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and comprise the same Space as the Limits of the said Hamlet then were and extended over and comprised: And whereas certain Persons are ready to contract with the Trustees acting under an Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for paving, lighting, watching, and improving the Hamlet of* Poplar *and* Blackwall *in the County of* Middlesex, *and for the better Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Hamlet,* for lighting with Gas the Parish of *All Saints, Poplar,* aforesaid, provided the said Trustees shall be willing and desirous so to do: And whereas several other Persons are desirous of becoming Proprietors in the Profits and Advantages of the said Concern, in proportion to the Number of Shares they shall respectively hold therein; but such an Arrangement cannot be effectually carried into execution 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 *William Wheatcroft, John Barlow,* and *George Barlow,* and such other Persons as shall from Time to Time, in such Manner as herein-after is mentioned, become Proprietors of Shares in the Undertaking hereby established, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby declared to be One Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of "The *Poplar* Gas Light Company," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession, and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded at Law or in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence indictable by the Laws of this Realm, and that the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing Inflammable Air, Gas, and Coke, from Coal or other Materials, and of supplying the said Parish of *All Saints, Poplar,* and the Places adjacent, with Inflammable Air or Gas, and of selling and disposing of the Coke and other Products arising therefrom, in such Manner as they shall think proper, and shall have full Power to contract with the Trustees under the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, and from Time to Time to enter into and make any Contracts or agree with the Trustees for the Time being under the said last-mentioned Act, or any other Trustees or Commissioners who for the Time being shall have the Control, Direction, or Management of the lighting of the said Parish and the Places adjacent, or any Part thereof, or with any other Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing to contract with the said Company (and they respectively are hereby empowered to contract with the said Company) for the lighting of the said Parish, or any Part or Parts thereof, or of any Streets, Roads, Squares, Market Places, Courts, Yards, Passages, Lanes, public Buildings, Manufactories, Shops, Warehouses, private Houses, or other Buildings whatsoever within the said Parish or adjacent thereto, and to sell or dispose of, as they shall think proper, such Coke or other Products as aforesaid.

53 G. 3. c. 84.

Company incorporated;

their Style;

their general Purposes.

II. And

Power to contract for the Purchase of Lands and Buildings.

II. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee of Management, and they are hereby empowered, to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Parish of *All Saints, Poplar*, or adjacent thereto, and the Freehold and Inheritance thereof, or any Estate or Interest therein, with any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years, absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, not being a Term or Terms of Years at Rack Rent, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also with all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or with any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to sell the same, or his, her, or their Right and Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; provided that the Quantity of Land to be purchased as aforesaid shall not exceed Two Acres; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same respectively to the Parties or Persons respectively entitled thereto, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England*, in manner by this Act directed, (as the Case may be,) the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be purchased as aforesaid shall vest absolutely in the said Company, may be taken and used for the Purposes of this Act, and from thenceforth all Parties and Persons whomsoever shall be divested of all Right and Title, Claim, or Reservation to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments shall vest in the *Poplar* Gas Light Company; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company to hold such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and any Term, Right, and Interest therein so purchased, without incurring or being subject or liable to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Law or Statute whatsoever; and also, in case of a Resale of the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any of them, under the Provision herein-after in that Behalf contained, to purchase and hold other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments in like Manner, provided the Land to be held for the Purposes of this Act shall not at any Time exceed in Quantity Two Acres.

Bodies Politic empowered to sell.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General, Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years, absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, (not being a Term or Terms at Rack Rent,) and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes

Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof which shall be thought necessary by the said Company to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, including the said Land and Premises comprised in the said Lease, in case the same shall be purchased as aforesaid, (but under such Restrictions as to Quantity as aforesaid,) to treat, contract, and agree (where an Agreement shall be necessary) with the said Company for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company, for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances, which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Enrolment, be good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Possibility, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several Cestuique Trusts, and of all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under him, her, or them, or claiming or to claim in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular Estate, or by way of Executory Devise or Springing Use, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of any such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of any Person or Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years, absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons is and are and shall be indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Directing Application of Purchase Money when amounting to 200*l.* and upwards.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if there shall be any Money to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, (including the Money to be paid for the Inheritance of the said Land and Premises conveyed in the said Lease, if the same shall be purchased as aforesaid, and shall belong to any such Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or

Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid,) such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex parte* the *Poplar* Gas Light Company; to the Intent that such Money may be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing and being settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or, where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased in case such Purchase and Settlement thereof were then actually made.

Application of Money when less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, (including the Money to be paid for the Inheritance of the said Land and Premises conveyed in the said Lease, if the same shall be purchased as aforesaid, and shall belong to any such Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid,) shall be less than the Sum of

of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in Cases of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be named by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved by Three or more of the Committee of Management of the said Company, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties,) in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends to arise thereon, or the Interest thereof, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Aprobation of the said High Court of Chancery.

Application of Money not exceeding 20*l.*

VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid as last before mentioned shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall belong absolutely and be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit, or in case of Infancy, Idiotcy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

In case of questionable Title to the Money, Persons in Possession of the Lands to be deemed entitled thereto, until the contrary shall be shown.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England* in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court, and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession,

and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

Expences of Purchase Money to be allowed by Court.

VIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where, by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Upon Payment of Purchase Money, Premises to be vested in the Company.

IX. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money to be so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Estate, Right, or Interest payable under the aforesaid Covenant for Purchase contained in the said Lease by the said Company, to the Party or Parties, or Person or Persons, respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England* for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein-before directed, as the Case may be, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law or Equity of the Party or Parties and Person and Persons respectively to whom or for whose Use or Benefit the same shall be paid, into or out of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company and their Successors for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be made to the said Company and their Successors shall, except in the Case of Copyholds, which are herein-after otherwise provided for, be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

Form of Conveyance.

'I [*or* we, *as the Case may be*,] of in consideration of the Sum of to me [*or* us] paid by the *Poplar* Gas Light Company, established under an Act passed in the Second Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here insert the Title of this Act*], do hereby grant and release [*or* assign, *as the Case may be*,] to the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors all [*here describe the Premises to be conveyed*], and all my [*or* our] Right, Title, and Interest in and to the same and every Part thereof, to hold to the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors and Assigns for ever, [*or, as the Case may be*,] during all the Remainder of my [*or* our] Term, Estate, or Interest in the said

'Premises.

'Premises. In witness whereof I [*or* we] have hereunto set my
'Hand and Seal [*or* our Hands and Seals] this
'Day of in the Year of our Lord One thousand
'eight hundred and .'

Resale of Land not wanted.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal to grant and convey by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments which may have been so purchased, and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale or Sales of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Company to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold, which Receipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge or sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Money therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons, having *bonâ fide* paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money or any Part thereof.

