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flammaole Air or Gas, and for making Coke, Coke Ashes, Coke Dust, and Breeze, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and any other Matters and Products to be obtained in, from, and by the Manufacture of such Air or Gas: And whereas the said Company will be better enabled to carry into effect the Powers and Authorities granted to the said Company, if the said Company were authorized and empowered to raise a further Sum of Money: And whereas it is expedient that several of the Provisions of the said recited Act should be altered and amended, and that 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 so much of the said recited Act as limits the Quantity of Land to be held or possessed by the said Company to Six Acres at any one Time be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repeal of the Limitation of Land to be held by the Company to 6 Acres.

Land may be purchased not exceeding Six Acres at each Station.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, and they are hereby empowered from Time to Time to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of, and to hold to them and their Successors, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which they, or the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, may from Time to Time think requisite for any of the Purposes of the said Company, and of the said recited Act and of this Act, and also to sell and dispose of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, as they shall from Time to Time think proper, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever: Provided nevertheless, that the Quantity of Land which the said Company may hold, under and by virtue of the Powers and Authorities of the said recited Act or of this Act, shall not exceed at any one Time the Quantity of Six Statute Acres at every One of the Stations or Places where Gasometers, Retorts, or Works belonging to the said Company shall be made and erected; and that the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments for which the said Company and the Directors of the said Company may so treat, contract, and agree, and which they may purchase, hold, and possess, shall be purchased, held, and possessed with, under, and subject to all other the Powers, Provisoes, Regulations, Restrictions, and Conditions in the said recited Act contained, in anywise relating to the treating, contracting, or agreeing for the Purchase of or holding or possessing any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments for which the said Company were by the said recited Act empowered to treat, contract, or agree, and also relating to the Sale and Disposition of such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the Purchase and Holding of any other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, as fully and effectually to all Intents and Purposes as if such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments were treated, contracted, and agreed for, purchased, held, possessed, sold, or disposed of, under and by virtue of the said recited Act.

III. And whereas the said Company are enabled to purchase any Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which they or the Directors of the said Company may think requisite for the Purposes of the said recited Act and of this Act, provided the Quantity of Land which the said Company may hold and possess shall not exceed at any one Time the Quantity of Six Statute Acres at every One of the Stations or Places where Gasometers, Retorts, or Works belonging to the said Company shall be made and erected as aforesaid; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all other Persons whomsoever, are empowered to sell such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to the said Company: And whereas it is expedient to restrain the said Company from selling any such Lands so purchased from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees, or Feoffees in Trust for Charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in Behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under any legal Disability or Incapacity, and again purchasing other Lands from the same or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for Charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in Behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, in lieu or stead of the Lands so sold; be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for Charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or on Behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, more than such Six Statute Acres at every One of the Stations or Places where Gasometers, Retorts, or Works belonging to the said Company shall be made and erected; and in case the said Company shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Six Statute Acres at every One of such Stations or Places, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase of or from the same or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for Charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or on Behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, to sell to the said Company any other Lands in lieu or in stead of those Six Statute Acres at every One of such Stations or Places, or any Part thereof, so sold or disposed of by the said Company.

Restraining the Company from purchasing more than a certain Quantity of Land from incapacitated Persons.

IV. And

Power to raise further Capital.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves or by the Admission of New Subscribers for the Purposes of the said recited Act and this Act, in addition to the Money which they were authorized and empowered to raise by and under the said recited Act for the Purposes thereof, any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, in such Proportions as they shall think fit, which said Sum, and every or any Part thereof, when raised, shall be laid out in carrying the Purposes of the said recited Act and this Act into Execution, and shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds each; and such new and additional Shares so to be created by virtue of this Act, and the several Shares made or created by virtue of the said recited Act, shall to all Intents and Purposes be and they are hereby declared to be consolidated, and to be one and the same joint Stock and Property; and all Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and Parties whomsoever, their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, who have severally subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe for One or more Share or Shares, or such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be called for or demanded, under and by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes of the said recited Act and this Act, shall respectively be entitled to and receive the entire and net Distribution of an equal proportionate Part, according to the Money so by them respectively paid, and the Time or Times at which the same shall have been so paid, of the Profits or Advantages that shall or may arise or accrue to the said Company; and every Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and Persons having such Shares as aforesaid, shall bear and pay a proportionate Sum towards carrying on the Works and Objects of the said Company, in manner directed by the said recited Act and this Act, or either of them.

