CHAPTER xiii.

An Act to enable the Runcorn Gas Company to raise additional capital; to construct new works; and for other purposes. [21st May 1885.] A.D. 1885.

WHEREAS by the Runcorn Gas Act 1847 (in this Act called "the Act of 1847"), the Runcorn Gas Company (in this Act called "the Company") were incorporated for the purpose of supplying gas in Runcorn and certain neighbouring townships and places in the county of Chester, and in Widnes in the county of Lancaster:

And whereas the share capital of the Company, authorised by the Act of 1847, is forty thousand pounds, the whole of which has been issued and subscribed for, and nearly all fully paid up; and the Company are by that Act authorised to borrow on mortgage or bond the sum of thirteen thousand three hundred and thirty-three pounds, no part of which has been borrowed:

And whereas the demand for gas within the limits in the county of Chester supplied by the Company has increased and is increasing, and it is expedient that the Company should be authorised to raise additional capital, and to enlarge their works in order to meet such demand:

And whereas Widnes is supplied with gas by the local board of that district, and it is expedient that the powers of the Company, which have never been exercised, to supply gas therein, should cease:

And whereas it is expedient that the Act of 1847 should in other respects be amended, and that the provisions herein-after contained should be made in relation to the Company and their undertaking:

And whereas the purposes aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and

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

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Runcorn Gas Act, 1885; and the Act of 1847, as amended by this Act, and this Act, shall be read together as one Act.

Incorporation of general Acts.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Act the clauses and provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, with respect to the following matters (that is to say) :—

The distribution of the capital of the Company into shares;
The transfer or transmission of shares;
The payment of subscriptions, and the means of enforcing the payment of calls;
The forfeiture of shares for non-payment of calls;
The remedies of creditors of the Company against the shareholders;
The borrowing of money by the Company on mortgage or bond;
The conversion of borrowed money into capital;
The consolidation of the shares into stock;
The general meetings of the Company, and the exercise of the right of voting by the shareholders;
The appointment and rotation of directors;
The powers of directors and the powers of the Company to be exercised only in general meeting;
The proceedings and liabilities of the directors;
The making of dividends;
The giving of notices; and
The provision to be made for affording access to the special Act by all parties interested,

and Part I. (relating to the cancellation and surrender of shares), Part II. (relating to additional capital) and Part III. (relating to debenture stock) of the Companies Clauses Act, 1863, as amended by the Companies Clauses Act, 1869, the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847 (except sections 30 to 37, both inclusive), and the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871, are, except so far as varied by this Act, incorporated with and form part of this Act; and the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871, shall apply to the existing undertaking of the Company as if the same had been authorised by this Act.

Interpretation of terms.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith shall have the same respective meanings, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; and the expression "superior court," or "court of competent jurisdiction," or any other like expression in this Act, or in any Act wholly or partially incorporated herewith, shall, for the purposes

of this Act, be read and have effect as if the debt or demand in respect of which the expression is used were a common simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute.

Power to Company to raise additional capital.

4. The Company may from time to time raise (in addition to the capital authorised by the Act of 1847) additional capital not exceeding in the whole twenty thousand pounds, by the creation and issue of new ordinary shares or stock, or new preference shares or stock, or wholly or partially by one or more of those modes respectively, but the Company shall not issue any share of less nominal value than ten pounds, nor shall any such share or stock vest in the person or corporation accepting the same unless and until the full nominal amount of such share or stock, if such share or stock shall be issued at or above par, together with any premium obtained upon the sale thereof, shall have been paid in respect thereof: Provided that it shall not be lawful for the Company to create and issue under the powers of this Act any greater nominal amount of capital than shall be sufficient to produce, including any premiums which may be obtained on the sale thereof, the sum of twenty thousand pounds: Provided also that the Company shall not create and issue in any one year following the passing of this Act any greater nominal amount of capital than shall be sufficient to produce in manner aforesaid five thousand pounds.

If authorised capital for any year not raised, the amount may be made up.