Capital Stock not to exceed 16,000*l.*

XII. And be it further enacted, That the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid shall be a Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds, and that the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted by this Act until the whole of the said Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for that Purpose.

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

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Capital Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds shall be raised by a Subscription to be made by the said *William Wheatcroft*, *John Barlow*, and *George Barlow*, and such other Persons as shall be admitted by them as Subscribers, and that every Person by or for whom any Subscription shall be made for or towards raising the said Capital Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds, his or her Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the Capital Joint Stock of the said Company in proportion to the Monies which he or she or they shall have or contributed towards making up the same, and shall have and be entitled to a proportionable Share of the Profits and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted as a Proprietor or Proprietors in the same.

Property of the Company to be answerable for their Debts and Engagements.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That the Lands and Hereditaments, Manufactories, Gasometers, Machinery, Apparatus, and Works, Goods, Chattels, and Effects of the said Company, and their Successors, shall be liable and answerable for the just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company.

XV. And

Stock to be divided into Shares of 50*l.* each, and to be Personal Estate.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds Sterling each, and that no Person shall be a Subscriber for a less Sum than Fifty Pounds Sterling, nor hold more than Twenty Shares, and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Power to raise a further Capital of 4,000*l.*

XVI. And be it further enacted, That in case the aforesaid Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for making, completing, and maintaining the aforesaid Undertaking hereby authorized to be made, and defraying all necessary Charges relating thereto, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers to raise and contribute amongst themselves, in such Shares and Proportions as to them shall seem meet, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, any further or other Sum of Money for completing and perfecting the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Four thousand Pounds; and every Subscriber towards raising such further Sum of Money shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and shall have a like Vote for himself or herself, or his or her Proxy, in respect of every Share in the said additional Sum so to be raised, and shall also be liable to such Forfeitures and stand interested in all the Profits and Advantages of the said Undertaking in proportion to the Sum he, she, or they shall subscribe to the said Undertaking, as generally and extensively to all Intents and Purposes as if such further or other Sum hereby allowed to be subscribed for or raised had been originally Part of the said Capital of Sixteen thousand Pounds, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, 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, pursuant to or by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management for the Time being herein-after mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay any such Money at such Times, and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue and recover the same by Action of Debt, or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same, from such appointed Time of Payment, and all Costs of Suit from such Person or Persons, or in Cases where Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or be jointly possessed of any One Share in the said Undertaking, then from all, any, or either of such Persons.

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

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company or the Committee of Management to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who have subscribed for, or may at any Time hereafter be entitled to, a Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of such Share or 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 a Certificate under the Common Seal of the said Company shall 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 shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor, his or her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified, but the Want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner from selling or disposing thereof.

Regulations for the General Meetings of the Company.

XIX. 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 and Regulations herein-after contained; (that is to say,) the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall assemble together in the Parish of *All Saints, Poplar*, aforesaid, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, within Twenty-one Days next after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, and shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall and may adjourn to, or shall assemble at such other Times and Places as shall be duly appointed in manner herein-after mentioned, and every such Assembly shall be styled a General Meeting, and Two such Meetings shall be held in every Year, on the Third *Tuesday* in the Month of *January*, and the Third *Tuesday* in the Month of *July*, which shall be styled Half-yearly Meetings, and that Ten or more of the said Proprietors, not holding collectively less than Forty Shares, may, by Notice in Writing under their Hands, call a Special General Meeting, so as the Object for which such Meeting shall be called be expressed in such Notice, and so as such Notice be given Fourteen Days at least before the Day of Meeting, and that every such General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as shall be found expedient, and that at least Six Days previous Notice at every General Meeting, and Three Days previous Notice of the Day to which every General Meeting shall be adjourned, shall be given, and that at every such General or Special Meeting a Chairman shall be appointed, and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors present, and not declining to vote (the Number present not being less than Ten, according to their respective Number of Shares); and every Proprietor shall be entitled to One Vote for and in respect of every Share of which he shall be possessed; but no Proprietor shall be entitled to vote for or in respect of more than Ten Shares, except as the legal Representative of any other Person or Persons, for or in respect of the Share or Shares held by or legally vested in him as such Representative; nor shall any Person be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, or any Adjourn-

ment thereof, in respect of any Share or Shares which he or she may possess in the said Undertaking, unless such Person shall have fully paid and satisfied all Arrears of Money which shall or may have become due in pursuance of any Call or Calls made or to be made by the said Committee of Management for or in respect of such Share or Shares; nor shall any Person vote at any of the Meetings of the said Company upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking in which such Person or Persons shall be interested, otherwise than a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors to or of the said Undertaking; and that upon any Difference of Opinion, any Proprietor present may require the Votes at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open for more than One Hour; and that the Chairman of every such Meeting shall be entitled to vote, and in case the Number of Votes, including the Chairman's Vote, shall be equal, such Chairman shall also have the casting Vote; and if at any General or Special Meeting a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act or adjourn, Two Proprietors only being hereby declared sufficient for the Purposes of Adjournment, shall not assemble and proceed to Business in One Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if the Number of Ten Proprietors be not present when the Whole or any Part of the Business to be transacted shall be to be decided upon, the Meeting shall adjourn to the same Day in the following Week, or to some other Day to be appointed by the Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them.

Notice of Meetings to be given by the Clerk of the Company.

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Notices herein-before directed to be given of any General or Special Meeting or Adjournments respectively, or to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not herein-before otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors, or to such individual Proprietors respectively, by Letters from the Clerk of the said Company sent by the Post, to each and every of the said Proprietors entitled to vote at such Meetings respectively, or to the individual Proprietors entitled to such Notice, (as the Case may be), and that the same Notices shall be deemed and considered the same as Personal Notices.

General Meetings may make Bye Laws.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time, at any of their General Half-yearly Meetings as aforesaid, 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 said Committee of Management, and for the regulating of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in or about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking, in all respects whatsoever, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, and to make others, and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all such 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 Company at a General Half-

Half-yearly Meeting shall seem meet and expedient; and all such 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 binding upon all such 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 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 Copies thereof shall be printed, fixed, and continued in the Office of the Clerk or other the Buildings and Premises of the said Company, and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws shall be subject to appeal in manner by this Act directed.

Power to appoint a Treasurer or Treasurers.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company at any General Meeting of the said Company to nominate and elect by Ballot, and to appoint under the Common Seal of the said Company, any Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers, and from Time to Time to remove any such Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company, and to nominate, elect, and appoint another Person or Persons in his or their Room or Stead: Provided always, that the said Company shall and they are hereby required to take sufficient Security from every Person who shall be appointed Treasurer, Receiver, or Collector for any of the Purposes of this Act, for the faithful Execution of their respective Offices, before they shall enter thereupon respectively.

Treasurers, Receivers, and Collectors to give Security.

