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GEORGII IV. REGIS.

Cap. viii.

An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of *Wolverhampton*, in the County of *Stafford*.

[22d *June* 1820.]

WHEREAS the Town of *Wolverhampton*, in the County of *Stafford*, is a large and populous Place, and it would be of great Advantage to the Inhabitants thereof, and to the Public at large, if the Streets and other public Passages and Places therein were better lighted: And whereas Inflammable Air, Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor and Essential Oil, may be procured from Coal and other Substances: And whereas the said Inflammable Air or Gas, being conveyed by Means of Pipes, may be safely and beneficially used for lighting the several Streets, Highways, Squares, Market Places, and other Places within the said Town, and for lighting Shops, private Houses and Buildings, and the Coke may be beneficially employed as Fuel in private Houses and Manufactories, and the said Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor and Essential Oil, may be used and applied in various Ways with great Advantage: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named are willing and desirous at their own Costs and Charges to effect the several Purposes aforesaid, but such beneficial Purposes cannot be carried fully and completely 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 *Thomas Allen*, *William Beetlestone*, *William* Company's Names.

liam Briscoe, John Crowley, William Clarke, William Chrees, John Dixon, Phillips Deakin, Isaiah Danks, Richard Fryer, the Reverend *John Fisher, William Forster, William Fregleton, Joseph Thomas Gritton, John Green, Henry Hordern, James Heape, Benjamin Hicklin, Mary Hurdd, William Beetlestone Homer, Thomas Harley, Jane Jones, John Lea, Francis Lockley, Benjamin Parton Mauder, John Moreton, James Olarenshaw, George Pountney, William Parkes, Harry Parkes, James Peard, William Ready, William Ryton, Thomas Savage, Thomas Savage* junior, *William Savage, Joseph Smart, Benjamin Shaw, John Shaw, William Smith, William Hanbury Sparrow, Francis Stuart, Thomas Spencer, Joseph Tarratt, Thomas Timmins, George Tompson, Dorothy Tooth, John Tooth, John Underhill, Randle Walker, Benjamin Walton, William Warner, William Ward, Thomas Higgs Ward, Elizabeth Wright, John Weaver,* and *Christopher Wood,* and all and every such other Person or Persons as from Time to Time shall become a Subscriber or Subscribers, or be duly admitted Members into their Company, 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 Wolverhampton 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 the said Company of Proprietors shall be established for the Purpose of producing Inflammable Air, Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, from Coal or any other Materials, and shall have full Power from Time to Time to enter into and make any Contracts, or agree with the Commissioners for carrying into Execution an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for improving the Town of* Wolverhampton, *in the County of* Stafford, *and for removing and regulating the Markets in the said Town;* or with any other Commissioners or Trustees having the Controul, Direction, or Management of the lighting of the said Town, or with any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, or Corporation or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, who may be willing and desirous of contracting or agreeing with the said Company of Proprietors (and who are hereby empowered to contract with the said Company), for the lighting of such Town, and of the Public Streets, Roads, Squares, Market Places, Churches, Public Buildings, Places of public Exhibition, Manufactories, Shops, Inns, Taverns, and other Buildings and private Houses, or any of them, within the said Town, and to sell and dispose of such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Essential Oil, and other Products as aforesaid.

Their Style and Powers.

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II. And be it further enacted, That in order to enable the said Company to construct or make Gasometers, and other necessary Works, and to erect any Manufactory or Manufactories, or other Buildings for the Purposes of this Act, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, or their Committee of Management, and they are hereby empowered, to treat, contract, and agree with any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail General or Special, Lessees

Power to contract for the Purchase of Land and Buildings.

for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, 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 the Person or Persons in Remainder or Reversion expectant on the Estate or Estates existing for the Time being, and also for and on Behalf of their respective Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert seised or possessed of or interested in their own Right, such Body or Bodies or other Person or Persons respectively being seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Town, which the said Company or their Committee of Management for the Time being shall deem necessary or expedient for the Purposes of this Act, not exceeding in the whole Five Acres, and also with all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, for the absolute Purchase of the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, in Fee Simple, or for the Purchase of his, her, or their Estate, Right, and Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; and also that it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life, or in Fee Tail General or Special, Lessees for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, 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 the Person or Persons in Remainder or Reversion expectant on the Estate or Estates existing for the Time being, and also for and on Behalf of their respective Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or 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 seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, such Body or Bodies or other Person or Persons respectively being seised, possessed of, or interested in any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments as aforesaid, and to and for all and every other Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the absolute Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, in Fee Simple, or for his, her, or their Estate, Right, and Interest therein, and to sell and convey the same, or any Part thereof, and all and every or any such Estate, Right, Title, or Interest whatsoever, of, in, and to the same, to the said Company of Proprietors for the Purposes of this Act.