5. If in any year or years the Company shall not have created and issued capital to the full amount herein-before prescribed in relation to such year or years, they may in any subsequent year create and issue in addition to the amount prescribed for such year such a nominal amount of capital as shall be sufficient, together with the amount then raised, to produce in manner aforesaid five thousand pounds in respect of each year following the passing of this Act.

Privileges, &c., of the holders of new capital.

6. The additional capital from time to time raised by the Company under this Act by shares or stock shall be part of the general capital of the Company, and save as otherwise provided in respect of such capital by the provisions of this Act, the holders of shares or stock in such additional capital shall be entitled to the like rights of voting and other rights, qualifications and privileges, in proportion to the amount of their shares or stock from time to time paid up, and be subject to the like provisions, forfeitures and liabilities, as the holders of shares or stock in the present capital of the Company: Provided that, except as otherwise expressly provided by the resolution creating the same, no person shall be entitled to vote in respect of any new shares or stock to which a preferential dividend shall be assigned.

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New shares or stock to be offered by auction or tender.

7. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained the Company shall, when any shares or stock created under the powers of this Act are to be issued, and before offering the same to the holder of any other shares or stock in the Company, and whether the ordinary shares or ordinary stock of the Company are or is at a premium or not, offer the same for sale by public auction or by tender in such manner at such times and subject to such conditions of sale as the Company shall from time to time determine: Provided that at any such sale no single lot shall comprise more than one hundred pounds nominal value of shares or stock, and that the reserved price put upon such shares or stock shall not be less than the nominal amount thereof, and notice of the amount of such reserved price shall be sent by the Company in a sealed letter to the Board of Trade not less than twenty-four hours before the day of auction or the last day for reception of tenders as the case may be, and such letter may be opened after such day of auction or last day for the reception of tenders, and not sooner: And provided that no priority of bid or tender shall be allowed to any holder of shares or stock in the Company, except that if any bid or offer by tender of any holder or holders of shares or stock in the Company be the same in amount as any bid or offer made by any other person, the bid or offer of such holder or holders of shares or stock shall be accepted in preference.

Purchase money of capital sold by auction to be paid within three months.

8. It shall be one of the conditions of any sale of shares or stock under this Act that the whole nominal amount thereof, together with any premiums given by any purchaser at such sale, shall be paid to the Company within three months after such sale.

As to notice to be given as to sale, *&c.*, of shares.

9. The intention to sell any such shares or stock by auction or by tender shall be communicated in writing to the clerk of the Runcorn Improvement Commissioners, and to the secretary of the Committee of the London Stock Exchange, at least twenty-eight days before the day of auction, or the last day for the reception of tenders as the case may be, and notice of such intention shall be duly advertised once in each of two consecutive weeks, in one or more local newspapers circulating within the district supplied with gas by the Company.

Shares not sold by auction or by tender to be offered to shareholders.

10. When any shares or stock created under the powers of this Act have been offered for sale by auction or tender, and not sold, the same shall be offered to the holders of ordinary shares or ordinary stock of the Company, and if not accepted may be disposed of by the Company in manner provided by the Companies Clauses Act, 1863.

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Application of premium arising on issue of shares or stock.

11. Any sum of money which shall arise from the issue of any such shares or stock by way of premium, after deducting therefrom the expenses of and incident to such issue, shall not be considered as profits of the Company, but shall be expended in extending or improving the works of the Company, or in paying off money borrowed or owing on mortgage by the Company, and shall not be considered as part of the capital of the Company entitled to dividend.

Profits of Company limited.

12. Except as by this Act otherwise provided the Company shall not in any year make out of their profits any larger dividend on the share capital authorised by the Act of 1847 than ten pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds from time to time actually paid up of such capital, nor any larger dividend on the additional capital to be raised under the powers of this Act than seven pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds actually paid up of such capital as shall be issued as ordinary capital, and six pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds actually paid up of such capital as shall be issued as preference capital, and such dividends (subject to the reduction and increase thereof, herein-after mentioned) are in this Act referred to as "the standard rates of dividend."

