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An Act for better lighting the Streets and Houses of the Metropolis with Gas. [23d *May* 1817.]

WHEREAS several Streets and Houses in the City of *London* are now lighted, to the Satisfaction and Advantage of the Inhabitants thereof, and the Benefit of the Public, with inflammable Air or Gas, produced from Coal, and conveyed by means of Pipes: And whereas certain Persons who have carried on Business under the Firm of "The City of *London* Gas Light and Coke Partnership" have expended considerable Sums of Money in erecting Works and laying down Pipes in the City of *London*, and have entered into Contracts with the Commissioners of Sewers, Lamps, and Pavements of the said City of *London*, and several other Persons, for lighting several Streets and public Places, and also several private Houses, with inflammable Air or Gas: And whereas the Persons carrying on the said Business are not able to raise sufficient Money among themselves for completing the Works necessary for supplying with such inflammable Air or Gas the Streets and Places which they have contracted or agreed to light as aforesaid: And whereas some of the said Persons are willing to relinquish their Shares in the said Undertaking to the others of them, and the several other Persons hereinafter named, who are desirous at their own Costs and Charges to complete and extend the said Works; but the same cannot be effected without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: 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 *Frederick Sparrow*, *James Lynn*, *Charles Cofield*, *William Pitcher*, *Harbut Ward*, *William Pocknell*, *James Smethurst*, *Charles Hutchins*, *Timothy Stansfeld*, *James Sidney*, *Samuel Fish*, *Timothy Tyrrell*, *Richard Ford*, *John Blacket*, *Thomas Hadland*, *Henry Sparrow*, *Anthony Weatherhead*, *James Blacket*, *William Kimpton*, *William Fortescue*, and all and every such other Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time become Proprietors of the Company hereby established as herein-after is mentioned, their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and are hereby united into a Company for supplying the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof respectively, with inflammable Air or Gas, and making and maintaining the Works necessary for that Purpose, under the Regulations herein-after contained, and shall be One Body Corporate, by the Name of "The City of *London* Gas Light and Coke Company," and by that Name shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be and continue for and during and unto the full End and Term of Forty-six Years, and have a Common Seal, and shall and may sue and be sued; and that from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Company to make inflammable Air or Gas, and also Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and any other Products to be obtained from the Manufacture of such Air or Gas, and to sell and dispose of the same respectively in such Manner as they shall think proper.

Company incorporated.

II. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Company to contract with the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of *London*, and any other Commissioners, Trustees, Persons, or Bodies, having the Controul, Direction, or Management of the lighting of any of the Parishes or extra-parochial Places in the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof respectively, or any of them respectively, or adjacent thereto, or any Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Aggregate or Sole, willing to contract with the said Company for the lighting of any such Parishes or Places, or any Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes or Passages, or Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, or private Houses, or Places of public Exhibition within the said Parishes or extra-parochial Places respectively.

Power to the Company to contract for lighting Streets and Houses.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, in whom by any Act or Acts of Parliament, or otherwise, the Care, Superintendence, and Controul of lighting the same public Streets or Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages aforesaid, or any Part thereof, are or shall be vested, shall think it fit and convenient to contract with the said Company to light the said public Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, or Places, or any Part of them, by means of such inflammable Air or Gas as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, with the Approbation and under the Direction of such Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons or Bodies, and under the Inspection of their Surveyor, to break up the Soil and Pavement of any such Streets, Roads, Ways, Lanes, Passages and Places, and dig and sink

Power to break up the Pavement for laying Pipes.

Trenches, and lay Pipes, and put Cocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes, in such Places as aforesaid, in such Manner as shall be necessary, for the Purpose of supplying any such Light as aforesaid, and from Time to Time, with such Approbation, and under such Direction and Inspection as aforesaid, to alter the Position of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Stopcocks, Syphons, and Plugs, and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things as the said Company and their Successors, or such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall, with such Approbation, and under such Direction and Inspection as aforesaid, from Time to Time think necessary and convenient for completing, amending, repairing, improving, and using the same.

Power to determine Contracts.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company shall not duly perform any Contract with any such Commissioners or Trustees as aforesaid, for lighting any Parish or Place, or Part of any Parish or Place, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Commissioners or Trustees to determine such Contract respectively, giving Six Calendar Months Notice thereof, and then and in such Case, and also at the Expiration of any such Contract, it shall be lawful for the said 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, at such Price as shall be agreed upon between the said Commissioners or Trustees and the said Company, or in case the said Commissioners or Trustees shall decline so to purchase, then it shall be lawful for the said Company 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 for such Commissioners or Trustees to lay such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Branches, and other Articles as shall be necessary for the Supply of such Parish or Place, or Part of a Parish or Place, at the Expiration or sooner Determination of such Contract.

