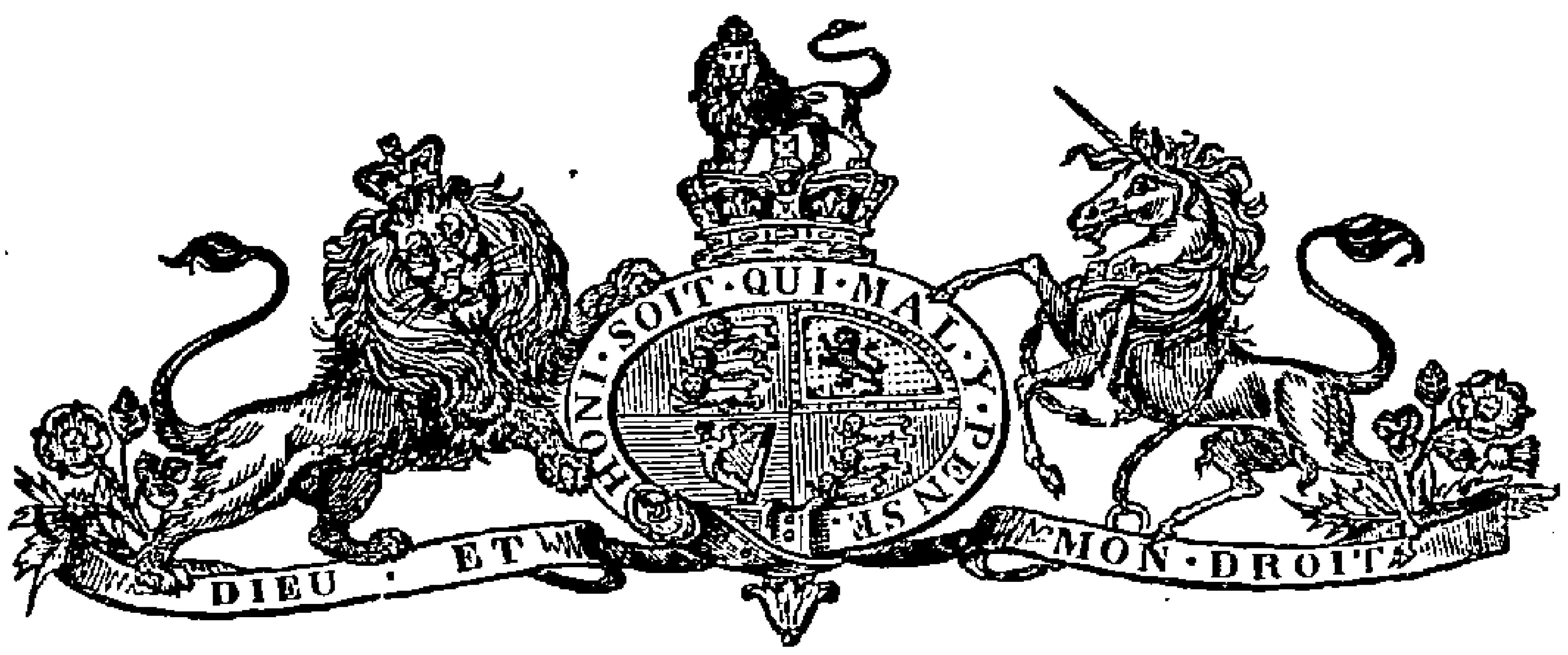


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Cap. iv.

An Act for supplying with Gas the Township of *Droylsden* and other Places adjacent thereto in the Parishes of *Manchester* and *Ashton-under-Lyne* in the County of *Lancaster*.

[3d *April* 1860.]