Price of gas.

Dividend dependent on price charged.

13. From and after the passing of this Act the standard price to be charged by the Company for gas supplied by them shall be at the rate of three shillings and sixpence for every one thousand cubic feet: Provided that the Company may increase or reduce the price charged by them for gas above or below the standard price, subject to a reduction or increase in the dividend payable by the Company upon the ordinary capital, as follows:—

In respect of any year during which the price charged by the Company shall have been one penny or more above the standard price, the dividend payable by the Company shall, in respect of each penny by which the standard price shall have been increased, be reduced below the standard rate of dividend by five shillings on every one hundred pounds of ordinary paid up capital, and so in proportion for any fraction of one hundred pounds;

And in respect of any year during which the price charged by the Company shall have been one penny or more below the standard price, the dividend payable by the Company may, in respect of each penny by which the standard price shall have been reduced, be increased above the standard rate of dividend by five shillings on every one hundred pounds of ordinary paid up capital, and so in proportion for any fraction of one hundred pounds.

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Dividends on different classes of ordinary capital to be paid proportionately.

14. In case in any year the net revenues of the Company applicable to dividend shall be insufficient to pay the full amount of the standard rates of dividend on each class of ordinary capital of the Company, a proportionate deduction shall be made in the dividend of each class of such capital.

If profits exceed the amount limited, excess may be invested and form an insurance fund.

15. If the clear profits of the undertaking of the Company in any year amount to a larger sum than is sufficient to pay the standard rates of dividend, the excess beyond the sum necessary for that purpose may, from time to time, to the extent of one per centum per annum upon the paid up capital of the Company be invested in Government or other securities, and the dividends and interest arising from such securities shall also be invested in the same or like securities, in order that the same may accumulate at compound interest until the fund so formed amounts to a sum equal to one twentieth of the paid up capital of the Company, which sum shall form an insurance fund to meet any extraordinary claim, demand or charge which may at any time arise against or fall upon the Company from accident, strikes, or other circumstances which, in the opinion of a justice, due care and management could not have prevented; and if such fund be at any time reduced, it may thereafter be again made up to the said sum, and so from time to time, as often as such reduction shall happen: Provided that when and so often as the said fund shall reach one-twentieth part of the paid up capital, the interest thereon shall be carried to the credit of the fund available for dividend: Provided also that resort may, from time to time, be had to the insurance fund to meet any extraordinary claim, demand or charge as aforesaid, although such fund may not at the time have reached or may have been reduced below the full amount of one twentieth, as aforesaid.

Application of excess of profits over standard rates of dividend.

16. If the clear profits of the undertaking of the Company in any year amount to a larger sum than is sufficient to pay the standard rates of dividend, the excess, or such portion thereof as is not carried to the insurance fund, shall be carried to the credit of the divisible profits of such undertaking for the next following year.

Power to create a reserve fund out of dividends excess of the standard rates of dividend, and application thereof.

17. Where in any year the amount of the dividend on the ordinary share capital of the Company shall exceed the standard rates by reason of the price charged by the Company for gas in such year being below the standard price, then out of the amount of the divisible profits of the Company applicable to the payment of such excess of dividend, the Company may in such year set apart such sum as they shall think fit, and all sums (if any) so set apart by the Company, and any reserve or other fund of the Company existing at the passing of this Act, may be invested in Government or other securities, and the dividends and interest arising from such securities

may also be invested in the same or the like securities, in order that the same may accumulate at compound interest; and the fund so formed shall be called "the reserve fund," and shall be applicable to the payment of dividend in any year in which the clear profits of the Company shall be insufficient to enable the Company in such year to pay the standard rates of dividend, and save as in this Act otherwise provided no sum shall in any year be carried by the Company to any reserve fund.

Power to borrow.