New Shares to be subject to the Provisions of former Acts as to old Shares.

V. And be it further enacted, That each and every Proprietor of each and every Share which shall or may be created by virtue of this Act shall be entitled to such and the same Powers, Privileges, and Advantages, and shall be subject to such and the same Rules, Regulations, Restrictions, Penalties, and Forfeitures, as in and by the said recited Act are expressed and contained of and concerning the Shares created by virtue thereof, and now vested in the several and respective Proprietors of Shares, subject nevertheless to the Powers and Provisions in this Act contained; and the Admission of all and every Person and Persons to any such new Share or Shares, by any Order or Resolution of the said Company, or of their Directors, shall be and be deemed a good and effectual Title to such Person or Persons, and his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, on his, her, or their paying to the said Company, or their Treasurer or Treasurers for the Time being, the Sum or Sums of Money required to be paid for such Shares respectively, within the Time limited in such Order or Resolution for that Purpose; provided always, that no Person shall be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, in respect of any Shares created by virtue of this Act, until he or she shall have been possessed thereof for the Space of Three Calendar Months.

VI. And

Repeal of Restrictions on laying Mains by Imperial Gas Company.

VI. And whereas by the said Act it is amongst other things enacted, that nothing in that Act contained should extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, their Agents or Workmen, or any Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, or on their Behalf, to open or in any Manner break up the Soil, Pitchings, or Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Squares, Courts, Roads, Lanes, or public or private Ways, within a Line commencing at *Irongate Stairs* on the River *Thames*, near the Tower of *London*, and continued in a straight Line to *Manor Row Little Tower Hill*, thence in a North Westwardly Direction to *Union Row Rosemary Lane*, through the Centre of *Rosemary Lane*, to *Church Lane Cable Street*, in the Parish of *Saint George in the East*, thence in a North Westwardly Direction to the *Commercial Road*, at the Corner of *Church Lane* aforesaid, thence along the Exterior of the North Side of the *Commercial Road*, to *White Horse Street Stepney*, in the Hamlet of *Ratcliffe*, and through the Centre of *White Horse Street*, *Butcher Row*, and *Ratcliffe Cross*, to the River *Thames* at *Ratcliffe Cross Stairs*, in the County of *Middlesex*, or to authorize or empower them or any of them to sink or lay down, put, or place any Main or Mains, Pipes, Tubes, or Branches therein, or in any Part or Parts thereof, within the Line aforesaid, or to light, or cause to be lighted, or in any Manner either directly or indirectly to supply with Gas any of the Parts or Places within the Line aforesaid, but they were thereby expressly prohibited and restrained from so doing; and if the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, or any of their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, or any other Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, should offend therein, the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, and each and every Person so offending, should forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds for each and every separate and distinct Act or Offence, to be recoverable as therein is mentioned; now be it further enacted, That so much of the said Act as prohibits the said Company, their Agents or Workmen, or any Person or Persons employed by or acting for them or on their Behalf, from opening or in any Manner breaking up the Soil, Pitchings, or Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Squares, Courts, Roads, Lanes, or public or private Ways, within the above recited Line, and as restricts the said Company from sinking, laying down, putting, or placing any Main or Mains, Pipes, Tubes, or Branches therein, or in any Part or Parts thereof, within the aforesaid Line, and also so much of the said recited Act, as imposes a Penalty of One hundred Pounds upon the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, and their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, and other Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, for or on account of any such opening or in any Manner breaking up such Soil, Pitchings, or Pavements, or for or on account of any such sinking, laying down, putting, or placing any Main or Mains in any such Parts, be and the same is hereby repealed: Provided always nevertheless, that the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons respectively, in whom the Superintendence, Power, or Control of the several Streets, Highways, Bridges, Footpaths, Lanes, Squares, Passages, public Places, Turnpike and other Roads and Highways respectively, within the said last-mentioned Line, under the Hand or Hands of their proper Officer or Officers at some Meeting of such Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons respectively,