Committee of Management.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting of the said Company, or at some Adjournment thereof, Fifteen Members of the said Company shall be elected and chosen a Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company, and such Committee of Management shall continue in Office, and be respectively Members of the said Committee until the Half-yearly Meeting which shall be held in *January* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, or until others or another shall be appointed in their or any of their Stead, in pursuance of this Act; and at the said Half-yearly Meeting, or at some Adjournment thereof, and also at the Expiration of every succeeding Year thereafter, a new Committee of Fifteen Members shall be elected and appointed out of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertakings, to be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company, who shall continue in their Office for the Space of One Year, to be computed from the Day of Election, or until others or another shall be duly elected into their or any of their Places; provided that nothing herein contained shall render any One of the Committee whose Office shall have expired ineligible to be re-elected a Committee-man if otherwise duly qualified; provided also, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected nor to serve or act as a Member of the said Committee who shall hold any Place of Profit under the said Company, or who shall be concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts under this Act, or who shall offer to take or succeed in taking, or shall participate in any Manner in any Work to be done for the said Company, whether by Contract

or

or otherwise; or who shall be a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any One of the Articles, Matters or Things to be consumed, provided, or manufactured by the said Company.

For supplying Vacancies in Committee.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Member of the Committee of Management to be elected by virtue of this Act shall die or become disqualified, or shall refuse or neglect to attend the Meetings of the said Committee for the said Company at any General or Special Meeting to be called and held pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect some other Proprietor to be a Member of the said Committee; and every such Proprietor so elected to fill any Vacancy shall continue in his Office as a Member of the said Committee so long as the Person in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have been entitled to have continued if such Death, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect had not happened.

No Person to act as a Committee Man, unless possessed of Two Shares.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be eligible to be elected one of the Committee for managing the Affairs of the said Undertaking unless at the Time of the Election he shall be entitled to Two Shares in the said Undertaking.

Meetings of the Committee, and Regulations for their Proceedings.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall and may hold their Meetings at such Place within the Parish of *All Saints*, *Poplar*, and at such Times, and adjourn their Meetings from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as they shall think fit; and at every Meeting One of the Members of the said Committee present at such Meeting shall be elected Chairman; and all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management at any of their Meetings shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of the Members then present, the Number present not being less than Five; and in case of an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, including the Vote of the Chairman for the Time being, such Chairman shall have the decisive and casting Vote; and that if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee Five Members qualified to vote shall not attend, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned till the next Day, if not a *Sunday*, and if the next Day shall be a *Sunday*, then to the *Monday* following, by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present, then by the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and that any Five or more Members of the Committee may at any Time when they shall think fit call a Meeting of the Committee by Notice in Writing signed by such Five or more Members, to be sent by the Post or otherwise to the Residence or Address of every Member of such Committee.

Power of Committee.

XXVII. 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 full Power and Authority to meet and adjourn from Time to Time, and from Place to Place as aforesaid, and also at any Time to call Special General

Meetings of the said Company, for any Purpose they may think proper, and to appoint the Time and Place of holding General and Special Meetings, and to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well as in issuing, receiving, or laying out, and disposing of all Sums to be issued or received, laid out, or disposed of for the Purpose 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 in making and entering into Contracts or Agreements for supplying with Gas the said Parish of *All Saints*, *Poplar*, and the Places adjacent, or any of such Streets, Squares, Market Places, Lanes, Ways, and public or private Houses or Buildings as aforesaid, and nominating, appointing, electing, placing, or displacing any Officer, Clerk, Engineer, Agent, or Servant of the said Company (except the Treasurer or Treasurers herein-before directed to be appointed by a General Meeting of the said Company) with such Salary, Gratuities, or Recompence as to the said Committee shall seem proper, and in ordering, directing, or employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid, and in making, enforcing, and rescinding all Contracts and 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.

Same Person not to act as Clerk and Treasurer.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Company; and if any Person shall act in both Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of such Treasurer shall act as Clerk, in the Execution of this Act, every Person shall, for every such Offence, forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Proceedings to be entered.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Orders and Proceedings of every Meeting, as well of the Company as of the Managing Committee, shall be entered by the Clerk in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and such Orders and Proceedings so entered and signed by the Clerk of the said Company, or by the Chairman of each respective Meeting, shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts, and before all Judges, Justices, and others, 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

shall be transacted at any adjourned Special General Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place.

The Person whose Name stands first for divided Shares to be deemed the Owner, and entitled to vote.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That whenever Two or more Persons shall be jointly possessed of or entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Book of the said Company as Proprietor of such Share or Shares shall for the Purposes of this Act 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 Undertaking shall and may be given to such Person whose Name shall so stand first in the Books of the said Company; and such Notice to such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Notice to all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares for all the Purposes for which such Notice is intended to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any such Share or Shares, and that such Owners or Proprietors shall be entitled to give their Votes in respect thereof, by the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company, as Proprietors of such Share or Shares; and his Vote shall on all Occasions be deemed and allowed to be the Vote for or in respect of the whole Property, in such Share or Shares, without Proof of the Concurrence of the other Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares.

Power for the Proprietors to vote by Proxy.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That any Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company's Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Share or Shares, at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General or Special Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking; provided nevertheless, that no one Person shall deliver in Proxies for more than Ten Proprietors, and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (*videlicet,*)

'I *A.B.* of one of the
'Proprietors of and in the *Poplar* Gas Light Company, do hereby
'nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of
'to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Absence to
'vote, to 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 or Special 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 Under-
'taking or any thing relating thereto. In witness whereof I have
'hereunto set my Hand the Day of
'One thousand eight hundred and .'

Committee to make Calls.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have full Power to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as such Committee shall from Time to Time deem requisite or necessary for the Purposes

Purposes of the said Undertaking, so that no one such Call do exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds for or in respect of any One Share of Fifty Pounds, and so that no Call be made within the Space of Three Calendar Months at least from any former Call; and every Order for a Call shall be signed by the Chairman of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, and Two of the Members of the said Committee at least present at some Meeting of the said Committee duly held; and the several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company for the Time being, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Fourteen Days previous Notice shall be given in such Manner as the said Committee shall direct or appoint in that Behalf; and if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Proportion of the Money so to be called for by the Space of Three Calendar Months next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, at some General or Special Meeting to be held after such Neglect or Refusal, to declare all and every or any of the Share or Shares of such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid to be forfeited, and from thenceforth the said Share or Shares so declared to be forfeited, and all the Profit and Benefit thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them, on account thereof, shall be vested in the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, to and for the Use and Purposes herein-after mentioned.

