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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. 1.

An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of *Pontypridd* and the Neighbourhood thereof, in the County of *Glamorgan*. [15th *July* 1850.]

WHEREAS the Town of *Pontypridd* in the Parish of *Lanwonno*, and the Neighbourhood thereof in the Parishes of *Eglwysilan*, *Lantwitfardre*, *Lantrissent*, and *Lanwonno*, in the County of *Glamorgan*, are now unsupplied with Gas, and it would be of great Advantage to the Inhabitants thereof if a constant and ample Supply of Gas were provided for lighting Manufactories, Shops, Houses, and other Buildings within the said Town and Neighbourhood, and it would also be of advantage to them, and to the Public resorting thereto, if a sufficient Supply of Gas were provided for lighting the Streets, Roads, Highways, and public Passages within the same: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named, together with other Persons, are willing at their own Expense to undertake such Supply of Gas, and are desirous of being incorporated, and of having Powers granted them for that Purpose, but the same cannot be effected 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

The Pontypridd Gas Act, 1850.

Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the several Acts of Parliament following, (that is to say,) "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act.

Provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. and 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15. incorporated with this Act.

Short Title.

II. And be it enacted, That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament and in legal Instruments it shall be sufficient to use the Expression "The *Pontypridd* Gas Act, 1850."

Provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. to apply to this Act.

III. And be it enacted, That "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act, and the Provisions of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be applicable to the Undertaking hereby authorized, except as hereinafter mentioned.

Company not to take Land otherwise than by Agreement.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," contained, shall authorize the Company hereby incorporated to take or use any Land otherwise than by Agreement with the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers thereof.

Limits of Act.

V. And be it enacted, That the Limits of this Act shall be and be considered as comprised within the Limits of a Circle whereof the Centre shall be the Crown of the Highway Bridge over the River *Rhondda* in the said Town of *Pontypridd*, and the Radius from such Centre Two Miles, comprising the said Town of *Pontypridd* and Parts of the several Parishes of *Eglwysilan*, *Lantwitfardre*, *Lantrissent*, and *Lanwonno*, in the said County of *Glamorgan*.

Company incorporated.

VI. And be it enacted, That *George Thomas* Clerk, *Charles Crofts Williams*, *George William Lenox*, *Lewis Morgan*, *John Calvert*, *Thomas Jones*, *Ebenezer Williams*, *John Griffiths*, and *Charles Bassett*, and all other Persons and Corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall be united into a Company for the Purpose of making and supplying Gas within the Limits of this Act, and for making Gasworks and other Works and Conveniences connected therewith for that Purpose according to the Provisions in this and the said incorporated Acts contained; and for the Purposes aforesaid such Company shall be incorporated by the Name of "The *Pontypridd* Gaslight and Coke Company," and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall have Power to purchase and hold

Lands,

Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to them, their Successors and Assigns, for the Purposes of the said Undertaking.

VII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the Company to purchase or take on Lease, or hold for the Purposes of the Undertaking, more than Five Acres of Land. Company not to hold more than Five Acres of Land.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Capital of the Company shall be Six thousand Pounds. Capital.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Number of Shares into which the said Capital shall be divided shall be Six hundred, and the Amount of each Share shall be Ten Pounds. Shares.

X. And be it enacted, That One Pound *per* Share shall be the greatest Amount of any One Call which the Company may make upon the Shareholders, and that One Half of the Amount of a Share shall be the utmost aggregate Amount of the Calls to be made in any One Year upon any Share, and that Two Months at the least shall intervene between successive Calls. Calls.

XI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company to borrow on Mortgage or Bond for the Purposes of the said Undertaking any Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Three thousand Pounds, but no Part of such Sum shall be raised until the whole of the said Capital or Sum of Six thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for, and One Half thereof shall have been actually paid up. Power to Company to borrow on Mortgage or Bond.

XII. And be it enacted, That (subject to the Provisions herein contained for increasing or reducing the Number of Directors) the Number of Directors shall be Nine, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of Five Shares in the said Undertaking. Number and Qualification of Directors.

XIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to increase or reduce the Number of Directors of the Company, provided the increased Number do not exceed Fifteen, and the reduced Number be not less than Five. Power to vary the Number of Directors.

XIV. And be it enacted, That *George Thomas* Clerk, *Charles Crofts Williams*, *George William Lenox*, *Lewis Morgan*, *John Calvert*, *Thomas Jones*, *Ebenezer Williams*, *John Griffiths*, and *Charles Bassett* shall be the first Directors of the Company. First Directors.

XV. And

Quorum. XV. And be it enacted, That the Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Three.

Committees of Directors. XVI. And be it enacted, That the Number of Directors of which Committees appointed by the Directors shall consist shall be not less than Three nor more than Five, and the Quorum of such Committees shall be Three.

Meetings. XVII. And be it enacted, That the first Ordinary Meeting of the Company shall be held within Six Months next after the passing of this Act at the Inn or Public House known by the Name or Sign of *The New Inn* in the said Town of *Pontypridd*, and the subsequent Ordinary Meetings of the Company shall be held in the Months of *January* and *July* in every Year; and all Meetings of the Company, whether ordinary or extraordinary, shall be held at *The New Inn* aforesaid, or elsewhere within the Limits of this Act.

Place of Meetings may be changed. XVIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company at any Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting from Time to Time to alter the Place for holding the Meetings of the Company, and to appoint such other Place within the Limits of this Act for holding any such Meetings, or any Adjournment thereof, as they shall think fit.

Quorum of Meetings. XIX. And be it enacted, That the Quorum for any Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting of the Company shall be Seven Shareholders holding in the aggregate not less than Five hundred Pounds in the Capital of the Company.

Meetings may be convened on Requisition of Shareholders. XX. And be it enacted, That the Number of Shareholders on whose Requisition an Extraordinary Meeting may be required to be convened shall be not less than Six holding in the aggregate not less than Six hundred Pounds in the Capital of the Company.

Votes of Shareholders. XXI. And be it enacted, That the Scale according to which Shareholders may vote in respect of their Shares shall be as follows; that is to say,

For each Share they shall respectively hold in the Capital of the Company, One Vote.

Fees to be taken by the Company. XXII. And be it enacted, That the Fees to be demanded by the Company for the following Matters shall not exceed the Sums following; that is to say,

For a Share Certificate, One Shilling:

For the Renewal of a worn-out or destroyed Certificate, Two Shillings and Sixpence:

For

For the Entry of a Declaration of Proprietorship, One Shilling:
For an Entry of the Transfer of Shares, and the Endorsement of such Entry upon the Transfer, One Shilling:
For an Entry of the Transfer of a Mortgage, Two Shillings and Sixpence.

The Amount of reserved Fund.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That the Amount of the reserved or contingent Fund shall not exceed One thousand Pounds.

Power to Company to take a Lease of Lands, and afterwards purchase the Reversion.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company to agree with the Owners of any Lands which they may think requisite or proper for the Purposes of the said Undertaking for a Lease of such Lands, and to take the same on Lease on such Terms as may be agreed on, and of such Quantity as they shall think proper, not exceeding Five Acres: Provided always, that the Consideration for any Lease which shall be granted of any such Lands in which any Person under Disability shall be interested shall be the best yearly Rent, payable half-yearly or oftener, that can be reasonably obtained, without taking any Money by way of Fine or Premium: Provided also, that where any Lands shall have been taken on Lease by virtue of this Act the Company shall afterwards have Power, with the Consent of all Persons interested, to purchase the Reversion of such Lands, or the Discharge thereof, from the Rents and Covenants reserved and payable in and by such Lease.

Form of Lease.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all Leases of Lands so to be taken on Lease may be according to the Form in Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, or as near thereto as the Circumstances of the Case will admit.