All Contracts made by virtue of this Act shall be good and valid.

III. And be it further enacted, That all Contracts, Bargains, and Sales which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Body or Bodies, Person or Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, of their said several and respective Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under

under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such existing Estate, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar the Dower and Dowers of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of such Person and 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 Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail General or Special, Lessees for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Persons so contracting and conveying, is and are and shall be hereby indemnified for what he, she, and they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Lands, &c. vested in Company on Payment of Purchase Money.

IV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Purchase Money for any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, 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), and upon taking such Conveyance as aforesaid, such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments may be taken and used for the Purposes of this Act; and from thenceforth all Parties and Persons whomsoever, or the Party or Person who shall have sold only his, her, or their own Estate and Interest therein (as the Case may be), shall be divested of all Right and Title, Claim, Remainder, or Reversion in and to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, and the same Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments shall vest in the said *Wolverhampton* Gas Light Company; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors to hold such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and all and every or 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 of any other Law or Statute whatsoever.

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

V. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted and agreed 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 Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Lessee for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, 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 *Wolverhampton* Gas Light Company, together with the Name or Names of such Body or Bodies, Person or Persons as any Three or more of the Committee of Management of the said Company shall, by Writing signed by them, direct and appoint, 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

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 Incumbrance, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same 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 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 High Court of Chancery, 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 said 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 or Settlement were then actually made,

When less than 200l. and exceeding 20l.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so contracted and agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Lessee for Life or Lives, or for Years determinable on a Life or Lives, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum 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 said Committee of Management, such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating or approving Parties, in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends to arise thereon, 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 Approbation of the said High Court of Chancery.

When not exceeding 20l.

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where any 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 be applied to the Use of 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 disputed Titles Money to be paid into the Bank.

VIII. 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, and Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be 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 shewn 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 Purchases may be allowed by the Court.

IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That when 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 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 of Proprietors, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Resale of Lands not wanted.

X. And whereas the said Company under the Provisions of this Act may purchase Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which may be found

unnecessary or not wanted for the Purposes thereof; be it therefore 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, or for all their Estate, Term, and Interest therein, for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, and 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 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 10,000l.

XI. 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 Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, shall be the Sum of Ten thousand Pounds Sterling: Provided always, that the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted by this Act, until such Time as the Sum of Six thousand five hundred Pounds shall have been subscribed.

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

XII. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person and Persons by or for whom any Subscription shall be made or accepted, or any Payment made pursuant to the Order of any General Meeting or Meetings to be held by the said Company for that Purpose, for or towards the raising of the said Capital Sum of Ten thousand Pounds as aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively (no Subscription being less than the Sum of Twenty Pounds), shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the said Capital Joint Stock of the said Company, in proportion to the Monies which he, she, or they shall have so 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 to be a Proprietor or Proprietors of and in the same.

Stock to be divided into Shares of 20l. each, and be Personal Estate.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Ten thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of Twenty Pounds each, and no Person or Persons shall be a Subscriber or Subscribers for a less Sum than Twenty Pounds, or hold more than Forty Shares; and 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 as such Personal Estate shall be transmissible accordingly.

Power to raise a further Sum of Money if necessary by Subscriptions.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That in case the aforesaid Sum of Ten thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for making, completing, and maintaining the said Undertaking, and defraying all necessary Charges relating thereto, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors

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 Five thousand Pounds, in the like Shares as aforesaid; and every Subscriber towards raising such further Sum of Money shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking to the Amount of such Shares, 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 Powers of the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Sum he, she, or they shall or may subscribe thereunto, 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 Sum of Ten thousand Pounds; any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

XV. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed for and 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 for, 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 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 for and recover the same, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, 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 Certificate of their Shares delivered to them.

XVI. 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 Additions 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 with the Seal of the said Corporation thereto 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, and 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.