On Nonpayment of Calls Shares to be forfeited.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

XXXIII. And whereas in case any 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 of the said Company, it may not be in the Power of any Officer acting for the said Company to ascertain who is or are the Owner or Proprietor or Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, in order to give him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, Notice or Notices of Calls to be made on such Share or Shares, or to maintain any Action or Actions, Suit, or other Proceedings against him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely paying to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof; be it therefore enacted, That in all Cases 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, or any other Person or Persons, by any other legal Means than by a Transfer and Conveyance thereof, in the Form and Manner herein-after specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons before a Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or 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,

his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns; and such Affidavit shall be delivered to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter into and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book, or List of Subscribers and Proprietors of the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company, and in all or any of the said Cases, after Three Calendar Months Notice in Writing shall have been given by the said Clerk to the Owner or Owners, or Person or Persons claiming by reason of such Affidavit to be Owner or Owners thereof, or left at his, her, or their last or usual Place of Abode, to pay his, her, or their Proportion of Money so to be called for, and such Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall not have paid such his, her, or their Proportion as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Subscribers and Proprietors at any General or Special Meeting after the Expiration of such Notice to declare the same Share or Shares to be forfeited; and that in such Case the same, and all the Profit and Benefit thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced on account thereof, shall be vested in the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, to and for the Uses and Purposes herein-after mentioned.

No Share to be forfeited unless Notice be published in a Newspaper.

XXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Share or Shares of any Person or Persons of and in the said Undertaking shall be forfeited, or vest in and accrue to the said Company, until Notice shall have been published in some One of the Daily *London* Newspapers Thirty Days at least before the holding of such General or Special Meeting, in which Notice shall be contained a Statement and Account of the Money due from such Person or Persons for such Call or Calls in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, exclusive of the Interest thereon; and no such Share or Shares shall be forfeited to or vested in the said Company if the Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares shall before the holding of such General or Special Meeting pay what shall be due thereon for such Call or Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest for the same, and all the Expences attending the Application for and advertising of the same as aforesaid.

Company empowered to sell Shares become forfeited as aforesaid.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares of the said Undertaking shall by virtue of this Act have become forfeited to or vested in the said Company as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to sell or cause to be sold by public Auction or private Contract, and by Writing under the Common Seal of thes aid Company to assign and transfer, such and so many of the Share or Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters as the said Company or their Committee shall from Time to Time find necessary and direct to be sold, unto such Person or Persons as shall become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and such Assignments and Transfers shall be good, valid, and effectual against the Owner or Owners of every such Share or Shares so forfeited to or vested in the said Company, and sold as aforesaid, and all Persons claiming under

If the Purchase Money for such Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay the Arrears of Calls, and Interest and Expences thereon, the Surplus to be paid to the Owner, on Demand.

him, her, or them: Provided always, that in case the Money produced by the Sale of any such Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Calls as aforesaid, and legal Interest thereon, and the Expences attending the Sale or Sales, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid, on Demand, to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged: Provided also, that the said Company or their Committee shall not by virtue of this Act sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred, any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be sufficient, as near as may be at the Time of such Call, to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters for or on account of such Call or Calls and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after Payment of all and every of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares vested in the said Company as aforesaid which shall remain in their Hands unsold shall revert to, and again become the Property of the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

Shares unsold to revert to the former Owners.

Executors and Administrators indemnified in paying Calls.

XXXVI. 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 such Payment shall have been made by him, her, or them of the full Sum to be called for in respect thereof as aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provision by Will or otherwise how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, then and in such Case the Executors or Administrators of such Proprietor or 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 or Proprietors.

Proprietors of Shares forfeited not afterwards to be sued.

XXXVII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall empower the said Company to sue the original Proprietors of any Share or Shares which shall be declared to be forfeited, in manner and according to the Tenor, true Intent, and Meaning of this Act, except as to any such Share or Shares as shall revert as herein-before directed, for any Call or Calls for Money subsequent to the Declaration of such Forfeiture, but when any such forfeited Share or Shares shall be sold the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof shall be liable to the future Calls in the same Manner as if he, she, or they had been the original Proprietor or Proprietors of such Share or Shares.

Shares may be transferred.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Proprietors 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 or to the Effect following; (that is to say,)

‘ I of of , in consideration Form of Transfer.
‘ of the Sum of paid to me by
‘ of do hereby bargain, sell, assign, and transfer
‘ to the said the Sum of
‘ Capital Stock of and in the Undertaking called the *Poplar* Gas
‘ Light Company, being my Share [*or* Shares] Number
‘ [*or* Numbers] therein, to hold to the said
‘ Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules,
‘ Orders, and Restrictions, and on the same Conditions, as I held the
‘ same immediately before the Execution hereof: And I the said
‘ do hereby agree to take and accept
‘ the said Share [*or* Shares] subject to the same Rules, Orders,
‘ Restrictions, and Conditions. As witness our Hands and Seals,
‘ this Day of in the Year of our Lord One
‘ thousand eight hundred and .’

Transfer to be registered.

And every such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company by an Entry of the Date, Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred, for which Entry or registering the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more, shall be paid to the Clerk or other Officer making the same, by the Person at whose Request such Registry shall be made; and a Copy of such Register, signed by the Clerk or other Officer of the said Company, shall be sufficient Evidence of every such Sale and Transfer, and shall be accounted as such in all Disputes, and in all Trials before any Court, and by all Judges, Justices, and others in the United Kingdom; and that until such Transfer shall be entered or registered in the Books of the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages thereof, or his or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, 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 Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

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

XXXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That 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 any Call for Money, until the Money so called for in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares intended to be sold shall be paid; and that until such Money so called for shall be paid in respect of such Share or Shares intended to be sold such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void; and such Share or Shares shall be liable to Forfeiture under the Provisions herein-before contained, in such and the same Manner as if no such Sale or Transfer had been made.

Accounts to be settled yearly.

Meetings to declare Dividends.

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

unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend shall be at and after the Rate of so much *per Centum* for every Share upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the said Subscribers, their Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine; provided that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall in any Degree be reduced or impaired, nor within Twelve Calender Months after the passing of this Act; nor shall any Dividend 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; and that the Committee of Management who shall make any such Dividend shall be personally responsible to the Proprietors and also to the Creditors of the said Company for any Injury which may arise therefrom.

Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil.

XLI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply all the public Streets, Squares, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places in the said Parish and Places adjacent with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light than could be obtained from Oil; and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for lighting with Gas any public Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Place by the said Company shall contain a Clause providing that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such Street, Square, Lane, Passage, or Place shall at all Times be better and cheaper lighted by the said Company than could be done by Oil.

Service Pipes to be kept fully charged with Gas.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put up by the said Company for lighting the Streets, Squares, and other public Places of the said Parish and Places adjacent, under any Contract or Agreement with the said Commissioners, or other Persons thereunto authorized, shall be kept fully charged with Gas; and the Stop-cocks shall be so formed and turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted.