WHEREAS by a Memorandum of Association, and Articles of Association annexed thereto, dated the Twenty-first Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, a Company was formed, under the Name and Style of the *Droylsden* New Gas Company, Limited, for the Establishment of Gasworks, and the Supply of Gas to the Millowners and Inhabitants of the Township of *Droylsden* and Hamlet of *Fairfield* in the Parish of *Manchester*, and at such other Places as the Company might from Time to Time determine, and for other Purposes, and such Company accordingly purchased Lands and have erected Gasworks for supplying Gas within that Township and Hamlet: And whereas the Captal of such Company is Ten thousand Pounds, divided into Five hundred Shares of Twenty Pounds each, and such Shares have been subscribed for, and Ten Pounds *per* Share paid up: And whereas the Population and House Property of *Droylsden* and *Fairfield* and the Neighbourhood thereof, within the Limits herein-after described, in the Parishes of *Manchester* and *Ashton-*

under-Lyne, all in the County of *Lancaster*, have of late Years greatly increased and are still increasing, and Mills and Manufactories have been erected and are in the course of Erection therein, and it would be of public Advantage if Provision were made for the efficient lighting of those Places with Gas within the Limits herein-after defined, and if the Capital of the Company were increased, and the requisite Powers were conferred upon them for such Purpose: And whereas it is expedient that the Company be incorporated in manner herein-after mentioned, and that Powers be conferred for enabling them effectually to carry on their Undertaking; but the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short Title.

I. This Act may be cited for all Purposes as "The *Droylsden* Gas Act, 1860."

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

II. "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," except the Sections thereof with respect to the Purchase and taking of Land otherwise than by Agreement, and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act; and in construing such Acts respectively in connexion with this Act, and also in construing this Act, the Expression "the Company" shall mean the Company incorporated by this Act; the Expression "the Special Act" shall mean this Act; the Expression "the Works," or "the Gasworks," or "the Undertaking," shall mean and include the Gasworks and Works connected therewith by this Act vested in or authorized to be made or maintained by the Company by this Act incorporated; and the Expression "the Promoters of the Undertaking" shall mean the Company incorporated by this Act; and the Expression "Quarter Sessions" in this and the incorporated Acts shall mean any Quarter Sessions holden in and for the Hundred of *Salford* in the County of *Lancaster* or any Adjournment thereof.

Same Meanings to Words in this Act as in incorporated Acts.

III. Except as in this Act otherwise provided, the several Words and Expressions to which Meanings are assigned by the said Acts incorporated herewith, or either of them, shall in this Act have the Meanings so assigned to them respectively, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to or inconsistent with such Construction.

"The Limited Company."

IV. In this Act the Expression "the Limited Company" shall mean the Company existing under the said Memorandum and Articles of Association immediately before the passing of this Act.

Limits of Act.

V. The Limits of this Act shall comprise and include the District within the Limits herein-after described in the Townships of *Droylsden* and

and *Openshaw* and the Hamlet of *Fairfield* in the Parish of *Manchester* in the County of *Lancaster*, and the Hamlet and Division of *Audenshaw* in the Parish of *Ashton-under-Lyne* in the said County; that is to say, the District comprised within a Line drawn from a Point on the Southerly Side of the *Manchester and Saltersbrook* Turnpike Road opposite the South-westerly Corner of *Moor Lane* in *Openshaw* aforesaid along the Westerly Fence of *Moor Lane* to its Junction with *Edge Lane*, thence along the Westerly and South-westerly Fence of *Edge Lane* to *Clayton Bridge*, thence along the Westerly and Northerly Fence of *Green Lane* to the Gate leading to the *Medlock Vale* Print Works, thence along the Boundary Line of the Parish of *Ashton-under-Lyne* in a Southerly and Easterly Direction to a Point Two hundred Yards East of the *Droylsden* or *Lumm* Station on the *Lancashire and Yorkshire* Railway; from that Point the Boundary shall run in a straight Line in a South-westerly Direction to the Point on the *Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne* new Turnpike Road where the Boundary of the Parish of *Ashton-under-Lyne* crosses it, thence crossing the aforesaid Turnpike Road along the Easterly Fence of *Williamson Lane* to its Junction with *Ashton Hill Lane*, thence following the Easterly Fence of *Ashton Hill Lane* to its Junction with the *Manchester and Saltersbrook* Turnpike Road, thence by the Northerly Fence of that Road to a Point opposite the Toll House at the Junction of the Two Branches of the same Road in *Audenshaw*, thence crossing these Roads to the Southerly Side and following the same Southerly Side of the said *Manchester and Saltersbrook* Turnpike Road Westward to the Point opposite *Moor Lane* aforesaid where the Boundary commenced; and any Houses and Buildings adjoining the Roads along which the Boundary passes shall be deemed to be included within such Limits.

