CHAPTER xxxviii.

An Act to incorporate the Wilmslow and Alderley Edge Gas Company and grant them powers to improve their works, increase their capital and limits of supply; and for other purposes. [27th June 1872.]

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WHEREAS in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four certain persons formed themselves into a gas company under the name of the Wilmslow and Alderley Edge Gaslight Company (Limited), for the purpose of supplying with gas the parish of Wilmslow and Alderley Edge and other places in the county of Chester, and generally for carrying on the business usually carried on by gas companies, and such company was duly registered under the Companies Act, 1862:

And whereas the present share capital of the limited Company consists of twenty thousand pounds divided into two thousand shares of ten pounds each, the whole of which has been subscribed and eighteen thousand five hundred pounds paid up, and the Company has no mortgage or bond debt:

And whereas the limited Company purchased the piece of land situate in Wilmslow described in the schedule to this Act, and erected gasworks thereon, and have from time to time improved and enlarged the same with the capital raised by them, and are now supplying gas within the parishes and places aforesaid:

And whereas it is expedient that the provisions of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," and of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," should be made applicable to the undertaking of the Company:

And whereas the demand for gas in the district supplied by the limited Company has increased and is increasing, and it is expedient that the works of the Company should be improved and their mains extended, and that additional capital should be provided for such improvement and extension:

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And whereas it is expedient that the limited Company should be dissolved and re-incorporated, and that further powers should be conferred on them:

And whereas the limited Company have by a special resolution authorised the application to Parliament for this Act:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows; that is to say,

Short title.

1. In citing this Act for any purpose whatsoever it shall be sufficient to use the expression "The Wilmslow Gas Act, 1872."

Provisions of general Acts herein named incorporated.

2. "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," except the provisions for the conversion of the borrowed money into capital; "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863;" "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869," except the provisions thereof with respect to the purchase and taking of lands otherwise than by agreement, with respect to the entry upon lands by the promoters of the undertaking, and with respect to small portions of intersected lands; "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be incorporated with and form part of this Act; and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871," shall apply to the existing undertaking of the limited Company as if the same had been authorised by this Act.

Interpretation of terms.

3. In construing the incorporated Acts respectively for the purposes of this Act, and in construing this Act, the words and expressions herein mentioned or referred to shall have the meanings herein assigned to them respectively, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; (that is to say,)

The expression "the limited Company" shall mean the said Wilmslow and Alderley Edge Gaslight Company, Limited, as constituted and existing immediately before the passing of this Act:

The expressions "the Company," "the promoters of the undertaking," and "the undertakers," shall respectively mean the Company incorporated by this Act:

The expression "the works," "the gasworks," and the "undertaking," shall respectively mean and include the gasworks and works connected therewith by this Act vested in or authorised to be made or maintained by the Company, and any improvement thereof they may construct under the powers

of this Act, and the lands, buildings, estate, right, title, property, privileges, and effects of the Company:

The expression the "gas limits" shall mean the limits of this Act for the supply of gas:

Other expressions and words to which in the incorporated Acts meanings are assigned shall respectively have the same meanings in this Act.

Limits of Act.

4. The limits of this Act for the supply of gas shall be and include the townships of Bollin Fee, Pownall Fee, Fulshaw, and Chorley in the parish of Wilmslow, the townships of Over Alderley and Nether Alderley, and Great Warford in the parish of Alderley, the townships of Chelford, Birtles, Mottram St. Andrew, Newton and Woodford in the parish of Prestbury, and the township of Handford-cum-Bosden in the parish of Cheadle, all in the county of Chester.

Incorporation of Company.

5. From and after the passing of this Act the limited Company shall be dissolved and cease to exist, and the several persons and corporations who immediately before the passing of this Act were proprietors of shares in that company, and all other persons and corporations who have subscribed or who shall hereafter subscribe to the undertaking of the Company, and their executors, administrators, successors, and assigns respectively, shall be and they are hereby united into a Company for the purpose herein-after mentioned, and shall be incorporated by the name of "The Wilmslow and Alderley Edge Gas Company," and by that name shall be a body corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued at law and in equity, and shall have power from time to time to purchase, take on lease, or rent, and hold and sell lands for the purposes of the undertaking, subject to the restrictions and provisions herein contained.