Power to break up the Soil, and the Pavements of Streets.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, subject to the Provisions and Restrictions herein mentioned, by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make and erect such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, and other Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other Works, and to sink and lay Pipes of such Construction, and in such Manner as the said Company shall think necessary or proper for carrying the Purposes of this Act into execution, and also in a careful and workmanlike Manner, doing thereby as little Damage as may be, to break up the Soil, Pitchings, and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages within the said Parish of *All Saints, Poplar*, or adjacent thereto, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stop-cocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes, in, under, across,

across, and along such Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages, and in such Manner as shall be necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into execution, or supplying any such Light as aforesaid; and from Time to Time to alter the Positions of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stop-cocks, Syphons, and Plugs or Branches, and also to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe laid in any Street, Highway, Roadway, Lane, Footpath, or Passage by the said Company, by virtue of this Act, into a Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting the same from any of such Mains or Pipes, and to fix, place, and maintain any Apparatus or Convenience necessary or requisite, or deemed advisable for securing to any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, 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 Work which shall have been placed, when the same shall be bad or imperfect, or which shall be injured or damaged, in such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things of the same or the like Nature as shall from Time to Time be necessary and convenient for the Purposes of carrying this Act into execution; provided always, that a proper Compensation be made by the said Company of Proprietors for any Damage to be done by the said Acts respectively; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company or their Successors to sink or make any such Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, and Reservoirs in any Situation or Direction where the same can, shall, or may interfere with any present or future public or private Drain, Sewer, or Well, nor to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches from any Main or Pipe into or against the Walls of any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner or Owners, and Occupier or Occupiers for the Time being of every such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid; provided also, that the Soil, Pitchings, and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, and Passages, within the present or future Jurisdiction of the said Trustees for executing the said Act of the Fifty-third Year of His said late Majesty, be only broken up with the Consent of such Trustees in Writing, and under the Inspection of their Surveyor, and under and subject to such Regulations and Restrictions only as shall or may be agreed upon between the said Company or their Successors and such Trustees; provided also, that all Works to be done or repaired within the Jurisdictions of such last-mentioned Trustees be done under the Inspection and to the Satisfaction of such Surveyor aforesaid (Emergencies excepted); provided also, that all other Streets, Roads, and Highways shall only be broken up with the Consent of the Commissioners or Trustees respectively under whose Care or Superintendence the same Streets, Roads, or Highways may be, and under the Inspection of the Surveyor or Surveyors of such Commissioners or Trustees respectively, and under and subject to such Regulations and Restrictions only as

shall or may be agreed upon between the said Company or their Successors, and such Commissioners or Trustees respectively.

Company to remove Pipes, &c. when Tenants quit, if required.

XLIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company, and their Successors, shall at their own Expence, on the Expiration or Determination of the Tenancy or Tenancies of such Occupier or Occupiers so giving Consent as aforesaid, within Twenty-one Days after the Expiration or Determination of such Tenancy or Tenancies, upon receiving Notice in Writing for that Purpose, for or on behalf of the Owner or Owners, or the succeeding Occupier or Occupiers of any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, remove, take, and carry away, or cause to be removed, taken, and carried away any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches from any Main or Pipe which shall have been introduced or laid by the said Company of Proprietors, and their Successors, in or against any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, pursuant to the Power for that Purpose herein-before contained, and repair and make good such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings where the same shall be introduced, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and in default thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for such Owner or Owners, or such new Occupier or Occupiers (as the Case may require), or any other Person or Persons acting under their, his, or her respective Authorities or Authority, to cause such Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, to be removed, taken, and carried away; and the reasonable Costs and Charges for so doing the same shall be immediately paid by the said Company and their Successors, or their Treasurer for the Time being, to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within One Calendar Month next after Demand shall be made by such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*,) 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, and their Successors, together with the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals, of One or more Justice or Justices or the Peace for the said County, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require.

Company to be subject to all Acts of Parliament relating to Roads.

XLV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to break, take up, or disturb the Ground, Stones, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Road or Highway within the Limits of this Act, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons in whom the Superintendence, Property, or Control of any such Road or Highway is by Authority of Parliament or

otherwise howsoever vested under the Hand or Hands of their proper Officer or Officers; and that all and every the Works, Matters, and Things at any Time hereafter to be done or performed by the said Company or their Servants, Workmen, or others, in, upon, through, or over any such Road or Highway, shall be subject to the Provisions, Regulations, Penalties, and Notices, and all and every the Powers, Authorities, Provisions, Rules, Directions, Forfeitures, Claims, Matters, and Things contained in any Act or Acts of Parliament for the making, amending, repairing, or improving any such Road or Highway, or otherwise relating thereto, as fully and effectually as if the same had been amply re-enacted herein.

Powers of Metropolis Paving Act to extend to this Act.

XLVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed, deemed, or taken to extend, to supersede, lessen, annul, vacate, or make void all or any of the Powers and Authorities given and granted in and by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for better paving, improving, and regulating the Streets of the Metropolis, and removing and preventing Nuisances and Obstructions therein;* but that all and every the said Powers and Authorities, and the Provisions, Clauses, Articles, Matters, and Things therein contained relating to Gas Companies, shall be and the same are hereby declared to be in full Force, Operation, and Effect with respect to the said Company incorporated by this Act, and their Successors, as fully and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the said Company had been established previously to the passing of the said recited Act, or had been expressly named in such Act. 57 G. 3. c. 29.

Situation of Pipes, &c. may be altered if Commissioners desire it.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That if, for the Purposes of the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of His said late Majesty, it shall at any Time or Times hereafter be deemed necessary or expedient by the Trustees acting under and by virtue of the same Act to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Mains, Pipes, Stop-cocks, Plugs, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid within the present or future Jurisdiction of the Trustees, the said Company of Proprietors shall, at their own Expence, within Two Calendar Months next after being required so to do by Notice in Writing, to them given by the said Trustees, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Drains, Pipes, Stop-cocks, Plugs, or Branches according to such Notice, in such Manner and in such Place or Places as the said Trustees shall think right or proper; and in default thereof it shall be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority, to cause such Mains, Pipes, Stop-cocks, Plugs, or Branches, to be raised, sunk, or altered as aforesaid, at the Expences of the said Company, so that in either of the said Cases such raising, sinking, or Alteration be not required by the said Trustees unnecessarily or vexatiously, and so that no Damage be done thereby to the said Company, or their Successors, and so that they be not thereby prevented from, or inconvenienced or obstructed in lighting any Public or Private Lamp or Lamps,

Lamps, unless such Damage or Obstruction, from the Circumstances of the Case, be unavoidable.

Not to break up private Roads without Consent.

XLVIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the said Company, or their Successors, shall not at any Time hereafter break up the Soil, Pitching, or Pavement of any Private Road or Way for the Purpose of laying any Main or Pipe along, under, or across the same without the Consent of the Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being; and after the same shall have been so laid and placed, it shall be lawful for such Owner or Owners at any Time or Times thereafter, if he, she, or they should deem it necessary or expedient, and at his, her, and their own Costs and Charges, to alter and vary the Position of such Pipe or Pipes, Main or Mains, and to relay the same, so that no Damage be done thereby to the said Company or their Successors, and so that they be not thereby prevented from or obstructed in lighting any public or private Lamp, unless such Damage or Obstruction be unavoidable.

Non-attendance of Surveyor of Commissioners not to retard the Works.

XLIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Trustees shall refuse or neglect to attend to inspect any of the Works hereby directed to be done under his Inspection, and to his Satisfaction, and which shall have been consented to by the said Trustees, after being thereunto required by Notice in Writing from the said Company or their Clerk, given to or left at the Place of Abode of the said Surveyor, that the said Company are hereby fully authorized to do and perform such Works without the Inspection of such Surveyor, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Pavements to be made good when Pipes are laid.

L. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Stop-cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill and properly ram the Earth in the Trenches, and make good Pavements and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned by such Works, and repair any Damage arising from any Drains, Sewers, or Cuts, which may be made for carrying off the Washings or waste Liquids aforesaid, without any Delay, and shall in the meantime fence, guard, and light the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, in such Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages; the same several and respective Acts to be done under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Trustees, in all Cases where such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus shall be laid or repaired, in or under any of the public Streets, Ways, Roads, Footpaths, or other Places now or hereafter to be within the Jurisdiction of the said Trustees, and under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Trustees or Commissioners of any other Roads or Highways which may be so broken up, and under the Superintendence and to the Satisfaction of the Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being in all other Places: Provided always, that if there should be any wilful or negligent Delay in the said Company,

Company, or in any of their Agents or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, in filling in and ramming any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads as aforesaid, or in fencing, guarding, and lighting the Place where any such Ground shall be opened as aforesaid; then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Trustees, or their Surveyor or Surveyors, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Trustees, as to any Street, Highway, Way, Lane, Passage, or Place within their Jurisdiction as aforesaid so broken up, and to and for the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Trustees or Commissioners of any other such Road or Highway as aforesaid, and to and for the Owner or Owners of the Soil for the Time being in all other Places, to fill in such Ground and remove such Rubbish, and repair and make good any Pavement or Road so broken up, and to fence, guard, and light such Places so opened as aforesaid; and the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors or their Treasurer to the said Surveyor or Owner or Owners, as the Case may require; and in default of Payment thereof for Thirty Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees, as the Case may require, by such Owner or Owners, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds by way of Penalty, 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 for the said County of *Middlesex*; which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges and Penalty shall be paid to the said Trustees or Commissioners, or their Treasurer, or, as the Case may require, to the said Owner or Owners.

Power of Commissioners of Pavements, &c. not to be affected.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the Effect of depriving the said Trustees or their Successors, or any other Person or Persons, of any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them at present possess, or of interfering with any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them may hereafter acquire, of lighting the public Streets, Highways, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and other Places, Houses, Manufactories, or Buildings, in the said Parish of *All Saints, Poplar*, in or adjacent thereto as aforesaid, with Gas Lights, or in any other Manner, or to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Rights, Powers, and Authorities of the Trustees appointed by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, or of the Vestrymen appointed by virtue of the said recited Act of the Fifty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or to remove any of the Disabilities or Restrictions, or to take away any of the Penalties or Forfeitures contained therein or imposed thereby, but that the said Act, and all

and every the Matters, Powers, Authorities, Privileges, Disabilities, Restrictions, Provisions, Articles, Rules, Penalties, Forfeitures, and Clauses therein contained, shall be and continue in full Force and Effect to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, so far as the same are not expressly varied, altered, or affected by the Provisions herein contained, or any of them, in such and the like Manner as if this Act had not passed.

Not to interfere with the Rights of certain Bodies.

LII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Rights, Powers, and Authorities of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of *London*, in Common Council assembled, or of the *West India* Dock Company, or of the *East India* Dock Company, within the said Parish of *All Saints, Poplar*.

Company not to light any Part of Limehouse, or Places to the North or West of the Lea Cut.

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, or any Person or Persons employed by or acting for them or on their Behalf, to open or in any Manner to break up the Soil, Pitchings, or Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Squares, Courts, Roads, Lanes, or public or private Ways within the Parish of *Saint Anne, Limehouse*, in the County of *Middlesex*, or any Part thereof, or in any Parts or Places whatosever to the Westward or Northward of the Line formed by the Cut commonly called the *Lea Cut* otherwise *Bromley Cut* otherwise *Limehouse Cut*, and running from the River *Lea*, at or near *Bromley* in the said County of *Middlesex*, to the River *Thames* at or near *Limehouse Dock* in the said Parish of *Limehouse*, or to authorize or empower them or any of them to sink or lay down, put or place, any Main or Mains, Pipes, Tubes, or Branches therein, or in any Part or Parts thereof, or to light or cause to be lighted, or in any Manner either directly or indirectly to supply with Gas the said Parish of *Saint Anne, Limehouse*, or any Part thereof, or any of the Parts or Places lying to the Westward or Northward of the said Cut, but they are hereby expressly prohibited and restrained from so doing; and if the said Company, their Successors or Assigns, or any of their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, or any other Person or Persons employed by or acting for them, shall offend herein, the said Company, their Successors and Assigns, and each and every Person so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of One hundred Pounds for each and every separate and distinct Act or Offence, to be recoverable and recovered, with full Costs of Suit, by any Person who will sue for the same, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Potection, Privilege, Wager of Law, or any more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed, any thing in this Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Pipes of Communication to be laid without

LIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe or Tube, to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company,

without

without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, nor supply any Inhabitant or other Person with any Part of such Gas, on pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Forty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe shall so remain or such Supply be furnished; every such Penalty of Forty Shillings 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 of *Middlesex*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture and the Costs and 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 shall not 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 some House of Correction of the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, for a Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, and all reasonable Charges, to be fixed by such Magistrate or Magistrates, in the Event of Commitment, shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company if they should so think fit also to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of the Person so offending, notwithstanding any Contract or Contracts, Agreement or Agreements, which may have been previously entered into.

Consent of the Company.

LV. And be it further enacted, That if any Person should wantonly or maliciously hinder or interrupt the said Company, or their Deputies, Agents, Workmen, or Servants, or any of them, in doing or performing any of the Works, or in exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or should in anywise cause or procure such Interruption or Hinderance to take place, and should be thereof convicted before any Magistrate or Magistrates acting in or for the said County of *Middlesex*, either on Evidence of any credible Witness or Witnesses or by Confession of the Party accused, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors any Sum, to be adjudged by such Magistrate or Magistrates, not exceeding Five Pounds; and such Sum so adjudged to be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may by virtue of this Act be recovered.