Power to light up Houses, &c.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, in such Cases as to them shall seem meet and convenient, to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main Pipe laid in any Street, Way, Road, Lane, Passage, or Place, by the said Company, by virtue of this Act, in, to, or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any public or private Lamp, from any such Main, with the Consent of the Owner or Occupier of such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, but not otherwise: Provided always, that the said Company in carrying into Execution the Power hereby granted in respect of fitting up any such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, shall employ or appoint such Manufacturers of or Dealers in the Materials to be used, as to the said Company shall seem meet and proper; and such Manufacturers or Dealers shall execute the same, under and subject to the Superintendence, Controul, and Direction of the said Company: Provided also, that the said Company shall not on any Account or upon any Pretence whatever employ or set to work in fitting up any such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, any Workman or Servant, or any other Person in the Pay or Employ of the said Company; nor shall the said Company themselves manufacture, sell, or vend any

any of the Materials requisite, except Stopcocks and Burners, nor directly or indirectly take or derive any Emolument, Advantage, or Profit from such Works, upon pain of forfeiting for every Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds, with full Costs of Suit, to the Party who shall sue for the same, to be recovered by Action of Debt or on the Case, Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, in which no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Power to lay Mains and to erect Machinery for securing a Supply of Gas to Dwelling Houses, &c. and to alter imperfect Work, but not to break up Pavements, &c. without Consent.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority to lay any Main requisite for the Supply of any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, public or private Buildings, in the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof respectively, or any of them respectively, or adjacent thereto, and to erect and set up, by themselves, or their Agents, Servants, and Workmen, any Machine or other Apparatus necessary or requisite for securing to such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply; and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been placed in such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, public or private Buildings; any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to permit or authorize or empower the said Company, or any Officer or Person appointed or employed by the said Company, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, at any Time or Times hereafter, to break or take up or remove any Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Streets, Roads, or public Places whatsoever or wheresoever, in order to lay down any Main Pipe or Pipes to convey Gas, without the Consent of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons having the Superintendence or Controul or Property of or in such Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any such Streets, Roads, or public Places, or a competent Number of them, from Time to Time, in Writing first obtained; but that nothing in this Clause contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to prevent the said Company from repairing such Main Pipes, after such Consent obtained as aforesaid, or from breaking or taking up or removing any Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement, in or of any Streets, Roads, or public Places whatsoever, for the Purpose of laying down or repairing any Service Pipe or Pipes leading from such Main Pipes, after such Consent so obtained as aforesaid.

Restrictions respecting breaking up Pavements.

VII. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to or for the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, after such Consent shall have been given as aforesaid, to break or take up, or cause to be broken or taken up, any of the Pavements or Ground in any Streets, Roads, Lanes, or public Places, for the Purpose of making or laying down or repairing any Main or Mains of Pipes, or any Pipe or Pipes, or of altering the Position of or repairing any Pipes, Stopcocks, Valves, or Syphons, or other Works, or for any other Purpose, unless Notice in Writing of their Intention to break or take up such Pavement or Ground, signed by the Principal Clerk or Secretary, or Inspector or Surveyor to the said Company, specifying the Street, Road, Lane,

Lane, or public Place, and the particular Part of such Street, Road, Lane, or public Place, in which such Pavement or Ground is intended to be broken or taken up, shall have been given to a Surveyor of the Pavements or Roads for the Time being (duly appointed and notified in pursuance of any Act of Parliament now or hereafter in force for that Purpose) of the parochial or other District or Place wherein such Street, Road, Lane, or public Place, the Pavement, Ground, or Soil whereof is so intended to be broken or taken up, shall be situate, or shall have been left for him at his Dwelling House or Office within such parochial or other District or Place, for the Space of Three Hours at the least before such Pavement or Ground or any Part thereof shall be so broken or taken up, except in all Cases of sudden Emergency, in which such Notice as aforesaid shall be given to such Surveyor of Pavements or Roads as soon as possible after such Pavement or Ground or any Part thereof shall be broken or taken up; and that the said Company shall not break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken or taken up or disturbed, the Pavement or Ground in any Street, Road, Lane, or public Place within the Limits aforesaid, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Pipes, except Service Pipes of a Diameter not exceeding One Inch in the Bore, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons having the Controul of the Pavements or Roads, Ground or Soil, in any parochial or other District or Place, signified under the Hand or Hands of their Clerk or Clerks, or other proper Officer or Officers, first obtained; and that if the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, shall break or take up, or cause to be broken or taken up, any of such Pavement or Ground without such Notice being given or left as aforesaid (except as aforesaid), or shall break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any of such Pavement or Ground, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Pipes (except Service Pipes as aforesaid) without such Consent as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay to the Commissioners or Trustees, or other Persons having the Controul of the Pavements or Roads within the parochial or other District or Place in which such Pavement or Ground so broken or taken up or disturbed shall be situate, or to their Treasurer, Clerk, or Surveyor, or to such other Person as they may appoint, the Sum of Twenty Pounds for every Square Foot of Pavement or Ground which shall be so broken or taken up without such Notice or Consent as aforesaid, 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, Bill, Plaint, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed: Provided always, that the said Company shall not be subject or liable to the Payment of more than One Penalty, or to more than One Action, Suit, or other Proceeding, in respect of any One Offence committed, whether by virtue of this Act or any other Act or Acts of Parliament now or hereafter in force; any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Company to reinstate Pavements, &c. after Pipes, &c. have been laid down.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever and so often as the said Company shall have lawfully broken up or removed the Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Street, Road, Highway, Lane, or public Place, or any Part thereof, the said Company shall and they are hereby required immediately thereafter to reinstate and make good such Ground,