Incorporation of Company.

VI. From and after the passing of this Act, the Limited Company shall be dissolved and cease to exist, and the present Members of or Shareholders in the Limited Company, and all other Persons and Corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns respectively, shall be and they are hereby united and incorporated into a Company for the Purpose of making and supplying Gas within the Limits of this Act, and for doing all Acts necessary for that Purpose, and for other the Purposes by this Act and the said incorporated Acts authorized, by and under the Name of "The *Droylsden* Gas Company," and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession, and shall have a Common Seal, and shall and may sue and be sued, and shall have Power to purchase and hold Lands for the Purposes of the Undertaking, subject to the Restrictions and Provisions herein and in the said incorporated Acts contained.

Present Property vested in Company

VII. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, all Lands, Works, Erections, Buildings, Rights, and Easements which immediately before the passing

incorporated by this Act.

passing of this Act were vested in the Limited Company, or any Person on their Behalf, or to which the Limited Company were in anywise entitled, either at Law or in Equity, and all Mains and Pipes, Plant, Plugs, Lamps, Irons, Gasometers, Retorts, Gauges, Meters, Lamp Posts, Apparatus, Matters, and Things which have been by them purchased or provided, laid down, erected, or placed in any Place or House within the Limits of this Act, or which immediately before the passing of this Act were the Property of or belonging to the Limited Company, and all Moneys, Securities, Credits, Effects, and other Property whatsoever belonging to the Limited Company, or to any Trustees on their Behalf, for the Purposes of the Limited Company, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Company, to the same Extent and for the same Estate and Interest as the same were previously to the passing of this Act vested in the Limited Company, or any Trustees on their Behalf, and may, according to the Provisions of this Act, be held and enjoyed, sued for and recovered, maintained, altered, discontinued, or removed by the Company, as they think fit.

Articles of Association to be void, without Prejudice to Remedies for antecedent Breaches thereof.

VIII. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, the said Memorandum and Articles of Association shall, as to any future or prospective Operation thereof, from and after the passing of this Act, be wholly void and of none Effect; and the several Persons who have executed the same, and their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall immediately from and after the passing of this Act stand and be by virtue of this Act released and discharged from any future Obligation to observe, perform, abide by, fulfil, or conform to the said Memorandum and Articles of Association, or the Covenants or Agreements therein contained, or any or either of them.

Saving previous Rights and Liabilities.

IX. Notwithstanding the Incorporation and Change of the Name of the Company in this Act, and the Avoidance of the said Memorandum and Articles of Association, and except as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the passing of this Act done or suffered by or with reference to the Limited Company, or the Shareholders therein in that Capacity, shall be as valid as if the Company had not been incorporated or its Name had not been changed, and the said Memorandum and Articles of Association had not been avoided by this Act; and such Incorporation, Change of Name and Avoidance, and this Act respectively, shall accordingly be subject and without Prejudice to everything so done or suffered, and to all Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, both present and future, which, if the Company were not incorporated by this Act, its Name had not been changed, and the said Memorandum and Articles of Association were not avoided by this Act, and this Act were not passed, would be incident to or consequent on any and everything so done or suffered; and with respect to all such Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands the Company shall to all Intents

Intents and Purposes represent the Limited Company and the Shareholders therein in their Capacity of Shareholders: Provided always, that the Generality of this Enactment shall not be restricted by any of the other Clauses and Provisions of this Act.

Saving Purchases and Contracts.