Company empowered to construct Gasworks.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company, with and subject to the Powers and Provisions in this and the incorporated Acts contained, from Time to Time to construct and maintain such Gasworks and Apparatus, and such Buildings with Approaches thereto, upon the Lands hereby authorized to be purchased, leased, or otherwise taken by them, and to do all such other Acts as they shall think necessary for supplying the Inhabitants within the Limits of this Act with Gas, and carrying the Purposes of this Act into execution, and to supply such Gas upon such Terms as shall be agreed upon between the Company and the Persons supplied therewith, and to sell and dispose of the Coke and other Residuum arising from the Materials used in the Manufacture of Gas in such Manner as the Company may think proper.

Maximum Price to be charged for Gas.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That the Price or Charge for the Supply of Gas to any Person for or in respect of any private or public Light

Light shall not exceed the Price or Charge of Eight Shillings *per* Thousand Cubic Feet.

Company empowered to lay Pipes for lighting Buildings.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That, subject to the Provisions in this and the incorporated Acts contained, it shall be lawful for the Company to lay any Pipe or other Apparatus from any Main or Branch Pipes into, through, or against any Building for the Purpose of lighting the same, and to provide and set up any Apparatus necessary for securing to any Buildings a proper and complete Supply of Gas, and for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply.

For Recovery of Arrears of Rates, &c. under 20*l.*

XXIX. And be it enacted, That all Arrears of Rates or Rents for Gas used by any Person, when the same do not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, may be recovered, with Costs, in the Manner prescribed by the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, for the Recovery of Damages, Costs, or Expenses in the Case of Dispute, or by Action in a Court of competent Jurisdiction.

Power to Inhabitants assembled at a Meeting called for the Purpose to order Contracts and Rates for lighting the Streets, &c.

XXX. And in order to provide for the lighting and the Payment of the Expense of lighting such of the Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and public Places within the Limits of this Act as the Rate-payers within such Limits assembled at any Meeting to be held from Time to Time, as herein-after mentioned, shall think proper and order to be lighted with Gas, be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Three or more of the Rate-payers within such Limits, holding in the aggregate Property of the rateable Value of not less than One hundred Pounds, from Time to Time, by such Notice as herein-after next mentioned, to call a public Meeting of the Rate-payers within the Limits of this Act, and to appoint the Time and Place for holding the same within such Limits, for the Purpose of determining whether the Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and public Places, or any of them, or any Parts or Portions of the same within such Limits, shall be lighted with Gas, and of taking Measures to effect such lighting, and agreeing to and ordering Rates to be made for the same, and such Notice shall be signed by such Three or more Rate-payers, and shall specify the Time, Place, and Purposes of such Meeting, and shall be affixed on the principal Door of every Church and registered Chapel within such Limits, and upon some conspicuous Part of the Corn Market in the said Town of *Pontypridd*, Ten Days at the least before the Time appointed for holding the said Meeting, and thereupon any such Meeting may lawfully be held according to such Notice, and any such Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time to the same or any other Place within the Limits of this Act; and at such Meeting the Rate-payers present shall in the first place elect One of their Number to preside as Chairman, and in the next place shall elect a Clerk to act at such