General purposes of the Company.

6. The Company shall be established for the purpose of manufacturing gas produced from coal or other material, and supplying and lighting with gas so produced the several turnpike roads, highways, public and private roads, streets, lanes, thoroughfares, squares, courts, alleys, and public or private passages or places, railways, railway stations, and the works and conveniences connected therewith, and also the several churches, chapels, shops, taverns, private houses, manufactories, warehouses, and other buildings within the limits of this Act, and also for the dealing in coke, coals, tar, pitch, asphaltum, ammoniacal liquor, oil, and other matter the residuum or product of any coal or other material which may be employed in the manufacture of gas, and also for making or converting tar, pitch, ammoniacal liquor, and any other residuum or product into

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dyewares or other material, or for dealing in the same, and also for manufacturing, buying, hiring, letting, selling, and dealing in gas fittings, tubes, meters, pipes, and all other articles and things in any way connected with gasworks, or with the supply of gas to the consumers thereof, in such manner as the Company may think proper.

Present property vested in Company incorporated by this Act.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Act, all the lands, gasworks, erections, buildings, rights, and easements, which immediately before the passing of this Act were vested in the limited Company, or any person in trust for them or on their behalf, or to which the limited Company were in anywise entitled either at law or in equity, and all mains and pipes, plant, plugs, lamps, irons, retorts, gauges, meters, lamp-posts, syphons, apparatus, stock, effects, matters, and things which have been by them purchased or provided, laid down, erected, or placed in any place or house within the limits of this Act, or which immediately before the passing of this Act were the property of or belonged to the limited Company, and all moneys, securities, credits, effects, and other property whatsoever, which immediately before the passing of this Act belonged to the limited Company, or to any trustees on their behalf, and the benefit of all contracts and engagements entered into with and on behalf of the limited Company, and immediately before the passing of this Act in force, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Company to the same extent and for the same estate and interest as the same were previously to the passing of this Act vested in the limited Company, or any trustees on their behalf, and may, according to the provisions of this Act, be held and enjoyed, sued for and recovered, maintained, altered, discontinued, removed, dealt with, and disposed of by the Company as they think fit.

Memorandum and articles of association of the Company to be void without prejudice to remedies for antecedent breaches thereof.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the memorandum and articles of association of the limited Company shall as to any future or prospective operations thereof, from and after the passing of this Act, be wholly void and of none effect, and the Company shall be exempted from all the provisions, restrictions, and requirements of any Act which applied to the limited Company, and the several persons who shall have executed the said memorandum or articles, and their heirs, executors, and administrators, shall immediately from and after the passing of this Act stand and be by virtue thereof released and discharged from any future obligation to observe, perform, abide by, fulfil, or conform to them, or the covenants or agreements therein contained; but nothing herein contained shall release or discharge any person from any liability or obligation in respect of any breach of the provisions of the said memorandum or articles of association incurred before the passing

of this Act; but such liability or obligation in respect of any such breach shall continue, and, save as herein otherwise provided, may be enforced by or on behalf of the Company as nearly as may be in like manner as the same might have been enforced by or on behalf of the limited Company if this Act had not been passed.

Nothing to affect previous rights and liabilities.

9. Notwithstanding the incorporation of the Company and the avoidance of the said memorandum and articles of association, and except as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the passing of this Act done or suffered by or with reference to the limited Company, or the shareholders therein in that capacity, shall be as valid as if the Company had not been incorporated and the said memorandum and articles of association had not been avoided by this Act, and such incorporation and avoidance and this Act respectively shall accordingly be subject and without prejudice to everything so done or suffered, and to all rights, liabilities, claims, and demands, both present and future, which if the Company were not incorporated and the said memorandum and articles of association were not avoided by this Act, and this Act were not passed, would be incident to or consequent on any and every thing so done or suffered, and with respect to all such rights, liabilities, claims, and demands the Company and its proprietors shall to all intents and purposes represent the limited Company, and the members thereof, in their capacity of members, and the property of the limited Company, as the case may be: Provided always, that the generality of this enactment shall not be restricted by any of the other clauses and provisions of this Act.