18. The Company may (in respect of the additional capital by this Act authorised, and in addition to the sum which they are by the Act of 1847 authorised to borrow) from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Act, borrow on mortgage of their undertaking any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole one fourth part of the amount of the additional capital at the time actually issued by shares or stock, but no part thereof shall be borrowed until the whole of the shares or stock at the time issued, together with the premium (if any) realised on the sale thereof, shall have been fully paid up, and the Company have proved to the justice, who is to certify under the fortieth section of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, before he so certifies, that such shares or stock and premium (if any) have been issued and fully paid up, and upon production to such justice of the books of the Company, and of such other evidence as he shall think sufficient, he shall grant a certificate that the proof aforesaid has been given, which certificate shall be sufficient evidence thereof.

Appointment of receiver.

19. The mortgagees of the Company may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal, or principal and interest, due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver. In order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal, the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made, shall not be less than one thousand pounds in the whole.

As to conversion of borrowed money into capital.

20. The Company shall not have power to raise the money by this Act authorised to be borrowed on mortgage, or by the issue of debenture stock, or any part thereof, by the creation of shares or stock, instead of borrowing, or to convert into capital the amount borrowed under the provisions of this Act unless in either case all dividends upon the shares or stock so created are limited to a rate not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum.

Debenture stock.

21. The Company may create and issue debenture stock subject to the provisions of Part III. of the Companies Clauses Act, 1863, but notwithstanding anything therein contained, the interest of all debenture stock, and of all mortgages at any time created and

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issued or granted by the Company under any previous Act or this or any subsequent Act, shall, subject to the provisions of any subsequent Act, rank pari passu (without respect to the dates of the securities, or of the Acts of Parliament or resolutions by which the mortgages and stock were authorised) and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages.

Priority of mortgages and debenture stock over other debts.

22. All money to be raised by the Company on mortgage, or by the issue of debenture stock, shall have priority against the Company, and the property from time to time of the Company, over all other claims, on account of any debts incurred or engagements entered into by them after the passing of this Act: Provided always that this priority shall not affect any claim against the Company, or their property, in respect of any rentcharge granted, or to be granted, by them in pursuance of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, or the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860, or in respect of any rent or sum reserved by or payable under any lease granted or made to the Company in pursuance of any Act relating to the Company which is entitled to rank in priority to or pari passu with the interest or dividend on their mortgages or debenture stock.

Application of moneys.

23. All moneys raised under this Act, whether by shares, stock, debenture stock, or borrowing, shall be applied for the purposes of this Act, and for the general purposes of the Company to which capital is properly applicable.

Power to construct new works.

24. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may, upon the lands described in Part I. of the schedule to this Act, erect, construct, lay down, provide, and from time to time maintain, alter, improve, enlarge, extend, and renew gasworks, and works for the manufacture and storage of gas, and for the manufacture, conversion, utilisation and distribution of materials used in, or residual products resulting from, such manufacture, together with all necessary retorts, gasometers, receivers, drains, sewers, mains, pipes, machinery, apparatus, and other works incidental thereto, and may upon such lands manufacture, store, and supply gas, and manufacture, convert, utilise, distribute, and store, sell, provide, supply, and deal in lime, coke, chemicals, tar, ammoniacal liquor, and all other materials producible therefrom or used in, or residual products resulting from the manufacture of gas.

Gas, &c., not to be manufactured or stored except on scheduled lands.

25. No lands shall be used by the Company for the purpose of manufacturing or storing gas, or residual products, except the lands mentioned in the schedule to this Act.

Alteration of limits of supply.

26. From and after the passing of this Act, section 7 of the Act of 1847 shall be repealed, and the limits within which the Company

may henceforth supply gas shall only extend to and include the town of Runcorn, otherwise called Higher and Lower Runcorn, and the townships or hamlets of Runcorn, Halton, Astmore, otherwise Astmore-with-Halton, Norton, Weston, Weston Point and Clifton, otherwise Clifton-with-Rocksavage, in the county of Chester.

For protection of the London and North-western and Great Western Railway Companies.

