CHAPTER xxii.

An Act for empowering the Longton Gas Company to extend their limits of supply; and for other purposes. A.D. 1875.

[13th May 1875.]

WHEREAS by "The Longton Gas Act, 1866," (herein-after called "the Act of 1866,") the Longton Gas Company, Limited, was dissolved, and re-incorporated under the name of the Longton Gas Company, with powers for the supply of gas within the borough of Longton, the township of Blurton in the parish of Trentham, the parish of Caverswall, and the township of Normacott in the parish of Stone, all in the county of Stafford; and it is provided that the price to be charged by the Company for gas supplied by meter shall not exceed three shillings and sixpence per thousand cubic feet within the borough of Longton and within a radius of one mile from the works of the Company, or four shillings beyond that distance: 29 & 30 Vict. c. cxxv. Sec. 5. Sec. 33.

And whereas the extension of the limits within which gas may be supplied by the Company, so as to include certain neighbouring districts, would conduce to the convenience of the inhabitants of those districts:

And whereas the Company do not as yet light with gas any part of the district beyond the before-mentioned one-mile radius, and the maximum price allowed by the Act of 1866 to be charged by the Company in respect of any such place would be unremunerative, if not altogether attended with loss, by reason of the long distance the pipes would have to be conveyed unproductively before any such place could be reached, and it is expedient therefore that the said maximum price should be altered and increased:

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,

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and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Longton Gas Act, 1875," and the Act of 1866 and this Act may be cited together as "The Longton Gas Acts, 1866 and 1875."

Act to be read as one with Act of 1866.

2. The Act of 1866, as amended by this Act, and this Act shall be construed and have effect together as one Act, except so far as such construction would be inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act.

Extension of limits of supply.

3. The limits within which the Company may supply gas and exercise the powers conferred on them by the Act of 1866 and this Act shall extend to and include, in addition to the places specified in the fifth section of the Act of 1866, the hamlets of Blyth Bridge, Blyth Marsh, and Forsbrook, the parish of Barlaston, and so much of the parish of Stone as is not situate within a radius of three miles from any part of the Town Hall of Stone.

Provision with respect to price of gas.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in the thirty-third section of the Act of 1866, the Company may charge for gas supplied to persons who shall burn the same by meter (except within the borough of Longton, and within a radius of one mile from the works of the Company,) any sum not exceeding seven shillings and sixpence per one thousand cubic feet.

34 & 35 Vict. c. 35. to apply to Company.

5. From and after the passing of this Act "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," with the exceptions and subject to the provisions herein-after contained, shall apply to the undertaking of the Company, as if the same were an undertaking authorised by this Act:

1. The lands described in Schedule A. of the Act of 1866 shall be deemed to be the lands described in the special Act:
2. The provisions of the twenty-fourth and three following sections of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," relating to the supply of gas to local authorities, shall not apply to the Company or to the Corporation of Longton with respect to gas supplied to public lamps within the borough of Longton:
3. The place prescribed for testing gas shall be the present testing place of the Company at their works:
4. The prescribed burner shall be Sugg's London argand burner, No. 1, with a six-inch by one-and-three-quarter-inch glass chimney, but if at any time the gas flame tail over the top of that glass a six-inch by two-inch chimney shall be used.

Quality of gas.

6. Section forty-eight of the Act of 1866 is hereby repealed, and the prescribed number of candles shall be fourteen.

Pressure of gas.

7. All gas supplied by the Company to any consumer of gas shall be supplied at such pressure as to balance a column of water from midnight to sunset not less than six tenths of an inch, and from sunset to midnight not less than eight tenths of an inch in height at the main, as near as may be to the junction therewith of the service pipe supplying such consumer; and any gas examiner appointed under "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," may, subject to the terms of his appointment, from time to time test the pressure at which the gas is supplied, and may for that purpose open any street, road, passage, or place vested in or under the control of any local or road authority; and the provisions of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," with reference to testing of gas and to penalties, shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to such testing of pressure; and two hours previous notice shall be given to the Company of the time and place at which such testing shall be conducted.

Company to pay interest on security for meter rents.

8. When any owner or occupier is required by the Company to give to them security for the payment of the price or rent of a meter, the Company shall pay interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on every sum of ten shillings deposited by way of such security for every six months during which the same remains in their hands.

Expenses of Act.

9. All costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Company.

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