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, with the Consent of the said Trustees in Writing, and under and subject to such Regulations and Restrictions as shall be agreed on between the said Company and their Successors and the said Trustees, and under the Inspection of their Surveyor as aforesaid, to make Sewers or Cuts of the Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think expedient, under the Ways, Lanes, Avenues, and Places within the said Parish and Places adjacent, for the Purpose of carrying off the Wastings or other waste Liquids which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers

Power to convey Wastings.

or

or Cuts, and immediately repairing, at their own Expence, all such Damage; provided that no such Wastings or other waste Liquids, nor any Matter or Thing arising from the Manufacture of any such Gas, shall be conducted or conveyed into any River, Brook, or running Stream; and that no such Sewer or Cut shall be made in any Situation where the same can, shall, or may in any Manner interfere with, prejudice, or affect any of the present or future public or private Wells, Sewers, or Drains within the said Parish or Places adjacent, or the present or future Limits or Liberties thereof, or without the Consent of the Owner and Owners, Occupier and Occupiers thereof for the Time being, in, through, under, or across any private Lands or Grounds.

For stopping the Escape of Gas.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down or set up by the said Company, in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, immediately after receiving Notice, either Parol or in Writing, (to be left or given at their Office or usual Place of transacting their Business,) of any such Escape of Gas, from any Person or Persons whomsoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice, either Parol or in Writing, being given of any such Escape of Gas, effectually stop and prevent the Gas from escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such Case the said Company shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every Day, after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid, which Penalty shall from Time to Time be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath or Affirmation of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County, or other Justice or Justices having Jurisdiction, as the Case may require; and shall and may be recovered, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, by the Warrant of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, to be granted in like Manner and subject to the like Provisions as are herein directed touching other Penalties to be recovered from the said Company.

Protecting the Water Companies.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said *Poplar* Gas Light Company shall at any Time drain or convey, or cause or suffer to be drained or conveyed, or to run or flow, any Washings or other waste Liquids, or any noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things whatsoever, which may arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the Works of the said *Poplar* Gas Light Company, into the River *Thames*, or into any running Stream or Brook, or into any Sewer, Drain, Passage, or Channel, by means whereof any such Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things as aforesaid, shall be drained, conducted, or conveyed into the said River *Thames*, or into any River, Brook, or Stream communicating therewith, or into

into any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond, belonging to or used or intended for the Supply of Water by the Company of Proprietors of the *West Middlesex* Waterworks, or the Grand Junction Waterworks Company, or the Governor and Company of *Chelsea* Waterworks, or the *East London* Waterworks Company, or do or cause to be done any other Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond, whereby the said Water, or any Part thereof, shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted; then and in each and every such Case the said *Poplar* Gas Light Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed; and one Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, and the other Moiety to the Waterworks Company against whom any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing as aforesaid shall have been done or committed: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time of such Penalty being incurred: Provided also, that over and above, and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, in case any of the said Washings or other waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid into the River *Thames*, or into any River, Brook, or Stream communicating therewith, or into any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Waterway, Feeder, or Pond, belonging to or used or intended for the Supply of Water by any of the said Waterworks Companies, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given by any of the said Waterworks Companies, or by any other Person or Persons whatsoever, to the said *Poplar* Gas Light Company, and the said *Poplar* Gas Light Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them as aforesaid, stop, hinder, or prevent all and every such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things from being drained, conducted, or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid; then and in every such Case the said *Poplar* Gas Light Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things shall be so drained, conducted, or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such Penalty shall and may be recovered, levied, and applied in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by this Act directed to be recovered, levied, and applied.

Penalty for damaging Pipes, &c.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person should wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously remove, take away, break, destroy, damage, or injure any Part of any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing, belonging to the said Company, or should wilfully, wantonly, or maliciously extinguish or put out any or either of the public Lamps and Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any One or either of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, shall, for each separate and distinct Act or Offence herein-before enumerated, forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage to be done, as the same shall be ascertained by such Justice or Justices, such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied under the Warrant of such Magistrate or Magistrates by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or if it shall appear to the said Justice or Justices, either by Confession or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath or have not any Goods or Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture or Damage aforesaid, such Offender or Offenders shall or may be forthwith committed to some House of Correction of the County of *Middlesex*, there to remain for any Time to be fixed, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture, Damages, and Costs so directed to be levied shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

Appeal may be made to Quarter Sessions.

LX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves, aggrieved by any Rule, Order, or Bye Law of the said Company of Proprietors, or any thing done in pursuance thereof, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in pursuance of this Act, may, within Six Calendar Months after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Middlesex*, the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten clear Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Clerk of the said Company, as representing the said Company, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Middlesex*, with Two sufficient Sureties, conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices, upon due Proof of such Notices and Recognizance having been given and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such Complaint at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or, if they think proper, may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for such County, and, if they see Cause, may mitigate

mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of any such Rule, Bye Law, Order, or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, or Costs to either of the Parties, as they shall judge reasonable and proper; and all such Determinations of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

Compelling the Attendance of Witnesses and respecting Service of Notices.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons should be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before any Justice of the Peace, touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on behalf of the Prosecutor or on behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and should refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time, at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of Appearance, or appearing should refuse to be examined on Oath, or being a Quaker or Quakers on solemn Affirmation (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer), and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case any such Person so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for his or her Costs and Charges in attending as a Witness.

Directing what shall be deemed a Service of Notices, &c. on the Company.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That in all the Cases wherein it may be requisite or necessary for any Person or Persons, or Party or Parties, to serve any Notice or Notices upon the said Company, or any Writ or Writs or other legal Proceedings, the Service thereof upon any Member of the Committee of Management, or left at his usual Place of Abode, or upon the Clerk of the said Company, or at the Office of such Clerk, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or at the Office of the said Company, or in case the same respectively should not be found or known, then Service upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

For rating the Works of the said Company.

LXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and all other Apparatus, Reservoirs, Pipes, and other Works of the said Company, and their Successors, shall and they are hereby declared to be rateable and chargeable to the Maintenance of the Poor, and all other Parochial Rates and Taxes in the several Parishes and Places where they may be respectively situated.

Company not to borrow Money by Way of Loan.

LXIV. 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.

LXV. And

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

LXV. 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.

The Company shall not sell their Privileges.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company at any Time hereafter to sell or dispose of any of the Rights Privileges, Powers, or Authorities vested in them by this Act for supplying the said Parishes and Places with Gas to any other Gas Light Company now existing or which may hereafter be established for the supplying of Gas, or to any Person or Persons whomsoever, but only to take and demand such Sums as shall be reasonable for the Gas supplied under the Provisions of this Act.

Rights of Persons to light Streets not to be affected;

nor interfere with the Powers of any Water Company,

or the Rights of Persons to make any Vaults.