For ascertaining the

XVII. And whereas in case any original Holder or Proprietor of one or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, become Insolvent

Insolvent or Bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk to the said Company, it may not be in the Power of the said Company, or any Officer acting for the said Company, to learn who is or are 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, and to maintain any Action or Actions, Suit, or other Proceeding 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 further 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, to any other Person or Persons by any other legal Means than by a Transfer or 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 or Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Stafford*, 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 and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book or List of Subscribers and Proprietors to the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company; and in all or any of the said Cases, after Fourteen Days Notice in Writing shall have been given by the said Clerk to the 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 Meeting after the Expiration of such Notice to declare the same Share or Shares to be forfeited, and in such Case the same shall be and become forfeited, and shall and may be sold and disposed of in such Manner as the said Subscribers or Proprietors at any Meeting or Meetings shall direct.

Proprietors of Shares in certain Cases.

XVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several and respective 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),

Shares may be transferred.

'I, of in Consideration 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 Wolverhampton Gas*

Form of Transfer.

'*Light Company*, being my Share (or Shares) No. in the said Under-
'taking, 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 Execu-
'tion hereof; and I the said do hereby agree to take and
'accept the said Share, subject to the same Rules, Orders, Re-
'strictions, and Conditions, as witness our Hands and Seals, this
'Day of 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 Registry the Sum of Five Shillings, and no more, shall be paid to the Clerk or other Officer making the same, and a Copy of such Register, signed by the Clerk or other such Officer of the said Company, shall be sufficient Evidence of every such Sale and Transfer, and shall be received as such in all Disputes and in all Trials before any Court, and by all Judges, Justices, and others in the United Kingdom; and 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, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall have any Part or Share in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages thereof, nor receive any Interest or Dividend 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 till the Money is paid.

XIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after a Call for Money shall be made by virtue of this Act, no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he or they shall possess in the said Undertaking after the Day appointed for the Payment of the said Call, until the Money so called for in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares intended to be sold shall be paid, and until such Money so called for shall be paid, any such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void.

First Committee of Management.

XX. And be it further enacted, That *Richard Fryer*, *Thomas Savage*, *Thomas Timmins*, *Thomas Higgs Ward*, *James Heape*, *Phillips Deakin*, and *William Parkes*, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company.

First Committee to serve Two Years, and subsequent Committees.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons hereby nominated, constituted, and appointed the Committee of Management, shall continue in Office, and be respectively Members of the said Committee of Management, for the Term of Two Years from the passing of this Act, and until others or another shall be appointed in their or any of their Stead in pursuance of this Act, and at the Expiration of the said Term, and also at the Expiration of every succeeding Year thereafter, a fresh Committee of Seven Members shall, in Manner herein-after mentioned, be elected and appointed out of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking (not possessing less than Five Shares each), to be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company, who shall continue in their respective Offices for the Space of One Year, to be computed

computed from the Day of Election, or until others or another shall be duly elected into their or any of their Places.

Vacancies in the Committee how to be filled up.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Vacancy or Vacancies in the said Committee by Death, Resignation, or becoming disqualified, may and shall be filled up at any Special Meeting or Meetings to be called for that Purpose in Manner aforesaid, and the Person or Persons so to be chosen to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies shall continue in his or their several and respective Office or Offices as long as the Person or Persons in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have continued in Office.

Committee Men contracting for Work to cease to have a Voice in the Committee.

XXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person hereby nominated, or who shall be elected a Member of the said Committee of Management, shall hold any Office or Employment under the said Company, or be or become a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any one of the Articles to be provided or manufactured by the said Company, and shall offer to take and succeed in taking, or shall participate in any Manner in any Work to be done for, or Contract to be entered into with the said Company, every such Person shall cease to be a Member of the said Committee of Management; and if any Person hereby nominated or to be appointed by virtue of this Act a Member of the said Committee shall at any Time cease to be a Proprietor of Five Shares in the said Undertaking, or shall refuse or neglect to attend any Five successive Meetings of the said Committee, every such Person shall be thereby disqualified from acting or voting at such Committee, and shall cease to be a Member thereof: Provided always, that in case it shall be proved to the Satisfaction of the said Committee that such Person shall have been prevented from attending such Five successive Meetings by Illness or Absence from Home, then and in such Case he shall not be disqualified from being a Member of the Committee by reason of such Illness or Absence.

Meetings of the Committee, and Regulations for their Proceedings.

