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Demand for Gas occasioned thereby the said Company have extended their Works, and have expended in such Extension, over and above the said Sums of Forty-four thousand four hundred and eighty Pounds and Ten thousand Pounds, a further Sum of Three thousand and forty-one Pounds and Twopence, or thereabouts, of which last-mentioned Sum One thousand three hundred and twenty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Sevenpence, or thereabouts, consists of Money appropriated out of the Revenue of the Company, in lieu of the same being distributed among the Shareholders as Dividend, and the remaining One thousand seven hundred and seventeen Pounds Nine Shillings and Sevenpence, or thereabouts, is still due and owing by the Company: And whereas the Demand for a Supply of Gas within the Limits of the said Act is still increasing, and in order to provide for such additional Expenditure and increased Demand as aforesaid it is expedient that the Company should be empowered to raise a further Sum of Money: And whereas the Purposes aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament; but the same might be more conveniently provided for if the said recited Act were repealed, and if other Powers and Provisions were granted and made in lieu thereof: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by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,

Recited Act repealed.

I. That the recited Act shall be and is hereby repealed, and the Company thereby incorporated shall be and is hereby dissolved.

Re-establishment of Wolverhampton Gas Company.

II. That the several Persons and Corporations who immediately before the passing of this Act were Proprietors of Shares in the Company hereby dissolved, and all other Persons and Corporations who have subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking of the Company, and their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns respectively, shall be united into a Company for the Purposes herein-after mentioned, and shall be incorporated by the Name of "The *Wolverhampton* Gas Company," and by that Name shall be a Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, at Law and in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill of Indictment against any Person who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence against the Laws of this Realm, and shall have Powers to purchase or take on Lease and hold and sell Lands for the Purposes of the said Undertaking.

Real and Personal Estate and Liabilities of dissolved

III. That from and immediately after the passing of this Act all the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Monies, and all Rights, Claims, Easements, and Privileges, and all Goods, Chattels, Effects, Bonds, Deeds, Books, Writings, Maps, Plans, and Personal Estate of the

the Company hereby dissolved, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Company hereby incorporated; and all Persons and Corporations who immediately before the passing of this Act owed any Sum of Money to the Company hereby dissolved shall pay the same, together with all Interest (if any) due or to accrue due for the same, to the Company hereby incorporated; and all Debts which immediately before the passing of this Act were due and owing by the Company hereby dissolved shall be paid, with all Interest (if any) due and to accrue due thereon, by the Company hereby incorporated; and all Rates or Rents which immediately before the passing of this Act were due and payable or then accruing due, under or by virtue of the recited Act, to the Company hereby dissolved, shall be and become due and payable to the Company hereby incorporated, and shall and may be collected and recovered by the same Ways and Means, and under the same Restrictions and Regulations, and with the same Penalties in respect thereof, as the Rates and Rents by this Act made payable to the Company hereby incorporated; and all Conveyances, Contracts, Mortgages, Bonds, Covenants, Liabilities, Securities, Arrangements, and Agreements made or entered into before the passing of this Act to, with, in favour of, or by or for the Company hereby dissolved, shall be and remain as valid and effectual, in favour of or against and with reference to the Company hereby incorporated, and may be proceeded on, enforced, and satisfied, in the same Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as if the Company hereby incorporated had been a Party to, executed, and incurred the same, or had been named or referred to therein, instead of the Company incorporated by the recited Act.

Company vested in and binding on Company hereby established.

IV. That the Dividends, Rates, Rents, or Charges authorized, made, or imposed under or by virtue of the recited Act, and which at the Time of the passing of this Act shall or may be declared, or be due and payable, or accruing due and payable, or if this Act had not passed would or might have been declared, or have been due and payable, or would or might have accrued due and payable, shall continue to be payable until the same shall be altered under the Authority of this Act, and may be declared, paid, collected, or received in such Manner, and by such Means, and under such Restrictions and Regulations, as any Dividends, Rates, Rents, or Charges to be received in pursuance of this Act may be made or collected or recovered.

Dividends, Rates, &c. payable under recited Act to continue till altered by this Act.

V. That all Sales, Transfers, and Dispositions executed before the passing of this Act of any Share or Shares in the Joint Stock of the Company hereby dissolved shall remain in full force and virtue, and shall be and continue available in all respects whatsoever, in the same Manner as if the same respectively were or had been made, entered into, or executed under or by virtue of any of the Powers or Authorities contained in this Act.

Transfers of Shares, &c. to remain in force.

VI. That

Actions, &c. not to abate, and Penalties to be recoverable.