Meeting; and if any Controversy shall arise at any such Meeting as to the Qualification or Right of voting, or Eligibility of any Person claiming to vote, such Controversy shall be determined by the Chairman presiding at such Meeting, and all other Questions at such Meetings shall be determined by the Votes of the Majority of the Rate-payers then present, and in case of an Equality of Votes on any Question, the Chairman shall, in addition to his Vote as one of such Rate-payers, have a second or casting Vote; and it shall also be lawful for the Rate-payers assembled at such Meeting to agree upon and determine amongst themselves and to order that the Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and public Places, or any of them, or any Part or Portion of the same, within the Limits of this Act, shall be lighted with Gas, and to order the Chairman of such Meeting, or the Surveyor of the Highways of the Parish of *Lanwonno*, to contract with the Company, upon or with such Terms or Restrictions as the said Meeting shall determine or authorize, for any Term not exceeding Five Years, for lighting with Gas, and supplying all the Lamps, Lamp Posts, and other requisite Apparatus for lighting with Gas, such of the said Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and public Places within such Limits or Parts or Portions of the same as such Rate-payers shall think proper and order to be lighted; and it shall also be lawful for such Rate-payers assembled at the same or at any subsequent Meeting to agree upon and to order Rates or Assessments to be made, assessed, collected, and levied by the Surveyor of the Highways of the Parish of *Lanwonno*, or by the Company or their Secretary, to defray the Amount to be paid from Time to Time to the Company for lighting such Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and public Places, or Parts or Portions of the same, and of any Expenses of calling and holding such Meetings, and making and collecting such Rates, or as near thereto as may be; and such Rates or Assessments in each of the aforesaid Parishes shall be made, rated, and assessed on the Basis of the Poor Rate Assessment for the Time being of each respective Parish on the Rate-payers in respect of Property within the Limits so ordered to be lighted, and within the Distance of One hundred Yards in a direct Line from any public Light to be set up by the Company under the Conditions of any Contract to be entered into with them as aforesaid, and thereupon it shall be lawful for any Two Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Glamorgan* to certify and allow such Rates or Assessments in the same Manner as Rates for the Relief of the Poor; and upon such Order or Orders being made and entered in the Book of Proceedings of such Meetings (to be provided for the Purpose), and signed by the Chairman of the Meeting, such Book shall be deposited with and remain in the Custody of the Secretary of the Company for the Time being, and all such Books and all such Entries therein, and all certified Copies of any of such Entries under the Hand of the Secretary

tary for the Time being of the said Company, and all Certificates and Allowances of such Justices, shall be admitted as Evidence in all Courts, and by all Judges, Justices, and others, of the Facts stated in such Books and Entries, and of such Certificates and Allowances being duly signed, and the Rates or Assessments to which they refer being duly made and assessed: Provided always, that no Rate-payer shall be entitled to vote at any Meeting relating to the lighting of the said Streets, Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and public Places, or any of them, or any Part or Portion of the same, or relating to the Rates or Assessments, or otherwise in respect thereof, unless he shall be liable to be charged with the Payment of some Part of such Rate, nor unless he shall have been rated to the Relief of the Poor in respect of Property within the Limits of this Act for Twelve Calendar Months immediately preceding any such Meeting, and shall have paid all the Poor Rates due from him at the Time of holding any such Meeting, except such Poor Rates as have been made or become due within the Six Calendar Months immediately preceding any such Meeting.

Contracts may be made and Rates levied.

XXXI. And be it enacted, That in case any such Contracts and Rates shall be ordered as aforesaid to be made, assessed, collected, and levied by the Surveyor for the Time being of the Highways of the Parish of *Lanwonno*, a certified Copy of the Entry of any such Order made in such Book as aforesaid shall be delivered to or served upon him, and such certified Copy shall be sufficient Authority to such Surveyor to execute such Orders; and it shall be lawful for the said Chairman or for such Surveyor, as the Case may be, from Time to Time to enter into such Contracts on behalf of the said Rate-payers as shall be so ordered to be made; and such Contracts, being so made in Writing and signed by any Two of the Directors and the said Chairman or Surveyor, as the Case may be, shall be binding on the said Rate-payers and on the said Company, and be a valid Contract to all Intents and Purposes; and it shall be lawful for such Surveyor from Time to Time to assess the Occupiers or Owners of all such Property rateable to the Relief of the Poor as shall be liable to be charged with such Rate, and to collect, levy, and recover the Rates or Assessments so ordered to be made, and all Arrears thereof, in like Manner, and by the same Ways and Means, and under and with the same Powers of enforcing Payment thereof, as may be exercised for assessing, collecting, levying, and recovering Highway Rates; and the said Surveyor shall from Time to Time pay over the Monies so collected and received to the said Company pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the Contract, and shall be liable to the Company for the Payment to them of all Monies so collected or received, but no further or otherwise; and in case such Rates or Assessments shall be ordered to be made, collected, levied, and recovered by the Company or their Secretary, then it shall be lawful for the Company or their