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall and may hold their First Meeting within Three Weeks next after the passing of this Act, at such Place within the said Town of *Wolverhampton* as they shall think proper, and shall have full Power and Authority to adjourn such First Meeting, and again to meet and adjourn from Time to Time and from Place to Place, as they shall think fit; 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 Members present (the Number present not being less than Three); 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 if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee Three Members qualified to vote shall not attend, then and in such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned till the next Day, if not a *Sunday*, and if the next Day should be a *Sunday*, then to the *Monday* following, by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present, by the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and any Two or more Members of the Committee may at any Time when they shall think fit call a Meeting

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of the Committee by Notice in Writing, signed by such Two or more Members, to be sent by Post or otherwise to the Residence or Address of every Member of such Committee.

Power of Committee.

XXV. 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 Special General Meetings, and to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out or disposed of for the Purposes of the same, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into Contracts or Agreements with the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed by virtue of the said recited Act, and all other Person and Persons whomsoever, for lighting the said Town of *Wolverhampton*, or any of such Streets, Market Places, Churches, Public Buildings, Warehouses, Shops, Inns, Taverns, and other Buildings as aforesaid, and in nominating, electing, appointing, placing, or displacing any Treasurer, Clerk, Engineer, Agent, or Servant of the Company, with such Salaries, Gratuities, or other Recompence, as to the said Committee shall seem proper; and in ordering, directing, and 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, controul, or regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted to the said Committee.

Proceedings to be entered in Books.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the said Company of Proprietors, and of the Committee of Management, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and such Orders and Proceedings so entered and signed by the Clerk or Clerks of the said Company of Proprietors, 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 Places whatsoever.

Same Person not to act as Clerk and Treasurer.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company, or the said Committee of Management, 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 the 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

vered 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.

Treasurer not to issue Money without an Order from the Committee of Management.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers to be appointed by the said Company shall not issue any Sum or Sums of Money on account of the said Company without an Order or Orders in Writing, signed by the Chairman of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, and Two other Members at the least of the said Committee present at some Meeting of the said Committee of Management.

Committee to make Calls, and on Non-payment Shares to be forfeited.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall have full Power and Authority 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 of Management shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, so that no one such Call do exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for or in respect of any one Share of Twenty Pounds, and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of Two Calendar Months at least from each other; and that the Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company for the Time being at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Twenty-one Days Notice at least shall be given in such Manner as the said Committee of Management 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 during the Space of Two Calendar Months next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, at some General or Special General 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 shall and may be sold and disposed of as herein-after directed concerning forfeited Shares: Provided always, that no Share or Shares of and in the said Undertaking shall be forfeited until Notice shall have been published in *The London Gazette*, and the *Wolverhampton Chronicle*, or some other Newspaper circulated in *Wolverhampton* aforesaid, Thirty Days at least before the holding of such General or Special General Meeting, in which Notice shall be contained a Statement and Account of how much Money is 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, if the Owner or Owners of such Share or Shares shall before the holding of such General or Special General 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.

No Share to be forfeited until Notice published in The London Gazette and Provincial Newspaper.

Company empowered to sell Shares which shall become

XXX. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares of the said Undertaking shall by virtue of this Act have become forfeited, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company,

vested in them by Default of Owners not paying the Calls thereon.

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 the 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, her, 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 and sold as aforesaid, and all Persons claiming under 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 thereof, the Surplus arising from such Sale or Sales shall be paid to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged on Demand: Provided also, that the said Company of Proprietors, 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 Sale to pay the Arrears due by 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 the Call or Calls so made or to be made by virtue of this Act, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares vested in the said Company of Proprietors 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.

Executors, &c. indemnified in paying Calls.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall die before Payment shall have been made by him or her for the full Sum to be called for in respect thereof as herein-before mentioned, 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, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians of any Feme Covert, Infant, or other Persons entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such Feme Covert, 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.

Regulations as to General and Special Meetings and Adjournments.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall assemble together at the *Swan Inn* in the said Town of *Wolverhampton*, between the Hour of Eleven in the Forenoon and the Hour of One in the Afternoon, within Thirty 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 they shall