Ground, Soil, or Pavement, in as good sound State and Condition as the same was or were in at the Time of being so broken up, to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor of the Commissioners or Trustees of such Pavement, Soil, or Ground respectively; and the said Company shall carry away all surplus Earth, Filth, and Rubbish occasioned thereby at their own Costs and Charges; and that during the Works of the said Company, and reinstating such Ground, Soil, or Pavement as aforesaid, the said Company shall provide proper Watchmen with necessary Lamps, and otherwise secure and guard the said Works, so as to prevent any Damage or Inconvenience happening to Passengers, Cattle, or Carriages; and in case the said Company shall neglect and make default in making good and reinstating such Ground, Soil, or Pavement as aforesaid, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice given to or left for the said Company at their House or Office, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement, and the Charges and Expences thereof shall be reimbursed and repaid by the said Company or their Treasurer to the said Commissioners or Trustees or their respective Treasurer; and in default of Payment thereof within Seven Days next after Demand thereof in Writing shall have been made by the Clerk of the said Commissioners or Trustees, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, all such Sum or Sums of Money so paid by them shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Treasurer.

Power to alter Pipes.

IX. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners of Sewers of the City of *London* or *Westminster*, or the Commissioners or Trustees for paving or repairing the said Streets, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages respectively, to require the said Company to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs or Branches, which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Company shall at their own Expence, within Three Calendar Months next after being required so to do, by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Manner and in such Place or Places as the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall think right and proper; and in default thereof it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised, sunk, or altered, and that the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within One Calendar Month next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees, at the Office of the said Company, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One

One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace, all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Treasurer.

Damage to be made good.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising, sinking, or altering any of the said Pipes, Cocks, Syphons, Plugs or Branches, any Damage or Injury shall be wilfully or negligently done to the same by the said Commissioners, Trustees, or their Servants, then and in every such Case such Damage or Injury shall be made good as soon as Circumstances permit, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences thereof shall be paid by the said Commissioners or Trustees.

Company not to light Parishes beyond the Extent of their Capital.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall, upon due and reasonable Application made to them for that Purpose on the Behalf of any Parish or Parishes, or Parts of any Parish or Parishes, or extra-parochial Place or Places within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster* aforesaid, the Borough of *Southwark*, Suburbs, Precincts, and Liberties of the same Cities, undertake to furnish and shall furnish such Parish or Parishes, or such Parts of any Parish or Parishes respectively, with a sufficient Supply of inflammable Air for the Purposes of lighting the said Parish or Parishes, or Part or Parts thereof, with a stronger and better Light, and at a cheaper and lower Price, all Expences included, than such Parish or Parishes, or Part or Parts of Parishes, could be supplied with if lighted in the usual Manner, during the Existence of the Contract which they may enter into with the said Company: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend to compel or require the said Company to expend any greater Sum or Sums of Money for the Purposes mentioned in this Act than the Members of the said Company shall have raised under the Powers granted by this Act for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, nor to contract with any such Parish or Parishes, or Place or Places, for a less Term than Fourteen Years, but at the Option of the said Company.

Contracts with Parishes void, if the Price for Gas be greater than Oil.

XII. And be it further enacted, That every Contract or Agreement entered into by any Parish or Parishes, or Parts of Parishes, with the said Company, shall contain a Clause providing that the said Contract shall be null and void if at any Time the Price charged for inflammable Air used in lighting the Parish shall be greater than what at the Time such Parish may be lighted for in the usual Manner with Oil, for a Period not less than Twelve Months, by any Contractor offering due Security for the Performance of his Contract.

Powers of supplying inflammable Air limited to London, Westminster, &c.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not under any Pretence or Pretences, or by any Ways or Means, contract to supply, or shall be permitted to supply with such inflammable Air as aforesaid, for the Purposes aforesaid, any Parish or Parishes, or any Part or Parts of Parishes, that shall not lie or be situate within the Cities of *London* or *Westminster*, or one of them, or the Borough of *Southwark*, or the

the Suburbs, Liberties, or Precincts of the said Cities or Borough respectively, or adjacent thereto.

Company not to traffic in Machinery for conveying Gas to private Houses.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not by any Ways or Means, or under any Pretence or Pretences, contract to sell and furnish, or shall sell or furnish any Stove, or Pipe or Pipes, or Apparatus or Machinery of any Description whatever, for the Purpose of conveying, or whereby such inflammable Air as aforesaid, or any Quantity thereof, may be conveyed into any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same.

Report of Works to be sent to the Secretary of State for the Home Department Half-yearly at least.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management of the said Company shall and they are hereby required, within One Calendar Month after every Half-yearly General Meeting of the said Company, or oftener if required by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being, to transmit to the said Secretary of State a Report in Writing signed by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman, or One of the Members of the said Committee of Management, of the State of the said Company, and of their Works, and the Means possessed by the said Company for securing the Continuance of their Operations, and such other Matters relating to the Works and Proceedings of the said Company as the said Secretary of State shall from Time to Time require.

