CHAPTER lxx.

An Act for empowering the Imperial Continental Gas Association to supply means of Lighting other than Gas, and for other purposes. [3d July 1879.]

A.D. 1879.

WHEREAS under or by virtue of the Imperial Continental Gas Association Act, 1870, (herein-after called the Act of 1870,) the Imperial Continental Gas Association (herein-after called the Association) are a Company incorporated for the purpose of supplying, either exclusively by means of their own capital and property or in conjunction with any other company or party, any cities, towns, and places in foreign countries with gas: 33 & 34 Vict. c. lxx.

And whereas the Act of 1870 was amended by the Imperial Continental Gas Association Act, 1878 (in this Act called the Act of 1878): 41 & 42 Vict. c. xvii.

And whereas the Association have for many years supplied and are now supplying with gas many cities, towns, places, and persons in foreign countries, and it is expedient that the Association be empowered to supply such cities, towns, places, and persons with means of lighting other than gas:

And whereas it is also expedient that the Association be empowered to supply cities, towns, places, and persons in any British colony or dependency with gas or any other means of lighting:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained 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 and construction of Act.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Imperial Continental Gas Association Act, 1879, and shall be construed and have effect together with the Acts of 1870 and 1878 as one Act,

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except so far as such construction would be inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act.

Extension of powers of Association.

2. The Association may from time to time supply any cities, towns, places, and persons in foreign countries, not only with gas, but with any other light or means of producing light already known or hereafter to be discovered, and may manufacture and deal in any means of producing light, and may acquire, hold, and enjoy, but only for the purposes of the Association, any patent rights or licenses relating to the production of light, and generally may do all such acts and things as are necessary or incidental to such supply, manufacture, and dealing as aforesaid, and all powers conferred by the Acts of 1870 and 1878 on the Association shall extend and apply to the execution by the Association of this Act.

Power to enter into contracts, &c.

3. For the purposes of this Act the Association may from time to time make, accept, and carry into effect any contracts, agreements, or concessions, and may confirm and carry into effect contracts, agreements, or concessions made or granted before the passing of this Act.

Power to supply gas, &c. in British colonies.

4. The Association may from time to time supply gas or any other light or means of producing light to any cities, towns, places, or persons in any British colony or dependency, and may for that purpose exercise the powers of the Acts of 1870 and 1878 and of this Act in any such colony or dependency.

Powers of Act cumulative.

5. All powers, rights, and privileges conferred on the Association by this Act shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in derogation of any powers, rights, or privileges already possessed or enjoyed by the Association under the Acts of 1870 and 1878 or otherwise.

Expenses of Act.

6. The costs, charges, and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing of and applying for and the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Association.

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