be duly convened to 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 *Thursday* next after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*, and the *Thursday* next after the Twenty-fifth Day of *December*; which shall be styled Half-yearly General Meetings, and that Ten or more of the said Proprietors may at any Time, 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 Twenty-one Days at least before the Day of Meeting, and every General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place as shall be found expedient, and at least Twenty-one Days previous Notice of every General Meeting, and Three Days previous Notice of the Day to which every General Meeting shall be adjourned shall be given, and at every General Meeting and Special Meeting a Chairman shall be appointed, and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors and Proxies present, and not declining to vote, according to their respective Number of Shares, (that is to say), one Vote for each Share; nor shall any Person be entitled to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, or any Adjournment 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 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 he shall be interested otherwise than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors to or of the said Undertaking; and 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 more than One Hour, and the Chairman of such Meeting shall be entitled to vote; and in case the Number of Votes including the Chairman's Vote shall be equal he shall also have a casting Vote, and no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting besides the Business for which it shall have been called, and no other Business shall be transacted at any Adjourned Special General Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place; and if at any Special or General Meeting a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act or to adjourn (Three Proprietors only being hereby declared sufficient for the Purpose of Adjournment) shall not assemble and proceed to Business in one Hour from the Time appointed for such Meeting, or if that Number be not present when the Whole or any Part of the Business to be transacted shall be decided upon, the Meeting shall adjourn to the same Day in the following Week, or to some other Day to be appointed by the Committee of Management, or Three or more of them; and also at the Half-yearly General Meeting to be held on the *Thursday* next after the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* in every Year (except the First Year after the passing of this Act), or at some Adjournment thereof, a new Committee of Seven of the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking, each of such Proprietors not possessing less than Five Shares, shall be elected in the Place of the former Committee whose Office shall then have expired: Provided nevertheless, that all or any of the Members of the said Committee

mittee elected in the preceding Year shall (if otherwise eligible) be again immediately re-eligible: Provided also, that all Notices herein-before directed to be given of any General or Special Meetings 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 Proprietor entitled to such Notice, as the Case may be, and such Notices shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Notice.

Proprietors may vote by Proxy.

XXXIII. 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), and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Form of Proxy.

'I of Proprietor of and in The *Wolverhampton* 'Gas Light Company, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint 'of to be my Proxy in my Name, and in my 'Absence to vote or give my Assent to or Dissent from any Business, 'Matter, or Thing relating to the said Undertaking, which shall be mentioned or proposed at any General or Special Meeting of the said Com'pany, in such Manner as he the said shall think proper, 'according to his Opinion and Judgment for the Benefit of the said 'Undertaking, or any thing relating thereto. In Witness whereof I 'have hereunto set my Hand, the Day of One thousand 'eight hundred and .'

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

XXXIV. And be it further enacted; That any General Meeting or General Meetings, specially called for the Purpose, shall have full Power to call for and examine and settle the Accounts of the said Company, and at every Half-yearly General Meeting, or some Adjournment thereof, a Half-yearly Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interests, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise; 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 Calendar Months next 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.

General Meetings may make Bye-Laws.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority from Time to Time at any of their General 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 and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company

Company, and for the Superintendance and Management of the said Undertaking in all Respects whatsoever, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Orders, Rules, and Bye-Laws, or any of them, and to make others, and 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 Meeting shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws so made as aforesaid (being reduced into Writing and the Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed), shall be 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 the same shall be printed, and that a printed Copy thereof shall be fixed and continued in the Office of the Clerk of the said Company, and printed Copies thereof shall from Time to Time be affixed in the Market Place at *Wolverhampton*, and in other conspicuous Parts of the said Town, and renewed whenever the same shall be defaced or become illegible; and if any Person or Persons shall pull down, obliterate, or deface any Copy or Copies so affixed, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws, shall be subject to Appeal in Manner by this Act directed.

Power to break up the Soil and Pavement of Streets, &c.

XXXVI. 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-after mentioned, by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time to make, erect, sink, lay, place, and fix such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, Pipes, and other Works and Devices, and to erect and fix them against any Walls, or in Posts or Pillars in the Streets, 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 to break up the Soil and Pavements of any Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places, or any Part of them or either of them, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and lay Mains and Pipes, and put Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes in, under, across, and along such Places, Streets, Ways, Lanes, or public Passages, and also with such Consent herein-after mentioned in, under, across, and along any private Buildings, Ways, Passages, Grounds, and other Places, in such Manner as shall be necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, or supplying any such Lights as aforesaid, and from Time to Time to alter the Position of and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stopcocks, 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, Road, Highway, Lane, Passage, or other public or private Place by the said Company by virtue of this Act, into or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or Grounds, for the Purpose of lighting the same, or any other public or private Buildings, or any