Stations and Works to be open at all Times to the Inspection of Persons appointed by the Secretary of State.

XVI. And be it further enacted, That all the Stations and Works of the said Company shall be open at all convenient Times for the Inspection and Examination of such Person or Persons as the said Secretary of State for the Home Department for the Time being shall appoint from Time to Time for that Purpose; and the said Company shall and they are hereby required to conform to such Regulations and Proceedings in the several Parts of their Works and Operations, as well in respect of those already erected or executed as of such as shall hereafter be erected and executed, as the said Secretary of State shall consider necessary and proper and shall direct to be adopted for the better and more effectually lighting the several Parts of the Metropolis, and the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof, where the Mains and Pipes of the said Company shall lie, and for more effectually securing a proper and permanent Supply of Gas for lighting the public Lamps therein, and for assisting and advancing the Benefits to be derived from an active and efficient Police, and for such other Purposes as to the said Secretary of State shall seem meet and proper for the Advantage of the Public.

No Pipes of Communication to be laid without the Consent of the Company.

XVII. Provided always, and it is hereby further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Pipe to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and also the further Sum of Twenty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe shall so remain, to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, City, Town, Place, Division or District where the said Offence shall be committed, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby 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 shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol of the said County, City, Town, Place, Division, or District, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges be sooner paid and satisfied.

Penalty for damaging Pipes, &c.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully and maliciously remove, take away, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing actually in use during the Existence of any Contract with any Parish or Parishes for the Purpose of fulfilling such Contract, or shall wilfully and maliciously waste or improperly use any of the inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted, on the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices for the County, City, Town, Place, Division, or District where the said Offences shall be committed, shall forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company and their Successors, or such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, Three Times the Amount of the Damage proved upon Oath to be done, at the Discretion of such Justice or Justices; such Penalty, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any); or such Offender shall and may be committed to the Common Gaol of the said County, City, Town, Place, Division, or District, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom such Offender shall be committed.

Power to the Company to purchase Hereditaments.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the said Company to purchase and hold to them and their Successors the Buildings, Ground, Works, and Estates belonging to the said City of *London* Gas Light and Coke Partnership, of and from the Persons entitled thereto, and also from Time to Time to purchase and hold to them and their Successors and Assigns, any Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments situate in the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster* and the Borough of *Southwark*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof respectively, or any of them respectively, or adjacent thereto, (the Annual Value of such Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, at the Time of such Purchase, not exceeding the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *Great Britain*,) and also to sell and dispose of the said Houses, Buildings, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any of them, as they shall think proper, and purchase and hold other Houses, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments (not exceeding the Annual Value aforesaid), without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain.

Stock to be raised not to exceed 200,000*l.*

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute among themselves a Sum of Money, by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in

in the whole the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, to be subscribed in Shares of One hundred Pounds each.

100,000*l.* before exercising the Powers of the Act;

XXI. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted under this Act, until such Time as the Sum of One hundred thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed.

and the whole Capital within Five Years.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That in order to provide a sufficient Sum of Money for answering the Purposes of this Act, the said Company shall be obliged to raise among themselves, by Subscription, the full Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds within the Period of Five Years from the passing of this Act.

Subscribers to share in the Joint Stock in proportion to their Subscription.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Persons and Person, by or for whom any Subscription shall be made or accepted, or any Payment made pursuant to the Orders of any General Meeting or Meetings to be held as herein-after is mentioned, for or towards the raising the said Capital Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds as aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the said Capital Joint Stock of the said Company, in proportion to the Monies to which he, she, or they shall have so contributed towards making up the same, and to a proportional Share of the Profits and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted to be a Member or Members of the same.

Subscribers liable to the Debts of the Company in proportion to their Share in the Stock.

XXIV. Provided always, and it is hereby enacted, That the several Members of the said Company shall respectively stand responsible and answerable for all just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company, to the full Amount of their several and respective Shares in the Capital of the said Joint Stock, but shall not be any further or otherwise liable, either personally or in their several and respective Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, or Effects, for any Undertakings, Engagements, Contracts, or Agreements entered into by the said Company, or be subject or liable, by reason of his or their being Members of the said Company, or of any Acts of the said Company, to the Statutes respecting Bankrupts, or any of them.

Stock to be divided into Shares of 100*l.* each, and be Personal Estate.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of One hundred Pounds Sterling each, and that no Person or Persons shall be a Subscriber or Subscribers for a less Sum than One hundred Pounds Sterling; and that all Shares in the Joint Stock and Undertaking of the said Company, and in the Net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Estate, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Company not to borrow Money.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not borrow or take up by way of Loan any Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever, other than by a Subscription for Shares in manner and to the Extent herein-before directed.

