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GEORGII III. REGIS.

Cap. 116.

An Act for enlarging the Powers of an Act of His present Majesty, for granting certain Powers and Authorities to the Gas Light and Coke Company. [17th *June* 1814.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the Fiftieth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting certain Powers and Authorities to a Company, to be incorporated by Charter, to be called* The Gas Light and Coke Company, *for making inflammable Air for the lighting of the Streets of the Metropolis, and for procuring Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil from Coal, and for other Purposes relating thereto,* whereby it was enacted, that in case His Majesty should think fit, within Three Years after the passing of the said Act, by His Royal Charter to incorporate the Persons who should be named in such Charter, for the Purposes in the said Act mentioned, such Corporation should have the Powers and Authorities, and be subject to the Regulations and Restrictions, in the said Act mentioned: And whereas His Majesty by His Royal Charter, bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and twelve, did incorporate the said Company in pursuance of the Provisions of the said Act: And whereas the said Company have proceeded in the Execution of the said Act, but from the Nature of the Works of the said Company, and the many Obstacles and Difficulties which they have had to encounter, their Progress has been very much retarded: And whereas it will be expedient that several of the Provisions of the said Act should be altered, enlarged, extended, and amended, and that some further Powers should be given to the said Company: 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 the said Company shall be allowed the Period of Three Years, to be computed from the passing of this Act, to raise the full Sum authorized and required to be raised under and by virtue of the said recited Act, any Thing in the said recited Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding. 50 G. 3. c. 163.

Company to raise their Capital in Three Years from the passing of this Act.

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

II. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after any Call for Money shall be made by virtue of the said recited 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 or 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 herein, shall be subject and liable to forfeit such his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, to and for the 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 the said recited Act, with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for not answering the Calls to be made thereon as aforesaid.

Proprietors to vote who have had their Shares Three Calendar Months.

III. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, every Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall be qualified and entitled to vote for himself or herself who has possessed his or her Share or Shares, and whose Name has been entered in the Books of the said Company as the Possessor or Proprietor of such Share or Shares for the Space of Three Calendar Months then next preceding, at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, according to the Ratio contained and directed in the said recited Act, any Thing in the said recited Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that no Person shall be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, in respect of any Share or Shares which he or she may possess in the said Undertaking, unless such Person shall have fully paid and satisfied all Arrears of Money which shall or may have become due in pursuance of any Call or Calls by the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors, for or in respect of such Share or Shares.

Females may vote by Proxy.

IV. And be it further enacted, That every Female Proprietor of Shares in the said Undertaking may give her Vote or Votes in respect of such Shares at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, either in Person or by her Proxy constituted under her Hand, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking; and every such Vote or Votes by Proxy shall be as good, valid, and sufficient, to all Intents and Purposes, as if such Principal had voted in Person: Provided nevertheless, that no Proprietor shall give or deliver in Proxies for more than Six Female Proprietors; and the Appointment of such Proxies shall be made according to the Form following; (that is to say),

Form of Proxy.

'I *A. B.* of Proprietor of
'Shares in the Capital Stock of *The Gas Light and Coke Company*, do
'hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of
'to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence 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 Meeting
'of the said Company, to be holden on the Day of
'next, 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,
'in any Thing appertaining thereto. Witness my Hand, this
'Day of .'

Qualification of the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors.

V. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, any Owner or Proprietor of Shares in the said Undertaking shall be qualified to be elected and to sit and act as Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director of the said Undertaking, if at the Time of such Election he shall and shall continue to hold and be possessed of Twelve Shares, at the least, in the Joint Stock or Capital of the said Undertaking; any Thing in the said recited Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and such Regulations, Restrictions, and Directions shall be applicable to such Twelve Shares, as are contained in the said recited Act in respect of the Shares thereby directed to be held by the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors; and such Oaths shall be administered to the Person or Persons so elected, or acting as Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors, by virtue of this Act, in respect to such Twelve Shares, as are directed by the said Charter to be administered to the Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors of and in the said Undertaking.