VI. That no Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding whatsoever, commenced either by or against the Company hereby dissolved, previous to the passing of this Act, shall abate or be discontinued or prejudicially affected by this Act, but, on the contrary, the same shall continue to take effect, either in favour of or against the Company hereby incorporated, in the same Manner in all respects as the same would have continued and taken effect in relation to the Company hereby dissolved if this Act had not been passed, and also all Penalties incurred by any Offence against the Provisions of the recited Act previously to the passing of this Act may be sued for, and all Offences which may have been committed before the passing of this Act against the Provisions of the recited Act may be prosecuted, in such or the like Manner, to all Intents and Purposes, as the same might have been sued for and prosecuted respectively if this Act had not been passed, the Company hereby incorporated being, in reference to the several Matters aforesaid, in all respects substituted in the Place of the Company hereby dissolved.

Books, &c. made Evidence by recited Act to continue so.

VII. That all Books and other Documents whatsoever by the recited Act authorized or directed to be kept, and thereby made Evidence, shall still be admitted as Evidence in all Courts whatsoever.

Officers acting under recited Act to continue till removed under this Act.

VIII. That all Clerks, Officers, and Persons appointed by virtue of or acting under the Authority of the recited Act, and not acting contrary to the Provisions and Directions in this Act contained, shall hold and enjoy their respective Offices and Employments, together with the Salaries or Emoluments thereunto annexed, until they shall be removed therefrom by the Company or the Directors; and all such Clerks, Officers, and Persons shall have the like Powers and Authorities, for the Purposes of this Act, and for carrying the same into execution, and shall be subject and liable to the like Pains and Penalties, and to the like Powers of Removal, and to the like Rules and Regulations in all respects whatsoever as if they had been appointed by virtue of this Act.

8 & 9 Vict. c. 18. and 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15. incorporated with this Act.

IX. That "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," (except such of the Provisions thereof as relate to the Purchase of Lands otherwise than by Agreement,) and "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act; and the Provisions of such incorporated Acts shall be applicable to the Purpose and Undertaking of the Company hereby incorporated, except as herein-after mentioned.

Certain Provisions of 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16. incorporated with this Act.

X. That the following Clauses and Provisions of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1845," shall be incorporated with and form Part of this Act; (that is to say,) with respect to the Distribution of the Capital of the Company into Shares; with respect to the Transfer or Transmission

Transmission of Shares; with respect to the Payment of Subscriptions, and the Means of enforcing the Payment of Calls; with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for Nonpayment of Calls; with respect to the Remedies of Creditors of the Company against the Shareholders; with respect to the borrowing of Money by the Company on Mortgage or Bond; with respect to the Conversion of the borrowed Money into Capital; with respect to the Consolidation of the Shares into Stock; with respect to the General Meetings of the Company, and the Exercise of the Right of voting by the Shareholders; with respect to the Appointment and Rotation of Directors; with respect to the Powers of the Directors, and the Powers of the Company, to be exercised only in General Meeting; with respect to the Proceedings and Liabilities of the Directors; with respect to the Appointment and Duties of Auditors; with respect to the Accountability of the Officers of the Company; with respect to the keeping of Accounts, and the Right of Inspection thereof by the Shareholders; with respect to the making of Dividends; with respect to the making of Byelaws; and with respect to the giving of Notices.

Purpose of the Company.

XI. That the Company shall be established for the Purpose of supplying and lighting with Gas produced from Coal or other Materials the several Streets, Roads, Highways, Byeways, Lanes, public Places, Churches, Chapels, and Buildings, and also the several Shops, Taverns, private Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, and other Buildings, as well within the Township of *Wolverhampton* as within the Township of *Wednesfield* and the Parish of *Tettenhall* (and which Townships and Parish together constitute the Limits of the Act hereby repealed), and also to deal in Coke, Coal Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Oil, and other Matters the Products of the Coal or other Materials which may be employed in the Manufacture of such Gas, and also to manufacture and sell or deal 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.

Shareholders not disqualified from acting under 54 G. 3. c. 106.

XII. And whereas by an Act passed in the Fifty-fourth Year of the Reign of 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*, it is enacted, that no Person shall be capable of acting as a Commissioner under the said Act during the Time that 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 in the said Act: Be it enacted, That nothing in the said lastly-recited Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to disqualify any Person who may or shall have any Share or Interest in the Company hereby incorporated from acting as a Commissioner in the Execution of any of

the Powers of such lastly-recited Act, save and except as far as relates to any Matter in which the said Company may be interested.

Capital.

XIII. That the Capital of the Company shall be Eighty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty Pounds, and shall be divided into Eight thousand eight hundred and ninety-six Shares of the nominal Value of Ten Pounds each.