their Secretary to make such Rates or Assessments, and to assess the Occupiers or Owners of all such Property rateable to the Relief of the Poor as shall be liable to be charged with such Rates; and such Rates or Assessments being allowed by Two Justices as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Company or their Secretary to collect, levy, and recover the same, and all Arrears of the same, from Time to Time, in the Manner and by the like Ways and Means as the Highway Rates may be levied and recovered, or the same may be recovered, with Costs, from the Persons respectively liable to pay the same, in the Manner and by the Ways and Means herein-before provided for the Recovery of all Arrears of Rates or Rents for Gas used by any Person when the same do not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds: Provided always, that the said Chairman or Surveyor shall not by reason of his signing the said Contract incur any personal Liability.

Annual Rates not to exceed the Expense of lighting and of calling Meetings.

XXXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the Amount of the Rate to be so made and raised shall not exceed in any one Year the Amount of the Monies then due to the Company, and falling due to them in the Course of the then current Year, pursuant to such Contracts, and the Expenses of calling and holding such Meetings, and making and collecting such Rates as aforesaid, or as near thereto as may be.

Poor Rates may be inspected, &c.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for such Surveyor or Company or Secretary from Time to Time and at all convenient Times to inspect or take Copies of or Extracts from any of the Rates or Assessments made for the Relief of the Poor of the said Parishes of *Eglwysilan*, *Lantwitfardre*, *Lantrissent*, and *Lanwonno* respectively, paying to the Person having the Custody of such Rates or Assessments the Sum of One Shilling for each such Inspection; and in case any Inspection shall occupy a longer Space of Time than One Hour, a further Sum of One Shilling for every Hour after the first Hour that such Inspection shall continue; which Inspections, Copies, and Extracts all Persons having the Custody of any such Rates or Assessments are hereby required to permit and suffer to be made or taken accordingly; and in case any such Persons shall neglect or refuse so to do, every Person so neglecting or refusing shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds, to be recovered, in case of Nonpayment, on the Information of any such Surveyor or of the Company or their Secretary.

Rate-payers may inspect Books and Entries.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for all or any or either of the Rate-payers liable to the Payment of any Part of the Rates or Assessments ordered to be made as aforesaid, at all seasonable Times after Three Days Notice in Writing to the Company for that Purpose, to inspect, peruse, and examine at the Office of the Secretary

Secretary of the said Company the said Books of Proceedings of the said Meetings, and the Entries made therein, and to take Copies thereof or Abstracts or Extracts therefrom; and if the Company shall wilfully refuse or prevent the Inspection, Perusal, or Examination thereof, or such Copies, Abstracts, or Extracts to be taken, they shall forfeit to the Rate-payer or Rate-payers who shall give Notice and lawfully demand the same as aforesaid, and who shall be refused such Inspection, Perusal, or Examination, or such Copies, Abstracts, or Extracts, the Sum of Five Pounds for every Day during which such Failure to permit such Inspection, Perusal, or Examination to be made, or such Copies, Abstracts, or Extracts to be taken, may continue.

Expenses of Act.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and attending the passing of this Act or incidental thereto shall be paid by the Company out of the first Monies that shall come to or be in their Hands after the passing thereof.

Public Act.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

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Form of Lease.

I of in consideration of the Sum of paid to me by or [*as the Case may be*] in consideration of the Sum of paid to me, and of the Rent herein-after reserved and made payable by "The Pontypridd Gaslight and Coke Company," do hereby demise to the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, all [*describing the Premises to be demised*], together with all Ways, Rights, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, to hold the Premises to the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, for the Term of Years from the Day of the Date hereof, yielding and paying therefor yearly and every Year during the said Term the yearly Rent of free from Land Tax, Sewers Rates, and all other Taxes and Outgoings (Income Tax excepted), by equal Payments in the Year, the first Payment to be made on the Day of according to the true Intent and Meaning of "The Pontypridd Gas Act, 1850." In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, and the Company have hereunto affixed their Common Seal, the Day of .

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