any public or private Lamp or Lamps, from any of such Mains or Pipes, and to erect and set up any Machine or other Apparatus necessary or requisite 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 bad or imperfect Work which shall have been placed 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 as the said Company and their Successors shall from Time to Time think necessary and convenient for completing, amending, repairing, improving, supplying, and using the same, and for carrying into Effect the Purposes and Meaning of this Act; provided a proper Compensation be made for any Damage done thereby: And provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, from any Main or Pipe into any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, without the Consent in Writing of the Occupier or Occupiers for the Time being of every such House, Manufactory, or private Buildings as aforesaid, nor shall any thing herein contained authorize or empower the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes, or to dig or sink Trenches or Drains, or to lay Mains through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, or private Buildings or Grounds for the Purpose of conveying Gas to any other House or Houses, Manufactory, Shop, Warehouse, Building, or other Place or Places, than that or those through which such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, Trenches or Drains, shall be laid or made, without the previous Consent of the Owner and Occupier of every such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, or private Building or Grounds through which the same may be carried or laid for the Purpose of lighting such other Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, Buildings, Place or Places: Provided also, that the Soil, Pitchings, and Pavements of any of the Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages within the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners acting under the said recited Act, be broken up under the Inspection of the Surveyor of the said Commissioners (Emergencies only excepted): Provided nevertheless, that in case the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Commissioners shall refuse or neglect to attend to inspect any of the Works hereby directed to be done under his Inspection, after Twenty-four Hours Notice from the said Company or their Clerk, given to or left at the Place of Abode of the said Surveyor, then 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.

Workmen in laying Pipes to make good the Pavement.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, or Branches, shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill in the Trenches and make good the Pavements and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned thereby, and repair any Damages arising from any Drains, Sewers, or Cuts which may be made for carrying off the Washings or Waste Liquors aforesaid without any Delay, and shall in the meantime fence or guard the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, and set up Lamps or Lights at or near the same during the Night, in such Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers,

Cattle, and Carriages; and in case the said Company of Proprietors shall omit or neglect in the meantime to fence or guard the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, or to set up and continue such Lamps or Lights as aforesaid, they shall forfeit and pay for every such Omission or Neglect any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, to be levied and recovered as other Penalties under this Act are authorized to be levied and recovered: Provided always, that if there shall be any wilful or negligent Delay in the said Company of Proprietors, or in any of their Agents or Servants, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, in filling in any such Ground or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads, or in setting up Lamps or Lights as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Commissioners acting under the said recited Act, or any other Commissioners or Trustees having the Controul or Management of any such Streets or Roads, or their Surveyor or Surveyors, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees to fill in such Ground and remove such Rubbish, and to repair and make good the Pavement of any Street, Highway, Way, Lane, Passage, or Place so broken up, and to set up Lamps and Lights as aforesaid; and the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors or their Treasurer, and in default of Payment thereof for Ten Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Stafford*, 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 of Proprietors, or such other Person or Persons, 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 of the said County of *Stafford*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs, Charges, and Penalties shall be paid to such Commissioners or their Treasurer.

Powers of Commissioners of Town Act not to be obstructed.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said recited Act, or to be appointed or elected for the Management of the Streets, Pavements, and public Places in the said Town, or the Rights of any Person or Persons to make, enlarge, repair, or amend any Vault or Sewer under any Street within the said Town of *Wolverhampton*.

Commissioners of Town Act empowered to raise, sink, or alter Pipes, &c.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That if for the Purposes of the said recited Act, or any other Act or Acts in force for the Time being for improving or regulating the Town of *Wolverhampton*, it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners or Trustees acting under the same Act or Acts to require the said Company to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Mains, Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, Syphons, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Company shall at their own Expence, within Three Calendar Months next after being required so to do, by Notice

Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners or Trustees, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Mains, Pipes, Stopcocks, Plugs, Syphons, or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Manner and in such Place or Places, as the said Commissioners or Trustees shall think right and proper; and in Default thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority, to cause such Main, Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Syphons, or Branches to be raised, sunk, or altered, and the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within Twenty Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners, all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees or their Treasurer.

Damage to be made good to the Company.

XL. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising, sinking, or altering of any of the said Mains, Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, Syphons, or Branches, any Damage or Injury shall be done to the same by the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their Servants or Workmen, then and in every such Case such Damage or Injury shall be repaired and made good by the Company themselves as soon as Circumstances will permit; and the Costs, Charges, and Expences thereof shall be paid to the said Company or their Treasurer, by the Treasurer of the said Commissioners or Trustees, out of the Monies then in or which shall first come to his Hands.