27. The following provisions for the protection of the London and North-western and Great Western Railway Companies shall have full force and effect and be binding upon the Company and their assigns, both in respect of the railways jointly as well as those separately owned by those companies:—

In laying down, executing or in effecting the repairs and renewals of any mains, pipes or other works upon, across, over, under or in any way affecting the railways, lands or property now or hereafter belonging to or used or occupied by the said railway companies, or either of them, or the bridges, approaches, viaducts, stations or other works, or any level crossings of such railway companies, the same shall be done under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of the principal engineer of the said railway companies, or of the company whose railway or property may be so affected, and only according to such plans to be submitted to and in such manner as shall be previously reasonably approved by him, and in all things by and at the expense of the Company, who also shall make good and repair the roads over any such bridges, level crossings and approaches which the said railway companies, or either of them, are or may be liable to maintain, and which may be disturbed or interfered with by or owing to any operations of the Company; and all such works, matters and things shall be constructed, executed and done so as not to cause any injury to such railways, bridges, level crossings, approaches, viaducts, stations, works, lands or property, or interruption to the passage or conduct of traffic over such railways, or at any station thereon. And if any such injury or interruption shall arise from, or be in any way owing to any of the acts, operations, matters and things aforesaid, or the bursting, leakage, or failure of any main, pipe or culvert, in, under or near to any bridge or level crossing, the Company shall make compensation in respect thereof to the said railway companies, or to such one of them as may be affected thereby, the amount of such compensation, together with full costs, to be recoverable from the Company by all and the same means as any simple contract debt is recoverable.

Power to supply gas apparatus,

28. The Company may purchase, provide, supply, sell, let for hire, and otherwise deal in and fix, set up, alter, remove and refix

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engines, &c., for heating, motive, and other purposes.

gas meters and fittings, gas engines, stoves, ranges, pipes and other apparatus and appliances, articles and things for lighting, motive power, the warming and ventilation of houses and buildings, the cooking of food, and for all other purposes for which gas can or may be used, and the Company may require and take such remuneration in money, or such rents and charges for, and make such terms and conditions with respect to the sale, supply, letting, fixing, setting up, altering or removing of such meters, fittings, engines, stoves, ranges, pipes and other apparatus and appliances, articles and things as aforesaid, and for securing their safety and return to the Company, as may be agreed upon between the Company and the person to or for whom the same are sold, supplied, let, fixed, set up, altered or removed.

Power to supply gas for heating, cooking, and other purposes.

29. The Company may within the limits of supply before mentioned give and continue to give a supply of gas for heating, motive power, warming and ventilating and other purposes, and for the particular requirements of any trade, industry, manufacture or business, and may do all things needful therefor, on such terms and conditions in all respects as may be agreed on between the Company and the party to whom such supply shall be afforded.

Power to take licenses.

30. The Company may, but not so as to acquire any exclusive right therein, purchase, take and use any license or authority to work, use, exercise or put in practice any invention under any letters patent heretofore made or hereafter to be made in relation to the manufacture, storage or distribution of gas, or the manufacture, conversion, utilisation or distribution of materials used in or of residual products resulting from the manufacture of gas, or in relation to the manufacture of meters and other fittings and apparatus in which the Company are authorised in any way to deal.

Pressure of gas.

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

mutandis, apply to such testing of pressure, and two hours previous notice shall be given to the Company of the time and place at which such testing will be conducted.

Quality of gas.

32. The prescribed number of candles shall be sixteen.

Testing place.

33. The prescribed testing place for the purpose of the 28th section of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871, shall be the existing testing place at the Company's present works in Gas Street, but if that testing place be discontinued by the Company, then they shall provide a testing place for the purposes of the said Act on the lands described in Part I. of the schedule to this Act.

Burner.

34. The prescribed burner shall be Sugg's London Argand Burner No. 1 with a six-inch by one-and-three-quarter-inch glass chimney, but if at any time and so long as the gas flame rises above the top of that glass, a six-inch by two-inch chimney shall be used.

Company to pay interest on money deposited as security for gas meter.