Proprietors of Shares in old Company to be entitled to 10*l.* Shares in new Company.

XIV. That every Person and Corporation who at the Time of the passing of this Act shall be the Proprietor of One or more Shares in the Capital of the dissolved Company shall be entitled for each such Share to a Share of the nominal Value of Ten Pounds in the Capital of the Company hereby incorporated, upon each of which Shares the full Amount of Ten Pounds shall be deemed to have been paid up, and the said Shares are hereby vested in such Persons and Corporations accordingly.

Such Shares to be subject to same Trusts as the old.

XV. That all Persons and Corporations in whom any of the said Ten Pound Shares in the Capital of the Company hereby incorporated shall be vested as aforesaid shall stand and be possessed thereof upon the same Trusts, and subject to the same Powers, Provisions, Declarations, and Agreements, Charges and Incumbrances, as the Trusts, Powers, Provisions, Declarations, and Agreements, Charges and Incumbrances, upon or to which the Share or Shares in the Capital of the Company hereby dissolved in respect of which the Share or Shares in the Capital of the Company hereby incorporated was or were so vested was or were liable and subject immediately before the passing of this Act, and so as to give effect to and not revoke any Will or other testamentary Instrument disposing of or affecting such Share or Shares.

Residue of Capital to be raised by Creation of new Shares of 10*l.* which shall be offered to existing Shareholders.

XVI. That for the Purpose of enabling the Company to raise the Residue of the said Capital of Eighty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixty Pounds, it shall be lawful for them to create Four thousand four hundred and forty-eight Shares of the nominal Value of Ten Pounds each, and such Shares shall be offered to the then Proprietors of Shares in the Proportion of One new Share for every existing Ten Pounds Share.

How such Offer to be made.

XVII. That such Offer shall be made by Letter under the Hand of the Clerk of the Company, given to or sent by Post to each Proprietor, or left at his usual or last known Place of Abode, or addressed to his last Address appearing in the Shareholders Address Book, by "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845, required to be kept, of which Letter having been so given or sent the Certificate of such Clerk shall be conclusive Evidence; and such newly created Shares shall vest in and belong to the Proprietors who shall accept the same, and pay to the Company the Price at which the same were

New Shares to vest in Persons accepting and paying Calls.

allotted to them, at such Times, and in such Manner, and by such Instalments as shall be fixed by the Directors.

As to Disposal of Shares not taken by Proprietors.

XVIII. That if any Proprietor fail for One Month after such Offer of newly created Shares to accept the same, or to pay any of the Instalments called for in respect thereof, it shall be lawful for the Company to dispose of such Shares to any Party willing to become the Purchaser thereof, for such Sum as the Company can obtain for the same, or otherwise as they shall think proper.

Calls.

XIX. That 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 the new Shares to be created by virtue of this Act, and Two Months at the least shall be the Interval between successive Calls, and the aggregate Amount of Calls on any One Share in any One Year shall not exceed Four Fifths of the Amount of such Share.

Directors may retain accruing Dividends towards unpaid Calls.

XX. That if the Owner of any Share fail to pay a Call payable by him in respect thereof, together with the Interest, if any, that shall have accrued thereon, the Directors shall and may deduct and retain the Amount of any such Call and Interest from the next Dividend or Dividends which shall or may become payable in respect of the same Share, whether such Share shall or shall not then continue the Property of the same Holder.

Power to reborrow.

XXI. That if the Company shall pay off any Sums owing by them on Mortgage or Bond at the Time of the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for them again to borrow the Sum so paid off, and so from Time to Time as Occasion shall require.

Application of Monies.

XXII. That all Money to be raised under the Provisions of this Act shall be applied as follows; (that is to say,) as to One thousand three hundred and twenty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Sevenpence, Part thereof, the same shall be carried to the Revenue Account of the Company, and be applied in the same Manner as the Sum of One thousand three hundred and twenty-three Pounds Ten Shillings and Sevenpence, which has been appropriated out of the Revenues of the Company towards the Extension of their Works, as before mentioned, would have been applicable; as to One thousand seven hundred and seventeen Pounds Nine Shillings and Sevenpence, other Part thereof, the same shall be applied in discharge of the Debt of that Amount still owing by the Company as aforesaid; and the Residue of the Monies so to be raised shall be applied to the Purposes of the Undertaking by this Act authorized, and to no other Purpose.

Number and Qualification of Directors.

XXIII. That the Number of Directors shall be Nine, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of Shares

Shares in the Undertaking upon or in respect of which the Sum of Two hundred Pounds at the least shall have been actually paid up.

First Directors.