Contracts prior to Act to be binding.

10. Except as is by this Act otherwise specially provided, all purchases, sales, conveyances, grants, assurances, deeds, contracts, bonds, and agreements entered into or made before the passing of this Act by, to, or with the limited Company, or any trustees or persons acting on behalf of the limited Company, or by, to, or with any other person to whose rights and liabilities they have succeeded, and now in force, shall be as binding and of as full force and effect in every respect against or in favour of the Company, and may be enforced as fully and effectually, as if instead of the limited Company, or the trustees or persons acting on behalf of the limited Company, the Company had been a party thereto.

Actions, &c. not to abate.

11. Nothing in this Act contained shall release, discharge, or suspend any action, suit, or other proceeding at law or in equity which was pending by or against the limited Company, or any member or shareholder thereof, in relation to the affairs of the limited Company, or to which the limited Company or any member or shareholder thereof in relation to such affairs were parties imme-

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diately before the passing of this Act; but such action, suit, or other proceeding may be maintained, prosecuted, or continued by or in favour of or against the Company (as the case may be) in the same manner and as effectually and advantageously as the same might have been maintained, prosecuted, or continued by or in favour of or against the limited Company, or any member or shareholder thereof, if this Act had not been passed, the Company and the shareholders therein being in reference to the matters aforesaid in all respects substituted for the limited Company and its members respectively.

Trustees of limited Company to be indemnified.

12. Every trustee or other person in whom or in whose name any lands, works, buildings, easements, rights, property, or effects belonging to the limited Company were vested immediately before the passing of this Act, and who (being authorised so to do) entered into any bond, covenant, contract, or engagement in respect of the same, or otherwise, on behalf of the limited Company, shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds and property of the Company from and against all the liability for costs, charges, and expenses which he may sustain or incur or be put unto by reason or in consequence of his having entered into such bond, covenant, contract, or engagement.

Company to satisfy liabilities of limited Company.

13. From and after the passing of this Act, and except as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, the Company shall in all other respects be subject to and shall satisfy or discharge all obligations and liabilities to which the limited Company immediately before the passing of this Act would become subject, and shall indemnify the shareholders, directors, officers, and servants of the limited Company and their respective representatives from all such obligations, liabilities, and expenses, and all costs in that behalf.

Gas rates, &c. to be recovered.

14. All gas rates, rents, and sums of money which immediately before the passing of this Act were due or payable or accruing to the limited Company, shall be payable to and may be collected and recovered by the Company in like manner as if they had become payable for the like matters supplied or done under this Act.

As to payment of debts owing before passing of Act.

15. All persons who immediately before the passing of this Act owed any money to the limited Company, or to any person on their behalf, shall pay the same, with all interest (if any) due, payable, or accruing upon the same, to the Company, and all debts and moneys which immediately before the passing of this Act were due or owing, or recoverable from the limited Company, or for the payment of which the limited Company were or but for this Act would be liable, shall be paid, with all interest (if any) due or payable or accruing upon the same, by or be recoverable from the Company.

Certificates, &c. to remain in force.

16. Notwithstanding the avoidance of the said memorandum and articles of association, all certificates (until cancelled under the powers of this Act), sales, transfers, and dispositions heretofore made or executed under them for and with respect to any shares in the limited Company shall remain in full force, and continue and be available in all respects as if they had not been avoided.

Officers to continue until removed.

17. All officers and servants of the limited Company who were in office immediately before the passing of this Act shall hold and enjoy their respective offices and employments, together with the salaries and emoluments thereunto annexed, until they shall resign the same or be removed therefrom by the Company, and shall be subject and liable to the like conditions, obligations, pains and penalties, and to the like powers of removal, and to the like rules, restrictions, and regulations in all respects whatsoever, as if they had been appointed under this Act.

Present registers of shareholders to be continued.

18. The books kept by the limited Company for entering the names and designations of the shareholders in the undertaking, with the numbers of their shares, and the proper number by which such shares shall be distinguished, shall and may continue to be kept for the same purpose by the Company hereby incorporated, and shall, until some other register of shareholders shall be provided by the Company, be taken and considered as the register of shareholders required to be kept by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845."