LXVII. 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, or 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 any Company established for the Supply of Water in or for the said Parish of *All Saints Poplar*, 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 Parish or Places.

Proceedings to be within Six Calendar Months.

LXVIII. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties, or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act, for any Offence or Offences against this Act, unless such Information respecting such Offence or Offences should have been lodged before a Magistrate of the said County of *Middlesex*, within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LXIX. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders or of applying the Penalties is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, in a summary Way; and such Magistrate is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer); and in default of Payment of such Pains or Forfeitures the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; and one Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures,

when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall have been so distrained, the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted, shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor in such Parish; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or in case the Offender shall declare before such Justice that he hath not any Goods or Chattels whereon to levy, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to some House of Correction of the County of *Middlesex*, for any Time to be fixed, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures and Costs shall be sooner paid and satisfied.

LXX. And for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That a Conviction in the Form or to the Effect following shall be good without alleging more than the Substance of the Offence; (*videlicet,*)

Form of Conviction.

'County of Middlesex, } BE it remembered, That on the
'to wit. } Day of in the Year
'of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
'is [*or* are] convicted before me [*or* us, *as the Case shall be,*]
' of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of
' by virtue of an Act passed in the Second Year
'of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act* [*here*
'*insert the Title of this Act*], of having [*specify the Offence and the*
'*Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case*
'*shall be*], contrary to the said Act, and for which Offence I [*or* we,
'*as the Case shall be,*] do adjudge the said
'to have forfeited the Sum of and
'for Costs. Given under my Hand and Seal [*or* our, *as the Case shall*
'*be,* Hands and Seals,] the Day and Year first above written.'

Expences of the Act how to be paid.

LXXI. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies already subscribed or to be subscribed by virtue of this Act.

Nothing in this Act to prevent the Company from being indicted for a Nuisance.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend, to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding by Indictment, Action, or otherwise, 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 Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or for bringing any Actions 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.

General Saving.

LXXIII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and Commissioners of Sewers for the *Poplar Level* and the Lands adjacent thereto, and to the Trustees or Commissioners for lighting and paving the said Parish and Places adjacent, and their Successors, their respective Rights, Privileges, Powers, Authorities, and Franchises, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not passed.

For saving the Rights of the Trustees of the Commercial Roads.

LXXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed, adjudged, deemed or taken to extend, to invest the said Company or their Successors with any Powers or Authorities to lay down Pipes in or upon, or to encroach upon, break up, alter, or interfere with the Turnpike Road, called the *Commercial Road*, or the Branches of Road leading therefrom, or any Part thereof, or the Sewers or Gutters, Cesspools, Sinks, Drains, or Watercourses thereunto belonging respectively, and made or repaired under and by virtue of an Act made and passed in the Forty-second Year of the Reign of His late
42 G. 3. c. 101. Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for making and maintaining, and for watching, lighting, and watering a Road from the* West India *Docks in the* Isle of Dogs, *to communicate with a Street called* Church Lane *or* Church Street, Whitechapel, *and for making and maintaining a Branch of Road therefrom to communicate with* Queen Street, *in the Parish of* Saint Anne, *all in the County of* Middlesex, *for opening, widening, and improving certain Streets and Passages therein mentioned; and for more effectually amending and keeping in repair a Road from* Ratcliffe Highway, *through* Cannon Street, *in the County of* Middlesex, *into the Road leading into the County of* Essex; *and also from the West End of* Brook Street, *into* Cable Street, *and from* Upper Shadwell Street, *into the* Back Lane, *in the County of* Middlesex; and a certain other Act passed in the Forty-fourth Year of the Reign
44 G. 3. c. 37. of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for altering and enlarging the Term and Powers of an Act made in the Forty-second Year of His present Majesty, for making, maintaining, watching, lighting, and watering several Roads, to communicate with the* West India *Docks, in the* Isle of Dogs, *in the County of* Middlesex; *and also of several Acts for repairing the* Cannon Street Road, *in the said County; and also for making, maintaining, watching, lighting, and watering a new Branch to communicate with the* East India *Docks*; or to authorize and empower the said Company, or their Successors, to light with Gas the said Road, and Branches of Road, any or either of them; or to prejudice, prohibit, defeat, alter, annul, or diminish any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction, given to or vested in the Trustees or other Persons, acting under and by virtue of the said Acts respectively, or either of them, or under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts of Parliament relating to the said several Roads, or any of them, without the special Licence and Consent in Writing of the Trustees of the said Road, and Branches of Road, being first obtained at a Meeting to be held for any or either of the Purposes aforesaid respectively.

For saving the Rights

LXXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed, adjudged, deemed,

deemed, or taken to extend, to invest the said Company, or their Successors, with any Powers or Authorities to lay down Pipes in or upon, or to encroach upon, break up, alter, or interfere with any of the Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, and Passages, or any of the Sewers or Gutters, Cesspools, Sinks, Drains, or Watercourses thereunto belonging respectively, and made or repaired under and by virtue of the Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for paving, lighting, watching, and improving the Hamlet of* Poplar *and* Blackwall, *in the County of* Middlesex, *and for the better Relief and Maintenance of the Poor of the said Hamlet*, herein-before stated or referred to, or to authorize and empower the said Company, or their Successors, to light with Gas the said Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Footpaths, and Passages, within the Limits prescribed by the said Act passed in the Fifty-third Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, or to prejudice, prohibit, defeat, alter, annul, or diminish, any Power, Authority, or Jurisdiction given to or vested in the Trustees, or other Persons acting under and by virtue of the said Act, without the special Licence and Consent in Writing of the said Trustees being first obtained at a Meeting to be held for any or either of the Purposes respectively.

of the Trustees of the Poplar Hamlet.

53 G. 3. c. 84.

LXXVI. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall, except so far as Authorities are given by this Act, extend or be construed to extend to prejudice, lessen, or defeat any Right, Interest, Property, Power or Privilege, Franchise, or Authority of the Lord of the Manor of *Poplar* aforesaid for the Time being; but all such Rights, Interest, Powers, Property, Privileges, Franchises, and Authorities, subject and without Prejudice to the Authorities given by this Act, may be exercised and enjoyed in as full and ample Manner to all Intents and Purposes as the same might have been exercised and enjoyed before the passing of this Act; but nevertheless the said Company and their Successors shall and may hold any Copyhold Lands purchased under the Authority of this Act by and in the Name or Names of some Person or Persons to be appointed a Trustee or Trustees for them and their Successors, and the Heirs of such Person or Persons, at the Will of the Lord or Lords of the said Manor, according to the Custom of the said Manor, by and under the Rents, Suits, and Services therefore due and of right accustomed.

Act not to prejudice Rights of Lord of the Manor.

LXXVII. 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.

Public Act.

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