X. All Purchases, Sales, Conveyances, Leases, Mortgages, Bonds, Debentures, Contracts, Agreements, Securities, Orders, Resolutions, Proceedings, and other Acts and Things before the passing of this Act made, done, entered into, executed, or instituted by, from, with, to, for, or on behalf of the Limited Company, shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever for, against, or with reference to the Company incorporated by this Act, in like Manner and to the same Extent as but for the passing of this Act they would have been good, valid, and effectual for, against, or with reference to the Limited Company, and may be enjoyed, proceeded on, and enforced accordingly.

Saving Actions and Penalties.

XI. No Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding commenced either by or against the Limited Company before the passing of this Act shall abate or be discontinued or prejudicially affected by or in consequence of the passing of this Act, but, on the contrary, the same respectively shall continue and take effect in favour of or against (as the Case may be) the Company, in like Manner in all respects as they would have continued or taken effect in favour of or against the Limited Company if this Act had not been passed, and all Offences committed, or Torts suffered, or Remedies accrued, or Penalties incurred, before the passing of this Act, may be prosecuted, enforced, or sued for, by or against the Company, in like Manner as but for the passing of this Act they might have been prosecuted, enforced, or sued for by or against the Limited Company.

Gas Rates, &c. to be recovered.

XII. All Gas Rates, Rents, and Sums of Money which immediately before the passing of this Act were due and payable or accruing to the Limited Company shall be payable to and may be collected and recovered by the Company in like Manner as the Gas Rates and Rents under this Act.

Payment of Debts.

XIII. All Persons who immediately before the passing of this Act owed any Money to the Limited Company, or to any Person on their Behalf, shall pay the same, with all Interest (if any) due and payable or accruing upon the same, to the Company; and all Debts and Moneys which immediately before the passing of this Act were due or owing or recoverable from the Limited Company, or for the Payment of which the Limited Company are or but for this Act would be liable, shall be paid, with all Interest (if any) due or payable or accruing upon the same, by or be recoverable from the Company.

Certificates, &c. to remain in force,

XIV. Notwithstanding the Avoidance of the said recited Memorandum and Articles of Association, all Certificates, Sales, Transfers, and Dispositions

Dispositions heretofore made or executed under those Articles of or with respect to any Shares in the Limited Company shall remain in full Force, and continue and be available in all respects, as if the said Memorandum and Articles had not been avoided.

Officers to continue until removed.

XV. All Officers and Servants of the Limited Company who were in Office immediately before the passing of this Act shall hold and enjoy their respective Offices and Employments, together with the Salaries and Emoluments thereunto annexed, until they shall resign the same or be removed therefrom, and shall have the like Powers and Authorities for the Purposes of this Act, and for carrying the same into execution, and shall be subject and liable to the like Conditions, Obligations, Pains, and Penalties, and to the like Powers of Removal, and to the like Rules, Restrictions, and Regulations, in all respects whatsoever, as if they had been appointed under this Act.

Capital.

XVI. The Capital of the Company shall be Twenty-five thousand Pounds divided into One thousand two hundred and fifty Shares of Twenty Pounds each.

Appropriation of Shares.

XVII. Inasmuch as all the Shareholders in the Limited Company have agreed to take Two Shares in the Company incorporated by this Act, in substitution for each Share held by them respectively in the Limited Company: Therefore the Persons and Corporations who immediately before the passing of this Act were Holders of Shares in the Limited Company upon which the Sum of Ten Pounds *per* Share has been paid up shall, in respect of and in substitution for each such Share which they held in that Company, be entitled to Two Shares in the Capital of the Company incorporated by this Act, upon each of which Shares so appropriated Five Pounds shall be deemed to be paid up.

Existing Trusts, &c. attached to new Shares.

XVIII. Any Share or Shares appropriated in lieu of a Share or Shares in the Limited Company shall vest in the Person or Corporation entitled thereto, upon the same Trusts, and subject to the same Powers, Provisions, Declarations, Agreements, Charges, Liens, and Encumbrances, as immediately before the passing of this Act affected the then existing Share in the Capital of the Limited Company for which any such Share or Shares is or are substituted, and so as to give effect to and not to revoke any Will or Testamentary Disposition of or affecting such then existing Share.

Shareholders to pay Calls.