to the breaking up of such Soil, Pitching, or Pavements respectively, for the Purpose of sinking or laying down any such Main or Mains, Pipes, Tubes, or Branches, be first had and obtained.

Repeal of Clause to avoid Contracts.

VII. And whereas by the said recited Act it was provided and enacted, that if the said Company should contract with any Commissioners or Trustees for lighting any Parish or Place, or Part of any Parish or Place, and should not duly perform such Contract, then and in such Case it should be lawful for such Commissioners or Trustees to determine such Contract, giving Six Months Notice thereof, and then and in such Case, and also at the Expiration of any such Contract, it should be lawful for such Commissioners or Trustees either to purchase the Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Branches of Pipes, and other Materials belonging to the said Company, and employed in lighting such Parish or Place, or Part of a Parish or Place, at a reasonable Price, to be settled by Two Persons, one to be named by the said Commissioners or Trustees, and the other by the said Company, and in case such Persons should differ, by a Third Person, to be named by such Two Persons as an Umpire between them, One Month at the least previous to the Expiration of the Term of such Contract, or to the Expiration of such Six Months Notice for determining such Contract, or to remove such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Branches, and other Materials at the Expiration of such Contract or Determination thereof by such Notice, and in the meantime to permit such Commissioners or Trustees to lay such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Branches, and other Articles as should be necessary for the Supply of any such Parish or Place, or Part of a Parish or Place, at the Expiration or sooner Determination of such Contract; be it therefore further enacted, That from and immediately after the passing of this Act, so much of the said recited Act as is last mentioned shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Penalty on the Company for any Breach of Contract.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act, if the said Company shall contract with any Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons or Bodies, having the Control, Direction, or Management of the lighting of any Parish or Place, or any Part of any Parish or Place, and shall not duly perform any Contract entered into by them with any such Commissioners or Trustees as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay unto such Commissioners or Trustees, for every Breach or Neglect in the Performance of any such Contract, the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered in the same Manner in which other Penalties and Forfeitures are by the said in part recited Act directed to be recovered.

The Number of Directors to be reduced.

IX. And whereas by the said recited Act it is also enacted, that Eighteen Proprietors of the said Company, qualified and nominated and appointed as therein mentioned, should be and be called Directors of the said Company, and it is expedient that the Number of the Directors of the said Company should be reduced to Twelve Directors, in the Manner herein-after mentioned; be it therefore further enacted, for the Purpose of reducing the Number of the Directors of the said Company from Eighteen Persons, as authorized by the said recited Act, to Twelve Persons and no more, That when and as any of the Directors of the said Company now elected, or here-

after to be elected or re-elected, shall die or resign the said Office of a Director, or shall become disqualified to hold such Office according to the Provisions of the said recited Act or of this Act, then and in every such Case, and until the Number of the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, by such Death, Resignation, or Disqualification, shall have been reduced to the Number of Twelve Directors, then at no General Annual Meetings of the said Company, holden for the Election of the Directors and Officers of the said Company, nor at any other General Meeting of the said Company holden pursuant to the Provisions of the said recited Act, shall or may any Proprietor or Proprietors be elected to fill the Vacancy or Vacancies among the Directors of the said Company, occasioned by the Death, Resignation, or Disqualification of such Director or Directors so dying, resigning, or becoming disqualified as aforesaid, nor shall any Special General Meeting of the Proprietors be convened for the Purpose of electing some one or more Proprietor or Proprietors to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies so occasioned, but the said Company, at their General Annual Meeting holden for the Election of Directors and other Officers of the said Company, shall only elect so many Proprietors, duly qualified to be Directors of the said Company, as, after deducting from the original Number of Eighteen Directors, authorized by the said recited Act, so many Vacancies as shall previously have arisen from Time to Time by the Death, Resignation, or Disqualification of any Directors of the said Company, shall make up the Number of the Directors of the said Company to the reduced Number occasioned by such Death, Resignation, or Disqualification of Directors as aforesaid; any Provision, Matter, or Thing in the said recited Act or in this Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Election of Directors after the Number is reduced.