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

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, or 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 furnished, 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 *Stafford* aforesaid, 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 Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to any House of Correction for the County of *Stafford*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeitures and all reasonable Charges shall

shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, if they shall so think fit, forthwith to cut or take off the Pipe so communicating with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, and also to cut off and take away the Supply of Gas from the House and Premises of the Person so offending, notwithstanding any Contracts or Agreements which may have been previously entered into.

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wantonly or maliciously hinder or interrupt the said Company of Proprietors, or their Deputies, Agents, Workmen or Servants, or any of them, in doing and performing any of the Works or in Exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or shall in anywise cause or procure the same to be done, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors, or to the proper Person or Persons by them authorized in that Behalf, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and also the full Amount of the Damage which shall be sustained by such Hindrance or Interruption, such Damage to be recovered in like Manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may by virtue of this Act be recovered.

Commissioners acting under the 54 G. 3. may act under this Act in certain Cases.

XLIII. And whereas by the said recited Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, it is enacted, that no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner under the said Act during the Time he shall hold any Place of Profit or be under any Contract, or have any Share or Interest in any Contract relating to the Execution of any of the Powers of the said Act: And whereas several of the Commissioners acting in the Execution of the said recited Act are Subscribers for the Purposes of this Act; be it therefore enacted, That nothing in the said recited Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to disqualify any of the Subscribers or Proprietors under this present Act, or any Person who may or shall hereafter become a Subscriber to or have any Share or Interest in The *Wolverhampton* Gas Light Company, from acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of any of the Powers of the said recited Act, save and except so far as relates to the making of any Contract with the said Gas Light Company.

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

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That every Contract or Agreement entered into by the said Commissioners for executing the said recited Act, for or in respect of the said Town or any Part thereof with the said Company, shall contain a Clause providing that the said Contract shall be null and void if at any Time the Price charged for Inflammable Air used in lighting the public Streets and Ways of the said Town shall not be less than what at the Time of making such Contract such public Streets and Ways of the said Town may be lighted for in the usual Manner with Oil, for a Period not less than Three Years, by any Contractor offering due Security for the Performance of his Contract, it being hereby provided and made obligatory upon the said Company that the Gas Lights which shall be supplied by the said Company for the public lighting of the said Town shall at all Times be cheaper and better Lights than could be afforded from Oil, and that the Branch and Service Pipes which shall be set up by the said Company to supply the Gas for such public Lighting shall, in all Cases, be of a Diameter not less than Half an Inch in the Bore, and shall be kept fully charged with Gas when-

soever it shall be necessary for the Purposes of such public Lighting as aforesaid.

For preventing the Escape of Gas.

XLV. 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 by Parol or in Writing 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 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, that then and in every such Case the said Company shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Penalty or Sum of Forty Shillings 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 of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, by Information to be laid and exhibited before some one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*; 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.

Power to carry off waste Liquids.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to make such Sewers or Cuts, of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think expedient, under the Streets, Lanes, and other public Places within the said Town, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings and 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 or Cuts, and immediately repairing at their own Expence all such Damages; but it shall not be lawful for the said Company, or any of their Agents, Servants, or Workmen, or any other Person or Persons acting under their Authority, to carry or convey, or cause, permit, or suffer to be carried or conveyed, or to run or ooze to or into any Brook, Canal, or Stream whatsoever, any Washing or Waste Liquids, or other Matter or Substance whatsoever, which shall be used or employed or shall arise or be produced in making, manufacturing, or providing the aforesaid Gas, or in or by the Prosecution of any other of the Works aforesaid; and in case the said Company shall at any Time cause, permit, or suffer any such Washings or Waste Liquids to be carried or conveyed, or to run or ooze contrary to the Provisions aforesaid, the said Company shall forfeit for every such Offence the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt 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.

XLVII. And

Remedy for Recovery of Rents.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take or shall use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in any Dwellings, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other Buildings or Manufactories, shall refuse or neglect for the Space of Ten Days after Demand to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company, according to the Terms and Stipulations of his Contract with the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Clerk or Superintendant, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*, to levy the said Sum or Sums of Money in respect whereof such Refusal or Neglect shall happen, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be first deducted; and it shall also be lawful for the said Company to cut off and take away the Supply of Gas from the House or Houses, Inn, Tavern, Shop, Warehouse, or other Buildings of every such Person so making Default in Payment of such Sum or Sums of Money then due by his, her, or their Contract to the said Company for the Space of Ten Days after such Demand as aforesaid, and thenceforth to discontinue the Supply of Gas contracted for by such Person or Persons with the said Company.