XIX. The several Persons who immediately before the passing of this Act are Shareholders in the Company, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns respectively, shall pay the Amount subscribed by them respectively, or so much thereof as at the passing of this Act has not been paid, with all Interest (if any) due or to accrue due thereon,

thereon, to the Company, when and as the same shall be called up or otherwise demanded by the Company, according to the Provisions of this Act; and the Company or the Directors shall, in respect of such Shares as are not fully paid up, have the same Powers of making and enforcing Calls and Forfeiture of Shares as are by this Act conferred upon the Company or the Directors thereof with respect to the additional Capital hereby authorized to be raised.

Company may call in and cancel existing Share Certificates, and issue new Certificates in lieu thereof.

XX. The Company shall call in and cancel the existing Certificates of Shares in the Limited Company, and issue in lieu thereof Certificates in the Form and under the Conditions prescribed by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," but the Holders of such existing Certificates of Shares shall not be entitled to any Certificates of Proprietorship under this Act until they shall have delivered up to the Company to be cancelled the Certificates of Proprietorship issued to them before the passing of this Act, or shall have proved to the reasonable Satisfaction of the Company the Loss or Destruction thereof.

As to raising Residue of Capital.

XXI. The Directors may from Time to Time issue Shares for raising that Part of the Capital of the Company which has not been subscribed for at the passing of this Act, or any Shares remaining unissued, at such Price (not being less than Par) and to such Persons as the Directors from Time to Time determine.

Calls.

XXII. No One Call to be made upon or in respect of any Share shall exceed Two Pounds *per* Share, and the Interval between successive Calls shall not be less than Three Months, and not more than Three Fourths of the Amount of a Share shall be called up in any One Year.

Receipts of Guardians, &c. to be sufficient Discharges.

XXIII. If any Money be payable to a Shareholder being a Minor, Idiot, or Lunatic, the Receipt of his respective Guardian or Committee shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Company for the same.

Power to borrow on Mortgage.

XXIV. No Money having been borrowed by the Company on Mortgage or Bond, the Company may from Time to Time borrow on Mortgage or Bond, for the Purposes of their Undertaking, any Sums of Money not exceeding at any Time One Fourth Part of the then paid-up Share Capital of the Company, but not exceeding in the whole Six thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds.

Application of Sums raised.

XXV. All Money to be raised under the Provisions of this Act, whether by means of Shares or by the Exercise of the Powers of borrowing, shall be applied to the Purposes by this Act authorized, and to no other Purpose.

XXVI. The

Newspaper for Advertisements.

XXVI. The Newspaper in which Advertisements relating to the Affairs of the Company are to be inserted shall be some Newspaper published in the City of *Manchester* or Town of *Ashton-under-Lyne*.

General Meetings.

XXVII. The First Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company shall be held within Three Months after the passing of this Act; and all Meetings, whether ordinary or extraordinary, shall be held at such Place or Places as may be appointed by the Directors within the Limits of this Act.

Quorum of Meetings.

XXVIII. The Quorum to constitute a General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company shall be Eight Shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than One Sixth Part of the Capital of the Company.

Extraordinary Meetings may be convened by Shareholders.

XXIX. Any Number of Shareholders holding One Tenth Part in the Capital of the Company may require the Directors to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Company.

Number and Qualification of Directors.

XXX. The Number of Directors shall be Five; and the Qualification of every Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of Twenty Shares in the Undertaking.

First Directors.

XXXI. The Persons who at the Time of the passing of this Act are Directors of the Limited Company, namely, *Richard Christy*, *George Ashworth*, *Samuel Harrop*, *Joseph Hadwen*, and *Alexander Christy*, shall be the First Directors of the Company, and shall retire from Office in the Manner prescribed by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Quorum of Meetings of Directors.

XXXII. The Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Three.

Committees of Directors.

XXXIII. The Directors may from Time to Time appoint Committees, and the Number of Directors of which such Committees shall consist shall not be less than Three, of whom any Two shall be a Quorum.

Power to purchase Lands.