Capital.

19. The capital of the Company shall be forty thousand pounds, whereof twenty thousand pounds is in this Act called the original capital and twenty thousand pounds is in this Act called the additional capital, and shall be raised in manner herein-after mentioned, and the original capital shall be divided into two thousand shares of ten pounds each, which shares are herein-after called "the old shares:" Provided always, that the Company may convert into stock the whole or any part of their original or additional capital, and such stock shall be divided among the shareholders according to their respective interests therein.

Vesting of old shares in present shareholders.

20. The old shares shall be vested in the several persons who immediately before the passing of this Act were the registered proprietors of the shares in the limited Company, share for share, and every share so vested shall be subject to the same liability for calls, and subject and liable to the same trusts, powers, provisions, declarations, agreements, charges, liens, and incumbrances as immediately before the passing of this Act affected the same, and so as to give effect to and not revoke any testamentary disposition of or affecting the same.

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Company shall call in and cancel existing share certificates and issue new certificates in lieu thereof.

21. The Company shall call in and cancel the existing certificates of shares in the limited Company, and issue in lieu thereof certificates of the subscribed shares in the form and under the conditions prescribed by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," but the holders of such existing certificates of shares shall not be entitled to any certificates of proprietorship under this Act until they shall have delivered up to the Company to be cancelled the certificates of proprietorship issued to them before the passing of this Act, or shall have proved to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company the loss or destruction thereof.

Profits of the Company limited.

22. The Company shall not in any one year make out of their profits any larger dividend on the additional share 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, or six pounds in respect of every one hundred pounds actually paid of such capital, or of any part thereof, as may be issued as preference capital.

Power to raise additional capital by new shares.

23. The Company may from time to time raise the additional capital, or any part thereof, by the issue of new ordinary shares, or by the issue of preference shares.

As to amount of new shares.

24. Any new shares, whether ordinary or preference, which may be issued under this Act shall be of a nominal amount not less than ten pounds.

Shares not to be issued until one fifth part paid up.

25. It shall not be lawful for the Company to issue any such new share, nor shall any such share vest in the person accepting the same, unless and until a sum not being less than one fifth part of the amount of such share shall have been paid up in respect thereof.

Calls on new shares.

26. Twenty per centum on the nominal amount of the share shall be the greatest amount of any one call which the directors may make on or in respect of any new shares to be issued by virtue of this Act, and three months at least shall be the interval between successive calls, and three fourths of the amount of a share shall be the utmost aggregate amount of the calls made in any year upon any share.

Receipts on behalf of incapacitated persons.

27. If any money be payable to any shareholder being a minor, idiot, or lunatic, the receipt of his guardian or committee, as the case may be, shall be a sufficient discharge to the Company for the same.

Power to borrow in respect of

28. The Company may from time to time, and at any time after the passing of this Act, borrow on mortgage in respect of their

existing capital of twenty thousand pounds, any sums not exceeding in the whole five thousand pounds.

existing capital.

29. In addition to the sum of five thousand pounds which the Company are authorised to borrow by the last preceding section, they may from time to time borrow on mortgage in respect of the additional capital of twenty thousand pounds by this Act authorised to be raised by shares, any sums not exceeding in the whole five thousand pounds, but no part thereof shall be borrowed until the whole of the said additional capital of twenty thousand pounds is subscribed for, issued, and accepted, and one half thereof is paid up, and until the Company have proved to the justice who is to certify under the provisions contained in the fortieth section of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," before he so certifies, that the whole of such additional capital has been issued and accepted, and one half of such capital has been paid up, and that not less than one fifth part of the amount of every share has been paid on the issue or acceptance thereof, and that such shares are bonâ fide held by subscribers or their assigns, and that such subscribers or their assigns are legally liable for the same; 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.

Power to borrow in respect of additional capital.