X. And be it further enacted, That at the General Annual Meeting of the said Company which shall be holden for the Election of Directors and other Officers of the said Company, pursuant to the Directions of the said recited Act, next after the Time when the Number of the Directors of the said Company, by Death, Resignation, or Disqualification, shall be so as aforesaid reduced to Twelve Directors, and at the like General Annual Meeting of the said Company in every succeeding Year, there shall be an Election of Four Proprietors only, qualified respectively as in the said recited Act mentioned, who shall thenceforth be Four of the Directors of the Affairs of the said Company for Three Years next ensuing such their Election, unless they or either of them shall die, resign, or become disqualified, as in the said recited Act or in this Act mentioned, instead of electing Six Proprietors to be Directors of the Affairs of the said Company, as in the said recited Act is provided; any Provision, Matter, or Thing in the said recited Act or in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Regulations of Directors when reduced to Twelve.

XI. And be it further enacted, That when and so soon as the Number of the Directors of the said Company shall be so as aforesaid reduced to Twelve Directors, the Number of Directors who shall annually go out of the said Office of Directors shall be Four Persons, to be determined by Lot as in the said Act is provided, until the General

General Annual Meeting which will be in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and from and after that Period in regular Succession, according to the Provisions of the said recited Act; and that all the Business of the said Directors to be transacted at any Meeting of the said Directors shall and may be legally and validly transacted, provided the Governor or Deputy Governor of the said Company and Three Directors shall be present, instead of Four Directors as required by the said recited Act, and in the Absence of the said Governor or Deputy Governor, provided Four Directors at the least shall be present, instead of Six Directors as required by the said recited Act; any Provision, Matter, or Thing in the said recited Act or in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always, that from and after such Reduction of the Directors of the said Company to Twelve Directors as herein is provided, then and so often as it shall happen that any of the Twelve Directors of the said Company for the Time being shall die or resign, or become disqualified to continue in or hold the said Office, a Special General Meeting of the Proprietors shall be convened by the Directors of the said Company for the Time being, for the Purpose of electing some One or more Proprietor or Proprietors, qualified as aforesaid, to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies, and exercise the said Office, for such Time or Times, and with the like Powers and Authorities as the Person or Persons so dying, having resigned, or become disqualified, would have done respectively, if no such Vacancy as aforesaid had occurred, and in the Manner directed by the said recited Act.

Disqualification of Directors neglecting to attend for Six Calendar Months.

XII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person already elected, or hereafter elected to be a Director of the said Company, shall for Six successive Calendar Months neglect to attend the Weekly or other Meetings of the said Directors at the Office of the said Company (without the Consent of the Directors of the said Company at One of their Weekly or other Meetings by him obtained), then every such Person, from and after the Expiration of every or any such Six Calendar Months from the Time of his last Attendance at the Weekly or other Meetings of the said Directors at their Office as aforesaid, shall cease to be a Director of the said Company, and be totally disqualified from acting as and being a Director of the said Company, and although the Term for which such Person shall have been appointed to be a Director of the said Company shall not then have elapsed; any Provision, Matter, or Thing in the said recited Act or this Act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Treasurer and Clerk not to be the same Person.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to continue or appoint the Person or Persons who has been or may be appointed their Clerk or Clerks in the Execution of the said recited Act and this Act, or either of them, or the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Purposes of the said recited Act and this Act, or either of them, or to continue or appoint any Person or Persons who has been or may be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Partner or Partners of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company;