Court of Directors empowered to administer Oaths to new Directors.

VI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person to be elected Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director of and in the said Undertaking, shall, on account of Illness or otherwise, be absent from or unable to attend the General or Special Meeting of the said Company at which such Person shall be so elected Governor, Deputy Governor or Director, and be thereby prevented from taking the Oaths prescribed and directed by the said Charter to be administered at a General or Special Meeting of the said Company, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Court of Directors, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at any Meeting in pursuance of the said recited Act and this Act, to administer the said Oaths to such Persons so elected to be Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director, and absent from such General or Special Meeting of the said Company; and upon such Oaths being administered by the said Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors, or any competent Number of them, such Person shall be as fully qualified and empowered to act as Governor, Deputy Governor, or Director, as if such Oaths had been administered at the General or Special Meeting of the Company at which such Election took place.

Repeal of the Form of Transfer of Shares.

VII. And be it further enacted, That so much of the said recited Act as prescribes a Form for the Transfer of Shares in the said Undertaking shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Form of Transfer of Shares.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, the Transfer of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall be in the Form following; *videlicet*,

'I of in Consideration of
'paid to me by of do hereby
'bargain, sell, assign, and transfer to the said
'the Sum of Capital Stock of and in the Undertaking
'of '*The Gas Light and Coke Company*,' being of my Share
'No. 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, that
'I held the same immediately before the Execution hereof; and I, the
'said do hereby agree to take and accept the said
' Share, subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and
' Conditions.

'Conditions. As Witneſs our Hands and Seals, this
'Day of in the Year of our Lord .'

Powers of the Company in lighting Houſes.

IX. And whereas Doubts have ariſen as to the Extent of the Powers veſted in the ſaid Company, for lighting Houſes, Manufactories, and Buildings; for removing whereof, be it further enacted, That the ſaid Company ſhall have full Power and Authority, with the Conſent and under the Direction of any Commiſſioners or Truſtees, or other Perſon or Perſons having the Care, Superintendance, or Controul over the Pavements in any Part of the Cities of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, or either of them, or within the Town and Borough of *Southwark* in the County of *Surrey*, or the Suburbs, Liberties, or Precincts of the ſaid Cities or Borough reſpectively, or adjacent thereto, to lay any Mains or Pipes communicating with the Works of the ſaid Company, along any Streets, Highways, Lanes, or Paſſages, or any Part of them, within the ſaid Cities, or either of them, or within the ſaid Town and Borough, or the Suburbs, Liberties, or Precincts aforeſaid; and to light any Houſes, Manufactories, or Buildings whatever from any of ſuch Mains or Pipes, although no Contract may have been entered into with the ſaid Company for lighting any Public Street, Highway, Lane, or Paſſage, in the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Houſes, Manufactories, or Buildings ſhall lie or be ſituated; any Thing in the ſaid recited Act to the contrary thereof in anywiſe notwithſtanding.

The Act 50 G. 3. and this Act to be conſtrued as One Act.

X. And be it further enacted, That the Powers, Proviſions, Clauſes, Regulations, Directions, Reſtrictions, Matters, and Things, whatſoever, contained in the ſaid recited Act, ſo far as the ſame are not expreſsly altered or repealed by this Act, ſhall be conſtrued to extend and operate, and be in full Force, with reſpect to all Matters and Things whatſoever, which may happen or ariſe in the Execution of this Act, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if the ſame and every Part thereof were repeated and re-enacted in this Act, and were made Part thereof; and the ſaid recited Act and this Act ſhall, as to all Matters and Things whatſoever, except as aforeſaid, be conſtrued as One Act.

Public Act.

XI. 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.

Commencement and Continuance of this Act.

XII. And be it further enacted, That this Act, and all the Powers hereby given, ſhall take place, and have Commencement and continue, from and after the paſſing thereof, until and inclusive of the Thirtieth Day of *April* in the Year of our Lord One thouſand eight hundred and fifteen, and from thence for and during and unto the full End and Term of Eighteen Years.

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