XXXIV. The Company may, for the Purposes of their Undertaking, purchase, take, and hold (by Agreement, but not otherwise,) any Lands and Hereditaments not exceeding in the whole Five Acres, which the Company may from Time to Time require for the Purposes of their Works and Undertaking.

Describing Lands.

XXXV. The Lands which the Company may use for the Manufacture of Gas are the Lands at present occupied by the Company in the Township of *Droylsden*, bounded by Land belonging to Mr. *John Swindells*, by *Greenside Lane*, by a Branch of the *Manchester and Ashton-under-Lyne*

Lyne Canal, and by Land and Buildings belonging to or occupied by Mr. *Joseph Warburton*, or Lands immediately adjoining thereto, and the Works for the Manufacture of Gas shall not be erected on any other Lands.

Powers as to Construction of Gasworks, &c.

XXXVI. The Company may from Time to Time maintain, alter, improve, enlarge, extend, or discontinue their now existing Gasworks, and (subject to the Restrictions herein contained as to the Lands to be used for the Manufacture of Gas) may make, erect, lay down, provide, and maintain additional and other Gasworks, Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, Drains, Sewers, Mains, Pipes, Meters, Lamps, Lamp Posts, Burners, Stopcocks, Machinery, and other Works and Apparatus and Conveniences, and may do all such Acts as they think proper for manufacturing Gas, and for storing Gas, and for supplying Gas within the Limits of this Act, and may manufacture, store, and supply Gas accordingly, and may manufacture, sell, provide, supply, and deal in Coke, Coal, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Oil, and all other Products and Residuum of any Materials employed in or resulting from the Manufacture of Gas, and also Meters, Fittings, Tubes, Pipes, and other Articles and Things in any way connected with Gasworks or with the Supply of Gas, as they from Time to Time think fit.

Limiting the Price of Gas.

XXXVII. The Price to be charged by the Company for Gas supplied to Persons who shall burn the same by Meter shall not exceed Six Shillings *per* Thousand Cubic Feet until the Expiration of Five Years from the passing of this Act, and after the Expiration of such Five Years shall not exceed Five Shillings and Sixpence *per* Thousand Cubic Feet.

Consumers may be required to consume Gas by Meter.

XXXVIII. Every Consumer of Gas supplied by the Company shall, on being required by the Company in Writing so to do, consume Gas by Meter; and all Meters hereafter provided, whether by the Company or by the Consumer, shall be in accordance with the Provisions of the Act for regulating Measures used in Sales of Gas; and, until a Meter be examined and stamped under the Provisions of the said Act, it shall be and continue to be approved by the Company, and may from Time to Time be examined and tested by them; and any Meter may be provided, or sold, or let for Hire by the Company to the Consumer, or, at the Option of the Consumer, be provided by him.

Penalty for tampering with Meters.

XXXIX. Any Person who shall knowingly and wilfully prevent any Meter from duly registering the Quantity of Gas supplied shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and the Existence of artificial Means for causing such Prevention, where such Meter shall be under the Custody or Control of the Consumer, shall be *primâ facie* Evidence that the same has been knowingly and wilfully caused by the Consumer using such Meter.

Company may remove Pipes from unoccupied Premises, on giving Notice to Owner.

XL. In all Cases in which the Company are, by "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," incorporated with this Act, authorized to cut off and take away the Supply of Gas from any House, Building, or Premises, then, if such House, Building, or Premises be unoccupied, the Company, their Agents, Servants, or Workmen, after giving Twenty-four Hours previous Notice to the Owner, by serving the Notice on him, or by Letter under the Hand of the Secretary of the Company, sent by Post, addressed to such Owner, or if the Owner or his Address be not known to the Company, by affixing such Notice for Three Days on some conspicuous Part of such House, Building, or Premises, may enter into such Building or Premises, between the Hours of Nine in the Forenoon and Four in the Afternoon, and remove and carry away any Pipe, Meter, or Fittings, or other Works, the Property of the Company, making Compensation to such Owner for any Damage which may be occasioned to him thereby.

Penalties not cumulative.