35. If any person is required by the Company to give to them security for the payment of the price or rent of a meter the Company shall pay interest after the rate of four pounds per centum per annum on every sum of ten shillings deposited by way of such security for every six months during which the same remains in their hands.

New provisions for the regulation of the Company.

36. With respect to the regulation and management of the Company the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say :—

(*a.*) Section 22 of the Act of 1847 shall be amended, and the future ordinary general meetings of the Company shall be held half yearly in the months of February and August in every year, or at such other times as shall be appointed for that purpose by an order of an ordinary general meeting of the Company ;

(*b.*) Sections 27, 28 and 30 of the Act of 1847 shall also be amended; and from and after the passing of this Act the number of directors of the Company shall be eight, and the power of the Company to increase that number shall cease; but the Company may from time to time reduce the number, provided that there shall not at any time be less than five directors; and the quorum of a meeting of directors shall be three;

(*c.*) Sections 26, 31 and 39 of the said Act shall be repealed, and the matters provided for in those sections shall henceforth be regulated by the provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845 ;

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(*d.*) Section 25 of the Act of 1847 shall also be repealed, and in lieu of the scale of voting therein prescribed every shareholder shall (subject to the other provisions of this Act) have at all general meetings of the Company one vote for every five pounds nominal amount of capital held by him up to fifty pounds, and an additional vote for every twenty-five pounds of such capital beyond the first fifty pounds held by him up to five hundred pounds, and an additional vote for every fifty pounds of such capital held by him beyond the first five hundred pounds: Provided that no shareholder shall be entitled to vote at any meeting unless he shall have paid all the calls then due upon the shares held by him.

Expenses of Act.

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

SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

Part I.—Site of New Gasworks.

First. A piece of land, containing 4 acres 19 perches or thereabouts, known as Culvert Meadow, situate in the township of Runcorn, in the parish of Runcorn, in the county of Chester, and lying on the south side of and adjoining the Bridgewater Canal, and bounded on the north or north-west side thereof by the said canal and property belonging or reputed to belong to the Bridgewater Navigation Company, Limited; on the west side thereof by property belonging or reputed to belong to the trustees of the Duke of Bridgewater; on the south side thereof by the public highway, known as the Halton Road, leading from Runcorn to Warrington; and on the east side thereof by land belonging or reputed to belong to the executors of the late William Henry Ockleston.

Secondly. A piece of land, containing 2 roods and 12 perches or thereabouts, with the building thereon known as Highfield House, situate in the said township of Runcorn and parish of Runcorn and county of Chester, and lying on the north side of the said Bridgewater Canal, and bounded on the south side thereof by the road adjoining the towing-path of the said canal, and leading from Canal Street, Runcorn, to Bate's Bridge, Halton; on the west side thereof by land belonging or reputed to belong to the trustees of the Duke of Bridgewater; and on the north and east sides thereof by land belonging or reputed to belong to the trustees of Mrs. Eliza Ann Kirkman.

Part II.—Site of existing Gasworks.

First. A piece of land, containing 1,785 square yards or thereabouts, situate in the said township and parish of Runcorn, in the county of Chester, on the east side of Gas Street, and bounded on the westerly side thereof by that street; on the southerly or south-easterly side thereof by the towing-path of the Bridgewater Canal; on the easterly side thereof by a street known as Stone Street; and on the northerly side thereof by land belonging or reputed to belong to the Marquis of Cholmondeley.

Secondly. A piece of land, containing 2,609 square yards or thereabouts, situate in the said township and parish of Runcorn, on the west side of Gas Street, and bounded on the north side thereof by land belonging or reputed to belong to the said Marquis of Cholmondeley; on the east side thereof by Gas Street; on the south side thereof by land belonging or reputed to belong to the Runcorn Smelting Company; and on the west side thereof in part by Sutherland Street and on the remaining parts by land belonging or reputed to belong to the trustees of the United Methodist Free Church, and by land belonging or reputed to belong to the trustees of the Duke of Bridgewater respectively.

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