XXVII. And

Officers of the Company.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be elected from Time to Time, as herein-after is mentioned, from among the Members of the said Company who shall have subscribed for or be possessed of at least Fifteen Shares in the Joint Stock of the said Company, Five Persons, who shall and are hereby declared to be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company, and One of such Committee shall afterwards be elected the Chairman of the said Company, and another of them the Deputy Chairman of the said Company; and that no Person who shall not be possessed of Fifteen Shares in the Joint Stock of the said Company at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be eligible to be One of such Committee until he shall have continued possessed of Fifteen such Shares for the Space of Three Calendar Months; and that no Person who shall be a Member of the said Committee shall be a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any of the Articles manufactured and sold or supplied by the said Company, or shall hold any other Office or Place of Profit under the said Company.

Persons interested in Articles manufactured by the Company, not eligible on the Committee.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person being a Member of the said Committee shall directly or indirectly be interested or concerned in doing any Work for or on the Behalf of the said Company, or supplying any Materials, Articles, or Things to or for the Use of the said Company, every such Person shall immediately cease to be a Member of the said Committee, and shall never afterwards be re-eligible; and every such Person shall also for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, to be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Offence committed, in which Action or Suit respectively no Protection, Essoign, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Regulations of the Company as to General Meetings.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Affairs and Concerns of the said Company shall be conducted and managed under and subject to the several Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions herein-after contained; (that is to say,) the Members of the said Company shall assemble together at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon on the Seventh Day next after the passing of this Act, and shall assemble at such other Times and Places as they shall be duly convened, in manner hereafter mentioned; and every such Assembly shall be styled a General Meeting; and Two such Meetings shall be held in every Year, on the Third *Wednesday* in the Month of *January*, and the Third *Wednesday* in the Month of *July*, which shall be styled Half-yearly General Meetings; and that a Special General Meeting may be called at any Time by the Committee of Managers; and that Five or more Members of the said Company, holding in the Aggregate Fifty Shares or upwards in the said Joint Stock, may at any Time, by Writing under their Hands left at the Office of the said Company, require the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting, so as such Requisition fully express the Object for which such Meeting is required to be called; and in case of the Neglect or Refusal of the said Committee to call such Meeting, the same may be called by the said Members, as herein-after is expressed; and that every General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as shall be found expedient; and that at least

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Six Days previous Notice of every General Meeting, and Three Days previous Notice of every Adjournment of any General Meeting, shall be given by Advertisement in Two or more of the *London* Newspapers.

Proprietors to vote according to the Number of their Shares.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That no Member of the said Company shall be entitled to be present or to vote at any General Meeting or Adjournment thereof, unless he shall have subscribed for at least Three Shares in the Joint Stock of the said Company at the Time of the passing of this Act, or unless he shall afterwards have been entitled to or continued possessed of at least Three Shares in the said Joint Stock for at least Three Calendar Months before such Meeting; and that such Members of the said Company shall have a Vote or Votes at such General Meetings, in proportion to the Number of Shares held by them respectively, as herein-after is mentioned; (that is to say,) For Three Shares and less than Seven Shares, One Vote; for Seven Shares and less than Twelve Shares, Two Votes; for Twelve Shares and less than Twenty Shares, Three Votes; for Twenty Shares and less than Thirty Shares, Four Votes; and for Thirty Shares or upwards, Five Votes; but no Person or Persons shall be entitled to vote in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Instalment thereof to be called for as herein-after is mentioned, until such Instalment or Call shall have been paid; and that no Person or Persons shall vote at any General Meeting, upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking, in which such Person or Persons shall be anywise interested, other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors to or of the said Undertaking.

Shares standing in the Names of more than One Person, the Person whose Name stands first shall for all the Purposes of this Act be deemed the Owner.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares in the said Joint Stock shall be the Property of more than One Person, the Owner or Proprietor whose Name shall have been entered first in Order on the Books of the said Company shall, for all the Purposes of the said Company, be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company, shall and may be given to or served upon such Person whose Name shall so stand first in Order in the Books of the said Company, and such Service upon such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Service upon all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, for all the Purposes for which such Service is intended to be made upon the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares; and such Person shall be entitled to any Vote or Votes which may be given in respect of such Shares.

Empowering Proprietors of Shares to vote by Proxy.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That any Female, Infant, or other Proprietor of Three or more Shares in the said Joint Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Shares at any General Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Member of the said Company entitled to vote: Provided nevertheless, that no Person shall deliver in Proxies for more than Three Members; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form following; *videlicet*,

'I *A. B.* of One of the Proprietors of
'and in the City of *London* Gas Light and Coke Company, do hereby
'nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of to
'be

'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 any General Meeting of the said Company, 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, or any thing relating thereto. In witness whereof 'I have hereunto set my Hand, the Day of .'