30. All money borrowed or to be borrowed by the Company on mortgage or raised by debenture stock under the provisions of this Act 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 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 by any person in pursuance of this Act which is entitled to rank in priority to or pari passu with interest or dividends on the mortgages and debenture stock, nor shall anything herein-before contained affect any claim for land taken, used, or occupied by the Company for the purposes of their works, or injuriously affected by the construction thereof, or by the exercise of any powers conferred on the Company.

Priority of mortgages under this Act.

31. The Company may create and issue debenture stock at any rate of interest not exceeding the rate of five pounds per centum per annum.

Power to issue debenture stock.

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Priority of interest of debenture stock.

32. Notwithstanding anything in Part III. of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," contained, the interest of all debenture stock at any time created and issued by the Company shall rank pari passu with the interest of all mortgages at any time granted by the Company, and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages.

Application of moneys.

33. All moneys raised under this Act by this Company, whether by shares or by debenture stock or by borrowing, shall be applied only to the purposes by this Act authorised.

First and other meetings.

34. The first ordinary meeting of the Company shall be held within twelve months next after the passing of this Act, and the subsequent ordinary meetings of the Company shall be held in the month of May in every year, on such day and at such place within the limits of this Act as the directors from time to time appoint, and the notices convening all meetings of the Company may be by letter only, sent by post to each shareholder to his or her address on the register of shareholders not less than seven days previous to such intended meeting.

Quorum of general meetings.

35. The quorum of general meetings (whether ordinary or extraordinary) of the Company shall be seven shareholders present personally or by proxy, holding in the aggregate not less than one thousand pounds in the capital of the Company.

Scale of voting.

36. The proprietors of stock or shares in the undertaking shall have votes at all meetings of the Company according to the following scale, namely, one vote for every sum of ten pounds fully paid up on the shares held by them.

Number and qualification of directors.

37. The number of directors shall be seven, and the qualification of a director shall be the possession in his own right of shares or stock of the nominal amount of not less than three hundred pounds in the capital of the Company.

Power to reduce the number of directors.

38. It shall be lawful for the Company from time to time to increase or reduce the number of directors, provided that the reduced number be not less than five.

First directors.

39. The persons who at the time of the passing of this Act are directors of the limited Company shall be the first directors of the Company.

Such directors to continue in office until first meeting after passing of Act.

40. The first directors shall continue in office until the first ordinary meeting to be held in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and at such meeting the shareholders present personally or by proxy may continue in office the first directors appointed by this Act, or any of them, or may elect a new body of

directors, or directors to supply the places of those not continued in office, the directors appointed by this Act being eligible as members of such new body; and at the first ordinary meeting to be held in every year after the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, the shareholders present in person or by proxy shall elect persons to supply the place of the directors then retiring from office in accordance with the provisions in "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," in that behalf contained, and the several persons elected at any such meeting, being neither removed nor disqualified nor having resigned, shall continue to be directors until others are elected in their stead in manner provided by the said Act.

Quorum.

41. The quorum of a meeting of directors shall be three, but if the number of directors be reduced to five such quorum shall be two.

Committee of directors.

42. The number of directors of which committees appointed by the directors shall consist shall not be less than three, and the quorum of such committee shall be left to the discretion of the directors.

Remuneration of directors and auditors.

43. The remuneration of the directors and auditors shall from time to time be fixed by a general meeting of the Company, and shall be paid out of the rents, rates, or sums receivable under this Act.

Powers as to construction and maintenance of gasworks, &c.

44. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may from time to time maintain, alter, improve, enlarge, extend, and renew, or discontinue their existing gasworks upon the lands on which the same are erected or any part thereof, and which are described in the schedule to this Act, and they may also erect, lay down, provide, and from time to time maintain, alter, or improve, enlarge, extend, and renew, or discontinue additional and other gasworks, retorts, gasometers, receivers, drains, sewers, mains, pipes, meters, lamps, lamp-posts, burners, stop-cocks, machinery, and other works and apparatus and conveniences upon the same lands, and may do all such acts as they may think proper for making and storing gas and for supplying gas within the limits of this Act, and may make, store, and supply gas accordingly, and may manufacture, sell, provide, supply, and deal in coal, coke, tar, pitch, asphaltum, ammoniacal oil, and all other products or residuum of any materials employed in or resulting from the manufacture of gas, and also meters, fittings, tubes, pipes, and other articles and things in any way connected with gasworks or with the supply of gas, as they may from time to time think fit.