pany; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of the said recited Act and this Act, or either of them, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks, or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer or Treasurers shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of the said recited Act and this Act, or either of them, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under the said Company, other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to any Person who shall sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Restraining the Company from laying Pipes on private Lands without Consent.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company, or any of their Servants, Agents, Workmen, or others, to enter into, or to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes in, over, or upon any private Lands, Grounds, or Premises, or to continue the same, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners and Occupiers thereof respectively.

Repeal of Clause preventing Washings from being carried into any River, &c.

XV. And whereas by the said recited Act it is provided and enacted, that if the said Company should at any Time drain or convey, or cause or suffer to be drained or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings or other waste Liquids, or any noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which might arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the Works of the said Company, into the River *Thames*, or into any Running Stream or Brook, or into any Sewer, Drain, Passage, or Channel, by means whereof any such Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things as aforesaid, should be drained, conducted, or conveyed into the said River *Thames*, or into any River, Brook, or Stream communicating therewith, or into any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond belonging to, or used or intended for the Supply of Water by any Company of Proprietors of any Water Works, for conveying Water into, through, or about any Place whatsoever, or into any Branch or Service Pipe or Pipes for the Supply of any Dwelling House or Building, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond, Pipe or Pipes, whereby the said Water or any Part thereof should or might be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then and in each and every such Case the said Company should forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, to be sued for and recovered as in the said Act is particularly mentioned; provided that no such Penalty or Forfeiture should be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time of such Penalty being incurred; and it was provided, that in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, in case any of the said Washings or other waste Liquids, noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or

Things, should be drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, into the River *Thames*, or into any River, Brook, or Stream communicating therewith, or into any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond belonging to, or used or intended for the Supply of Water by any of the said Water Works Companies, or into any Branch or Main Pipe or Pipes for the Supply of any Dwelling House or Building, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing should be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing should have been given by any of the said Water Works Companies, or by any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to the said Company, and the said Company should not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice should have been given to them as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, from being drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company should forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, should be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing should be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such Penalty might be recovered, levied, and applied in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by the said Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied: And whereas it is expedient the same should be repealed; be it therefore enacted, That the same shall be and is hereby repealed.

Penalty for conveying Washings into any River, Stream, &c.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company of Proprietors shall at any Time empty, drain, or convey, or cause or suffer to be emptied, drained, or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings, or other waste Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the said Gas Works, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring such Gas, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, Spring Head, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or Running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Spring Head, Well, Drain, Sewer, or Ditch, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, together with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed, and the whole thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same; provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable, unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time of such Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing shall have ceased and determined; provided also, that over and above

and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, and whether such Penalty shall have been sued for or recovered or not, in case any of the said Washings, or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be emptied, drained, or conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, into any River, Brook, or Running Stream, or any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, Spring Head, or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done, or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any Person or Persons to whom the same shall belong, or by any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to the said Company of Proprietors, and the said Company of Proprietors shall not within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them or him as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, from being emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such case the said Company of Proprietors shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be so emptied, drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done, or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by the said recited Act or this Act directed to be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who, in the Judgment of the Justice or Justices before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage, by any such Act so done or committed.

No Burners of larger Dimensions than those contracted for with the Company to be used.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That no Person shall use any Burner of Gas of larger Dimensions than he, she, or they respectively shall contract with the said Company to pay for, nor shall supply any other Person with any Part of the Gas supplied by the said Company, nor enlarge any Orifice in any Burner of Gas, nor increase the Number of any Orifice or Orifices in any Burner of Gas, on Pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every such Offence, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace acting within the Limits of the said recited Act and of this Act, and which Warrant such Justice is hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture and the 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 and Charges shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said County, City, Borough, or Place respectively, there

there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company, if they shall so think fit, also to take off the Gas from the House or Premises of the Person so offending, notwithstanding any Contracts or Agreements which may have been previously entered into by the said Company.