Penalty for damaging Pipes, &c.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously steal, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or used or to be used for the Purposes of the said Act, or shall wilfully or maliciously waste or improperly use any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or shall wilfully or maliciously put out or extinguish any of the public Lamps which may be lighted with Gas by the said Company, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses before one or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*, shall forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds and Treble the Amount of the Damage to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices to have been done, such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied 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 such Offender shall and may be committed to any House of Correction of the County of *Stafford* aforesaid, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Company may contract for Water from Canal.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company incorporated by virtue of this Act to enter into and execute any Contract with the Company of Proprietors of the *Birmingham* Canal, for a Supply to the Company incorporated by virtue of this Act of any Water necessary for their Work from the said *Birmingham* Canal.

Appeal may be made to Quarter Sessions.

L. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, or any other Person or Persons

Persons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any Bye-Law of the said Company of Proprietors, 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 their General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said County of *Stafford*, the Body or Bodies, 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 Body or Bodies, Person or Persons appealed against, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said County, 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 Recognizances 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 the said County, and if they see Cause may mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Rule, Bye-Law, Order, or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, or such 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 whatever.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses and respecting Service of Notices.

LI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned in Manner aforesaid as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on the Behalf of the Prosecutor or on Behalf of the Person or Persons accused, and shall refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, after having been paid and tendered a reasonable Sum for his, her, or their Expences, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of appearing, or appearing shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than Forty Shillings.

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

LII. And be it further enacted, That in all 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 said Committee of Management, or left at his last or 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 shall 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

deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

Persons giving false Evidence to be punished.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses who shall be examined by or before any Justice of the Peace, or otherwise under this Act upon Oath, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, and shall be thereof convicted, he, she, or they so giving false Evidence shall be deemed guilty of Perjury, and subject to the same Punishment as Persons convicted of Perjury.

Proceedings to be within Six Months.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Ecclesiastical, 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 Information respecting such Offence or Offences shall have been lodged before a Magistrate within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Recovery of Penalties and Forfeitures.

LV. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures inflicted or imposed by this Act (the Manner of levying and recovering whereof is not otherwise particularly directed) may, in case of Nonpayment thereof, be recovered in a summary Way, by the Order and Adjudication of any one Justice of the Peace for the said County of *Stafford*, on Complaint to him for that Purpose exhibited, and afterwards be levied, as well as the Costs of such Proceedings on Nonpayment, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Offender or Offenders, or Person or Persons liable to pay the same, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice, who is hereby authorized and required to summon before him any Witness or Witnesses, and to examine him, her, or them, upon Oath of and concerning such Offences, Matters, and Things, and to hear and determine the same; and the Overplus (if any) of the Money so levied or recovered, after discharging the Penalty or Forfeiture for which such Warrant shall be issued, and the Costs and Expences of recovering and levying the same, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner or Owners of the Goods or Chattels so seized or distrained; and in case such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall and may be lawful for such Justice to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can be conveniently made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice for his or their Appearance before such Justice on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Five Days from the Time of taking any such Security, and which Security the said Justice is hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance, or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then it shall be lawful for such Justice, or any other Justice of the Peace for the said County, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Gaol of the said County, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for any Term not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Penalties and Forfeitures, and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and such Penalties and Forfeitures when so levied (the Application whereof is not otherwise directed)

directed) shall be paid to the Treasurer acting under this Act, and be wholly applied to the Purposes of this Act, and to or for no other Use or Purpose whatsoever.

LVI. 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 *Stafford*, } BE it remembered, That on the Day of
'to wit. } 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 *Stafford*, by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed
'in the First Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled
'[*here insert the Title of this Act*] of having [*specifying 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 Given under my Hand and Seal
'[*or* our Hands and Seals, *as the Case shall be*] the Day and Year first
'above written.'

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

LVII. 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, 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 from bringing any Action against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any 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.

Expences of the Act how to be paid.

LVIII. 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, and which shall be first raised by virtue of this Act.

General Saving of all Rights.

LIX. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Lords of the several Manors within the said Town of *Wolverhampton*, their respective Rights, Privileges, and Franchises in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not passed.

Public Act.

LX. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken Notice of as such by all Judges, Justices, and others, without being specially pleaded.

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