Regulations of General Meetings.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting, to be held on the Seventh Day next after the passing of this Act, and any Adjournment or Adjournments thereof, a Chairman shall be elected by the Members present; and that at every subsequent General Meeting the Chair shall be taken by the Chairman of the said Company, or in his Absence by the Deputy Chairman of the said Company, and in their Absence by a Member to be elected by the Members present; and that at every such General Meeting all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Members and Proxies present, and not declining to vote, according to their respective Number of Votes; and upon any Difference of Opinion any Member may require such Votes to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open more than One Hour; and that such Member as shall be in the Chair shall be entitled to vote, and shall also have a casting Vote in case the Number of Votes shall be equal; and the Orders and Proceedings of every General Meeting shall be entered by the Secretary or Clerk in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman; and such Orders and Proceedings so entered and signed shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever; and that no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting besides the Business for which it shall have been called, and no other Business shall be transacted at any adjourned Special General Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place; and if at any Special or General Meeting Seven Members entitled to vote shall not assemble and proceed to Business in One Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if that Number be not present when the Whole or any Part of the Business to be transacted shall be decided upon, the Meeting shall adjourn to the same Day in the following Week, or some other Day to be appointed by the Committee of Management.

First Meeting to elect Managers, &c.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting, to be holden on the Seventh Day next after the passing of this Act, or some Adjournment thereof, the First Committee of Management of the said Company, and the First Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the said Company, shall be elected.

The Half-yearly Meeting in January to elect Two Managers, the Chairman, and Deputy Chairman.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That at the Half-yearly General Meeting to be held in *January* in every Year, or some Adjournment thereof, Two Members of the Company, qualified as aforesaid, who shall have been Members of the Committee elected in the preceding Year, shall be re-elected Members of the Committee of Management, and as soon as such Election shall have been made, Three other Members of the said Company, qualified as aforesaid, shall be elected Members of the said Committee, and after such Committee shall have been elected, Two of

the Members thereof shall be elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the said Company for the ensuing Year; but all the Members of the said Committee, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman elected in the preceding Year, shall be immediately re-eligible; and after such Elections as aforesaid shall have taken place, the said Officers respectively, who shall not be re-elected, shall respectively go out of their respective Offices.

The Offices may be vacated, and are to be supplied by General Meetings.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That any Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Member of the said Committee of Management, may at any Time be removed from his respective Office by a General Meeting specially called for that Purpose; and any Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Member of the said Committee, may at any Time vacate his Office, by sending his Resignation in Writing to the Office of the said Company; and in case any Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Member of the said Committee, shall, during the Continuance of his respective Office, by Transfer, Forfeiture, or otherwise, reduce the Number of Shares in the said Joint Stock held by him respectively below the Number of Fifteen Shares, or shall otherwise become disqualified to be a Member of the said Committee, then and in every such Case the Office of such Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or other Member of the said Committee, shall instantly determine and become vacant; and that every Vacancy in the Offices of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Members of the Committee, by Death, Removal, Resignation, or becoming ineligible or unqualified as aforesaid, shall be filled up at a Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose, within Fourteen Days next after such Office respectively shall become vacant; and every Person who, in consequence of a Vacancy occasioned by any other Cause than that of going out of Office according to the Rotation aforesaid, shall be appointed Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or a Member of the said Committee, shall be deemed only a Substitute for the Person whose Place he shall supply, and shall continue in Office upon the same Terms, and only for the same Period, as the Person whose Place he shall supply would have continued if his Office had not been vacated before the Time at which he must necessarily have gone out of Office.

General Meeting to elect a Treasurer.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That the General Meeting shall from Time to Time elect some Person to be Treasurer of the said Company, and it shall not be necessary that such Person be a Member of the said Company; and any General Meeting may from Time to Time dismiss, remove, or suspend such Treasurer from Time to Time as they shall think fit; and the first Treasurer shall be elected at the First General Meeting, to be holden on the Seventh Day next after the passing of this Act, or some Adjournment thereof.

General Meeting to settle Accounts, and Half-yearly Meetings to declare Dividends.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That any General Meeting, or General Meeting specially called for that Purpose, shall have full Power to call for and examine and settle the Accounts of the said Company; and that at every Half-yearly General Meeting, or some Adjournment thereof, an Half-yearly Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such

Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of so much for every One hundred Pounds upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the Members thereof, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine; provided that no Dividend shall be made or paid for until after the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for towards the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company; and that no Dividend shall be paid in respect of any Share or Shares, after a Day appointed for Payment of any Call for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid: Provided also, that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall be in any Degree reduced or impaired; and that the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of Management, who shall make such Dividends, shall be personally responsible to the Proprietors, and also to the Creditors of the said Company, for any Injury which may arise therefrom.

General Meetings may make Calls on Subscribers.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That any Half-yearly General Meeting, or Special General Meeting to be called for that Purpose, or Adjournment thereof respectively, shall have full Power to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Subscribers and Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as such Meeting shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for the Purposes of the Undertaking, so that no one such Call do exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds for or in respect of any One Share of One hundred Pounds, and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of One Calendar Month at least from another; and that the Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company, and that the said several Sums of Money so called for shall be paid at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such General Meeting, of which Time and Place Thirty Days previous Notice at least shall be given in Two or more of the Daily *London* Newspapers.

Power of General Meetings to make Bye Laws.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the General Meetings shall have full Power to superintend, regulate, and control all the Affairs and Concerns of the said Company, and shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws as to them shall seem meet and proper for the good Government of the said Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the Committee of Management, and for the Management of the said Undertaking in all respects whatsoever, and from Time to Time to alter and repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, and to make others; and impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Persons offending against such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any one Offence, as to the said General Meeting shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws so made as aforesaid, being reduced into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed, shall be printed, and be binding upon all Persons, and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same: Provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws be not repugnant to the

Laws

Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act: Provided also, that all such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall be subject to Appeal in manner by this Act directed.