Penalty for wilfully damaging Pipes or wasting Gas.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously remove, take away, break, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or shall wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously extinguish or put out any or either of the public Lamps and Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company; every Person so offending in any one or either of the Cases aforesaid, and being thereof lawfully convicted, on the Oath of One credible Witness, before any Justice of the Peace, acting within the Limits of this Act, shall for each such separate and distinct Offence forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds nor less than Forty Shillings, and Twice the Amount of the Damage done or occasioned, as the same shall be ascertained by such Justice; and such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, shall be levied under the Warrant of such Justice, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of every 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, either by Confession or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath or have not any Goods and Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture and Damage and Charges as aforesaid, such Offender or Offenders shall or may be forthwith committed to the House of Correction, or to the Common Gaol for the County, City or Borough respectively, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Time to be fixed by the said Justice, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, Damage, and Charges shall be sooner fully paid and satisfied.

Satisfaction for accidental Damage to Lamps.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure any Lamp or Lamps hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or by any Person or Persons at his, her, or their private Expence, or any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging thereto, or to the said Company, or carelessly or accidentally waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or keep the Lights 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 Excess of Gas obtained and used, then and in every case it shall and may be lawful to and for any One Justice of the Peace acting within the Limits of this Act, and he is hereby required, upon Complaint to him made, to

to summon before him the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred, and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or on Non-appearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, 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 shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded within Two Days after Demand in Writing, under the Hand of the Clerk to the said Company, given to or left for such Party or Parties at his or their Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, or last known Place or Places of Abode, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice, and he is hereby required to cause the same with all reasonable Charges to be raised and levied in such and the like Manner as any Penalty, Forfeiture, or Damage, and Charges, is or are by this Act directed to be raised and levied.

Power to depute Persons to prove Debts under Commission of Bankruptcy.

XX. And be it further enacted, That the Directors of the said Company shall be and they are hereby empowered, by any Writing under their Common Seal, to appoint any Person or Persons to prove any Debt or Debts under any Commission of Bankruptcy, or under any Assignment to take place under the present Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, or any future Act relative to Insolvent Debtors, which may be issued against or may be made by any Debtor or Debtors to the said Company, and to sign the Certificate of any Bankrupt, and to revoke such Appointment, and from Time to Time to make any other Appointment, as the said Directors shall think fit.

Remedy for Recovery of Rents.

XXI. 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 shall use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas, either in their private Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings or Manufactories, Grounds, Premises, or otherwise, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Two Days after Demand, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company from such Body or Bodies, Commissioners, Trustees, or other Person or Persons, according to the Terms and Stipulations entered into by them with the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company or their Clerk or Superintendent, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Justice of the Peace, acting within the Limits of the said recited Act and this Act, (which Warrant such Justice 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 thereof 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 refusing or neglecting, after the necessary 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

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*.

Saving the Rights of the Commissioners of Sewers for Westminster, &c.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further declared and enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed or construed to extend, to prejudice, diminish, alter, or take away any of the Rights, Powers, or Authorities vested in the Commissioners of Sewers for the City and Liberty of *Westminster*, and Part of the County of *Middlesex*, but all the Rights, Powers, and Authorities vested in them shall be as good, valid, and effectual, as if this Act had not been made.

2 G. 4. c. 117. and this Act to be construed as one Act.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Powers, Provisions, Regulations, Directions, Restrictions, Matters, and Things whatsoever contained in the said recited Act, except so far as the same are expressly altered or repealed by this Act, shall be deemed, taken, and 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.

Expences of Act to be paid.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act, shall be paid by the Directors of the said Company out of the Joint Fund and Monies of the said Company.

Public Act.

XXV. 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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