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Power to purchase lands by agreement.

45. The Company may for the purposes of their undertaking purchase, take, and hold (by agreement but not otherwise), in addition to the lands described in the schedule to this Act, any lands and hereditaments, not exceeding in the whole four acres, which the Company may from time to time require for the purposes of their works and undertaking, but no lands shall be used by the Company for the purpose of manufacturing gas except the lands described in the schedule to this Act, nor shall they, except on the same lands, erect works for the storage of gas within three hundred yards of any dwelling-house existing at the time of the acquisition by the Company of the lands for such storage works, without the consent in writing of the owner, lessee, and occupier of every such dwelling-house.

Power to lay pipes against buildings.

46. The Company, with the consent of the owner or occupier of any building, may lay any pipe, branch, or any other necessary apparatus from any main or branch pipe, into, through, or against such building for the purpose of lighting it, and may, with the like consent, provide and set up any apparatus necessary for securing to such building a proper and complete supply of gas, and for measuring and ascertaining the extent of such supply, and may from time to time, with the like consent, repair, replace, alter, discontinue, and remove any such pipe, branch, or apparatus.

As to works affecting the London and North-western Railway Company.

47. Any works to be constructed, laid down, or executed in exercise of the powers conferred by this Act, in any way affecting any railway now or hereafter belonging to or worked by the London and North-western Railway Company, or any of the bridges, stations, or works thereof, or any lands or property now or hereafter belonging to that company, or in which they now are or hereafter may be interested, shall be done under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of their principal engineer, and according to plans to be reasonably approved by him before any such works are begun, but in all things at the expense of the Company, and so as to cause no injury to or interference with any such railway, bridges, stations, works, lands, or property, or the passage or conduct of traffic over or at any such railway or stations, and if any such injury or interference shall arise to any such railway, stations, bridges, works, lands, or property, or with any such traffic, the Company shall make full compensation to that company in respect of such injury or interference.

Power to contract with public bodies.

48. The Company may from time to time enter into and carry into effect all such contracts with local boards, commissioners, companies, lighting inspectors, and other public bodies, trustees, and persons within the limits of supply as authorised and defined by this Act, with respect to the supply of lamps, gas, gas fittings,

or meters by the Company, on such terms and conditions as they think fit.

Power for local board to provide lamp-posts.

49. Any such local board, commissioners, lighting inspectors, and other public bodies with whom such contract may be entered into may provide and keep in repair their own public lamp-posts and lamps and apparatus connected therewith.

Limiting the price of gas.

50. The price to be charged by the Company for gas supplied by them to persons who shall burn the same by meter shall not at any time exceed five shillings and tenpence per one thousand cubic feet.

Quality and illuminating power of gas.

51. All the gas supplied by the Company shall be of such quality as to produce from a burner consuming five cubic feet of gas an hour a light equal in intensity to the light produced by eighteen sperm candles, burning one hundred and twenty grains an hour.

Time and place of testing.

52. The works of the Company shall be the prescribed place, and twelve months after the passing of this Act the prescribed time, for the providing a testing place under section 28 of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871;" the pressure on the mains shall at all times be such as to balance a column of water not less than seven tenths of an inch in height.

As to proceedings in bankruptcy on behalf of the Company.

53. In all proceedings against the estate of any bankrupt or under any sequestration, any person appointed for that purpose by the directors of the Company may represent the Company, and act in their behalf in all respects as if the claim or demand of the Company against such estate were the claim or demand of such person, and not of the Company.

Expenses of Act.

54. All the costs, charges, and expenses of applying for and obtaining this Act, or incident thereto, shall be paid by the Company.

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SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

A plot of land in Wilmslow, bounded on the westerly side by land belonging or reputed to belong to Mr. Elijah Bower, on the northerly side by lands respectively belonging or reputed to belong to Mr. John Torkington and Sir Humphrey de Trafford, Baronet, on the easterly side by the turnpike road from Manchester to Congleton, and on the southerly side by Garden Lane.

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