Regulations concerning Meetings of the Committee.

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management of the said Company shall meet together at the Office of the said Company One Day in every Week at the least, and at such other Times as they shall think proper; and any Two of the said Committee may at any Time call a Meeting of the said Committee, by Notice in Writing sent to the Residence of every Member of the said Committee, when they shall think fit; but no Business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the said Committee, unless Three Members be present when such Business shall be decided upon; and that the Chair shall be taken at every Committee by the Chairman, or in his Absence by the Deputy Chairman, or in their Absence by a Member to be chosen by the Members present; and that all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by them, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of the Members then present; and in case of an equal Division, the Member for the Time being in the Chair shall have the casting Vote besides his own Vote; and that if, on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee, Three Members shall not attend, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned to the next Day by the Members or Member then present, or, if none be present, by the Secretary or Clerk to the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and the Proceedings of every Committee shall be entered in a Book to be kept by the Secretary or Clerk for that Purpose, and signed by the Person in the Chair.

Powers and Duties of Committee as to calling General Meeting.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall and may call a Special General Meeting of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and shall appoint the Time and Place of holding every General Meeting, and shall give at least Six Days Notice of every General Meeting by Advertisement in Two or more of the *London* Newspapers, and shall give Three Days such Notice of every adjourned General Meeting, and such Notice shall be given for every Special Meeting which shall be required to be held by Five or more Members holding in the aggregate Fifty Shares or upwards, within Six Days next after such Requisition shall have been given, and shall cause a Special General Meeting to be called within Fourteen Days next after any Vacancy shall happen in the Offices of Chairman, Deputy Chairman, or Member of the Committee, and shall cause to be expressed in the Notices of every Special and adjourned General Meeting the Objects for which such Meetings respectively are to be held.

Special Meetings of the Company may be convened by Members on Neglect of Committee.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That in case the Committee of Management for the Time being shall refuse or neglect for the Space of Six Days to comply with any such Requisition, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the Members who shall have signed the same to call a Special Meeting of the Company by Advertisement in Two or more of the *London* Newspapers, specifying the Place where and the Time when such Meeting is to be held, the Time not being less than Six Days after such

such Notice, and the Place somewhere in the said City of *London*, and likewise specifying in such Notice the Reason for and Intention of calling such Special Meeting; and the Members are hereby authorized to meet pursuant to such Notice, and take into consideration the Matter or Matters to be submitted to them by the Persons calling such Special Meeting, and specified in such Notice; and the Decision and Determination of the Proprietors present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them, according to the Number of Votes they shall have a Right to give respecting such Matter or Matters, shall be as valid to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been made at a General Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors.

Power to the Committee to appoint Clerks.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall appoint all the Clerks, Officers, Servants, and Workmen, and Tradesmen of the said Company, and dismiss, remove, and suspend them as they shall think fit, and may require such Security from the Clerks and Officers, and also from the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Company, as they shall think necessary.

General Powers of Committee, &c.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and shall have Power and Authority to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out or disposed of, for the Purposes of the same, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels, for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into Contracts for the lighting of any such Parishes, Places, Streets, Roads, Ways, Houses, or Buildings as aforesaid, and in ordering, directing, and employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced from such Manufacture of Air or Gas as aforesaid, and in making all Contracts or Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, subject to such Orders, Bye Laws, Rules, and Regulations as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company in Restraint, Control, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted.

Treasurer not to issue Money without an Order signed by Three of the Committee.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers, or other Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Company, shall not issue any Sum or Sums of Money on account of the said Company, without an Order or Orders in Writing signed by Three or more Members of the said Committee; and that the Receipts of the said Treasurer, for all Monies payable to him on account of the said Company, shall be effectual Discharges for the same.

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed, or who shall hereafter subscribe or advance any Money for and towards carrying on the Works hereby authorized to be made, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed, or such Parts or Portions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for by any General Meeting, under and by virtue

of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places as shall be directed by a General Meeting in manner before mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay the same at the Time and in the Manner required for that Purpose, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same in any Court of Law or Equity.

In default of Payment of Calls, Shares to be forfeited, but Notice to be given.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Subscriber or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Part or Portion of the Money to be called for by any General Meeting as aforesaid, by the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then in such Case such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall (whether or not the same shall then have been sued for in any Court of Law or Equity) absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, and Interest in the said Undertaking and Capital Stock, and all Profit and Advantage thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them, on account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Company, unless otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting; and that all Shares which shall or may be so forfeited shall or may be sold at a public Sale, for the most Money that can be gotten for the same, and the Produce thereof shall go to and make Part of the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company; but that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, until after Thirty Days Notice shall be given by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the said Company to the Owner or Owners thereof, by Notice in Writing left at his, her, or their usual or last Place of Abode; and that every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor and Proprietors, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, so forfeiting, against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions, for any Breach of Contract or other Agreement between such Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns.

