournment thereof, the Accounts of the said Company shall be from Time to Time settled; and that any such General Assembly or Meeting, or any Assembly or Meeting specially called for the Purpose, shall have full Power from Time to Time to call for and examine the Accounts of the said Company; and that at every Half-yearly General Assembly or Meeting, or some Adjournment thereof, a Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend shall be at and after the Rate of so much *per Centum* for every Share upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the said Subscribers, their Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine; provided that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall in any Degree be reduced or impaired, nor within Six Calendar Months after the passing of this Act; nor shall any Dividend be paid in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Call for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid.

Meetings to declare Dividends.

Committee of Management and Five Proprietors possessed of 100 Shares may call Special General Meetings.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That a Special Meeting may be called at any Time by the Committee of Management; and also that Five or more Members of the said Company, holding in the Aggregate One hundred Shares or upwards in the said Undertaking, may at any Time, by Writing under their Hands, left at the Office of the said Company, require the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting, so as such Requisition fully express the Objects for which such Special General Meeting is required to be called; and in case of Neglect or Refusal of the said Committee to call such Meeting, the same may be called by the said Members, by giving Five Days Notice thereof in the herein-before mentioned Newspapers.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses, and respecting Service of Notices.

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

Proceedings to be within Six Calendar Months.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act, for any Offence or Offences against this Act, unless Information respecting such

such Offence or Offences shall have been lodged before a Magistrate within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjusted by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the City of *Coventry* in a summary Way, and who is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending, (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer); and in default of Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; and One Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained, the reasonable Charge for such Distress and Sale being first deducted, shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor of such Parish; and in case sufficient Distress shall not be found, and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can conveniently be made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security, to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, for his, her, or their Appearance before such Justice or Justices, on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Five Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to take, by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the House of Correction for the City of *Coventry* for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months.

Form of Conviction.

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

'City of Coventry to wit.' BE it remembered, That on the Day of in the Year of our Lord is [*or* are] convicted before me [*or* us, *as the Case shall be*] of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City of *Coventry*, by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the Second Year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*], of having [*specifying the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case may be*] contrary to the said Act, and for which Offence, I [*or* we, *as the Case shall be*] do adjudge the said to have forfeited

'forfeited the Sum of Given under my Hand and
'Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals, *as the Case may be*] the Day and Year
'first above written.'

Appeal may be made to Quarter Sessions.

LXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rule, Order, or Bye-Law to be made by virtue of this Act, or any Alteration thereof, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this Act, may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at their next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said City of *Coventry*, in all Cases where the Mayor and Burgesses of the said City shall not be interested in their Corporate Capacity in the Matter of such Appeal; but in all Cases where the said Mayor and Burgesses shall be interested in their Corporate Capacity in the Matter of such Appeal, then to the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Warwick*, the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten clear Days Notice of such Appeal, and the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such City or County, as the Case may be, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such Complaint at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or if they think proper may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the said City or County, as the Case may be, and if they see Cause may mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Order or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, or such Costs to either of the Parties, as they shall judge reasonable and proper; and all such Determinations of the said Justices at such General Quarter Sessions shall be binding, final, and conclusive upon all Parties to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Directing what shall be deemed a Service of Notice on the Company.

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

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

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding by Indictment, or otherwise, against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works

Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a Nuisance, or from bringing any Action against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works or Method of Lighting, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of Lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Persons employed therein.

Expences of Act how to be paid.

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

General Saving of all Rights.

LXV. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the said City of *Coventry*, and their Successors, their respective Rights, Privileges, and Franchises, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been made.

Public Act.

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

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