XLI. Penalties imposed on the Company for one and the same Offence by several Acts of Parliament shall not be cumulative; and for this Purpose this Act and the Acts incorporated herewith shall be deemed several Acts.

Quality of Company's Gas.

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

Company to erect a Meter to test Quality of Gas.

XLIII. The Company shall within Twelve Months after the passing of this Act cause to be erected in some Part of their Works an experimental Meter, furnished with an Argand Fifteen-hole Burner, and a Seven-inch Chimney, or other approved Burner and Chimney capable of consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas *per* Hour, with other necessary Apparatus, so situated or arranged as to test the illuminating Power of all the Gas supplied to the Consumers.

Power to Local Board to test the Quality of the Gas.

XLIV. It shall at any Time be lawful for any Local Board of Health, acting within the Limits of this Act, or until the Appointment of such Local Board, for Two Justices, on the Application of any Consumers of the Gas of the Company, not being less than Five in Number, by Order in Writing, to appoint some competent Person, not being a Member or Officer or Servant of any such Board, to proceed to the Works of the Company, and the Person so appointed, on giving Six Hours previous Notice in Writing to the Company, may, at any reasonable Hour in the Daytime, on producing the said Order, enter on the Premises of the Company, and in the Presence of the Superintendent or other Officer of the Company make Experiment of the illuminating Power of the Gas,

Gas, by means of the experimental Meter and other Apparatus before mentioned, and the Company and their Officers shall afford all reasonable Facilities and Assistance to the making of such Experiment; and if it shall be proved to the Satisfaction of any Two Justices, not being Directors or Shareholders of the Company, after hearing the Parties, that the illuminating Power of the Gas supplied by the Company did not, when so tested as aforesaid, equal the illuminating Power by this Act prescribed, or that the Company or their Officers refused to afford such reasonable Facilities as aforesaid, or hindered or prevented the making of such Experiment, in any such Case the Company shall, unless reasonable Cause be shown to the Justices for the Deficiency in the illuminating Power, forfeit such Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds as the Justices shall determine under the Circumstances of the Case.

Costs of Experiment to be paid according to Event.

XLV. The Costs of and attending such Experiment, including the Remuneration to be paid to the Person making the same, and the Costs of the Proceedings before the Justices, shall be ascertained by such Justices, and in the event of any Penalty being imposed on the Company, shall be paid, together with such Penalty, by the Company; but in the event of the Gas being found, when tested, to be of not less illuminating Power than is by this Act prescribed, or in the event of no Penalty being imposed, such Costs shall be awarded to be paid by the Local Board of Health, or such Consumers, as the Case may be, to the Company, and shall be paid or levied accordingly.

Sums undisputed may be recovered by Distress.

XLVI. All Sums of Money due to the Company for the Supply of Gas, or for the Hire or fixing of Meters or Fittings, and all Damages, Costs, and Expenses by this Act, or any Act incorporated herewith, directed to be paid, and the Amount of which shall not be disputed, may be levied by Distress, and any Justice, on Application, may issue his Warrant accordingly.

Contents of Warrants.

XLVII. Any One Summons or Warrant issued for any of the Purposes of this Act may contain in the Body thereof or in a Schedule thereto several Names and several Sums.

Warrants shall include Costs.

XLVIII. Any Justice who issues a Warrant of Distress for any of the Purposes of this Act shall order that the Costs of the Proceedings for the Recovery of the Money to be levied shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Money; and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justice, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Money.

Recovery of Sums due to Company.

XLIX. Whenever any Person neglects to pay any Rate or Sum due to the Company, the Company may recover the same in any Court of competent Jurisdiction for the Recovery of Sums of a like Amount; and the

the Remedies of the Company under this Enactment shall be in addition to their other Remedies for the Recovery of such Rate or Sum.

Liability to Gas Rate not to disqualify Justices.

L. No Justice shall be disqualified from acting in the Execution of this Act by reason of his being liable to the Payment of any Gas Rent, Rate, or other Charge under this Act.

Expenses of Act.

LI. All the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the passing of this Act and preparatory thereto shall be paid by the Company.

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