Executors, &c. indemnified in paying Calls.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall die before Payment shall have been made by him or her of the full Sum to be called for or in respect thereof as aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provisions as aforesaid, by Will or otherwise, how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, that then and in such Case the Executors or Administrators of such Proprietor and Proprietors, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians of any Infant or other Person entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such Infant, and all other Persons whomsoever, for paying any Money which shall be called for as aforesaid in respect of the Share or Shares of such deceased Proprietor.

For ascertaining the Proprietor-

L. And in order that where the original Holder or Proprietor of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, become insolvent or bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or

her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk to the said Company, it may not be in the Power of the said Company to know who is the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares, in order to give him, her, or them, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, Notice or Notices of Calls to be made on such Share or Shares, and to maintain any Action or Actions against him, her, or them, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely paying to him, her, or them, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That in all the Cases aforesaid, where the Right and Property in one or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers, or any Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, to any other Person or Persons, by any other legal Means than by a Transfer or Conveyance thereof in the Form and Manner herein specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons, before One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such other Person or Persons, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, and that such Affidavit shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book or List of Subscribers and Proprietors to the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company; and that in all or any of the said Cases it shall be lawful for the Subscribers and Proprietors at any General Meeting, after Thirty Days Notice shall have been given by the said Treasurer or Clerk to the Owners, or Persons claiming by such Affidavit to be Owner or Owners thereof, and that such Person or Persons, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall not have paid his, her, or their Portion of the Money becoming payable by virtue of any Call or Calls, and after Notice thereof shall have been given Three Times, at the Intervals of Seven Days at least between each Advertisement, in some Two or more *London* Newspapers, to declare, at any General Meeting, the same Share or Shares to be forfeited, and that in such Case the same shall be and become forfeited, and be sold and disposed of in such Manner as the said Members at any Meeting or Meetings shall direct, or otherwise become consolidated in the General Fund of the said Company.

ship of Shares in certain Cases.

LI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Members of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to sell and transfer any Share or Shares of which they shall respectively be possessed; and every such Transfer shall be in the Form and to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Shares may be transferred.

Form of Transfer.

'I of in consideration of
'paid to me by of
'do hereby bargain, sell, and transfer to the said
'the Sum of Capital Stock of and in the Under-
'taking called "The City of *London* Gas Light and Coke Company,"
'being my Share [*or* Shares] No. [£] in the said Undertaking;

'to

‘ 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 accept and take the said Share, subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and Conditions: As witness our Hands and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord .

Transfers to be registered.

And that every such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company; and a Copy of such Register, signed by the Clerk or other Officer of the said Company duly authorized thereto, shall be sufficient Evidence of every such Sale, and received as such in all Trials before any Court in the United Kingdom; and that, until such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share or Shares, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have any Part or Share in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages thereof, nor shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any Meeting or Meetings as Member or Members of the said Undertaking, in respect of such Share or Shares, until the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after such Transfer shall have been registered.

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

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after any Call for Money shall have been made by virtue of this 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 general 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 this Act with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for not answering the Calls to be made thereon as aforesaid.

Names of Proprietors to be entered, and Certificate of their Shares delivered to them.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or their Committee of Management, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who shall be entitled to Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of the Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book to be kept by their Clerk, and after such Entry to cause the same to be signed by their Chairman, and they shall also cause a Certificate, to be signed by the Chairman and Clerk, to be delivered to every Proprietor, upon Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he or she is entitled in the said Undertaking; and such Certificate

Certificate shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified; but the Want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner of any of the said Shares from selling or disposing thereof.

Appeal may be made to Quarter Sessions.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Judgment or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace relating to any Matter or Thing in this Act mentioned or contained, may, within Three Calendar Months next after such Order, Judgment, or Determination shall have been made or given (first giving Twenty-one Days Notice of such Complaint to the Person or Persons against whom such Complaint is intended to be made), complain to the Justices of the Peace at the General Quarter Sessions to be held in and for the City or County in which the Cause of Appeal shall arise, who shall in a summary Way either hear and determine the said Complaint at such General Quarter Sessions, or, if they think proper, may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for such City or County; and the said Justices may, if they see Cause, mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Determination; but no Proceedings to be had and taken in pursuance of this Act shall be quashed or vacated for Want of Form, or be removed by Certiorari, or any other Writ or Process whatsoever, into any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster* or elsewhere; any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Rights of Persons to light Streets, &c. not to be affected.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the Effect of depriving any Person or Persons of any Right which he or they at present possess, or of interfering with any Right which he or they may hereafter acquire, of lighting Streets or Houses with Gas Lights, or in any other Manner: Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners or Trustees for Lighting or Paving, or of the Commissioners of Sewers, or the New River Company, or any other Company established for the Supply of Water in or for any of such Parishes or Places, or any Part or Parts thereof, or the Rights of any Person or Persons to make, enlarge, repair, or amend any Vault under any Street within such Parishes or Places: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Lights as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any Action against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works or Method of Lighting, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of Lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Persons employed therein.

Public Act.

LVI. 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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