XXIV. That the Persons who immediately before the passing of this Act constituted the Directors of the Company hereby dissolved shall be the First Directors of the Company, and shall continue in Office until the Ordinary Meeting of the Company in *February* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Remuneration to Directors.

XXV. That every Director for the Time being of the Company shall be entitled to and receive, out of the Funds of the Company, as a Remuneration for his Trouble in and about the Concerns of the Company, for every Meeting of the Directors at which any Business of the Company shall be transacted, in case he shall be present at the Commencement and continue till the Close of such Business, such Sum of Money as may from Time to Time be fixed by a General Meeting of Proprietors.

Appointment of Auditor.

XXVI. That at the First General Meeting hereby authorized to be held the Shareholders shall appoint One Auditor for the Purpose of auditing the Accounts of the Company.

Directors to appoint Clerk and Treasurer.

XXVII. That the Directors for the Time being of the Company shall elect a Clerk and Treasurer, and may remove from Office any such Clerk or Treasurer; and if any such Clerk or Treasurer die, or resign, or be so removed, another Clerk or Treasurer shall be elected in his Place; and from Time to Time the Directors may fix the Salary or other Emoluments to be allowed to such Clerk or Treasurer respectively as they think proper.

Power to Directors to suspend Auditor.

XXVIII. That the Directors may at any Time suspend the Auditor from his Office, and may appoint some Person temporarily to fill the Office of the Auditor so suspended, or when vacant from any other Cause, with such Salary as they think fit; but in any such Case they shall forthwith call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Company for the Purpose of taking into consideration the Propriety of removing from his Office any Auditor so suspended, and of electing a new Auditor, as the Case may require.

Ordinary Meetings to be held half-yearly.

XXIX. That the First Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company shall be held on the last *Tuesday* in *August* or the last *Tuesday* in *February*, whichever shall first occur after the passing of this Act; and the subsequent Ordinary Meetings of the Company shall be held on the last *Tuesday* in *February* and the last *Tuesday* in *August* in every Year; and all Meetings, whether ordinary or extraordinary, shall be held in the Town of *Wolverhampton*.

Extraordinary Meetings may be

XXX. That the Number of Shareholders on whose Requisition an Extraordinary Meeting may be required to be convened shall be Fifteen

Fifteen holding Shares in the Undertaking upon or in respect of which the Sum of One thousand five hundred Pounds at the least shall have been actually paid up. called by Shareholders.

XXXI. That in order to constitute a Meeting (whether ordinary or extraordinary) there shall be present Fifteen or more Shareholders holding Shares in the Undertaking upon or in respect of which the Sum of Three thousand Pounds at the least shall have been actually paid up. Quorum for a General Meeting.

XXXII. That every Shareholder shall have One Vote for each Ten Pounds actually paid up upon or in respect of the Shares held by him in the Undertaking. Votes of Shareholders.

XXXIII. That the Books of the Company shall be brought to a Balance up to the Thirtieth Day of *June* and the Thirty-first Day of *December* preceding the Ordinary Meeting next following such Days respectively, Fourteen Days at least before such Ordinary Meeting. Books to be balanced periodically.

XXXIV. That at every Half-yearly General Meeting of the Company, or some Adjournment thereof, a Dividend shall be made out of the Interest, Profits, or Advantages of the Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise. Declaration of Dividend.

XXXV. That the Amount of the reserved or contingent Fund shall be Five thousand Pounds. Reserved Fund.

XXXVI. That all Notices required to be given by Advertisement shall be inserted in some One Newspaper published or circulated in the Borough of *Wolverhampton* (if any), or otherwise in some Newspaper published or circulated in the County of *Stafford*. Notices how to be advertised.

XXXVII. That the Limits of this Act shall be held to comprise the whole of the respective Townships of *Wolverhampton* and *Wednesfield* and the Parish of *Tettenhall*, all in the County of *Stafford*. Limits of Act.

XXXVIII. That, subject to the Provisions in this and the said incorporated Acts contained, it shall be lawful for the Company from Time to Time to continue, maintain, alter, enlarge, or discontinue such Gasworks and Apparatus, and such Buildings, with Approaches thereto, upon the Lands belonging to the Company, and to do all such other Acts as they shall think necessary for supplying the Inhabitants within the Limits of this Act with Gas, and to supply such Gas upon such Terms as shall be agreed upon between the Company and the Person supplied therewith, and to sell and dispose of the Coke and other Residuum arising from the Materials used in the Manufacture of Gas, in such Manner as the Company may think proper. Power to maintain, alter, &c. Gasworks.

Power to lay Pipes for lighting Buildings.

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

Company may require Gas to be consumed by Meter.

XL. That every Consumer of Gas of the Company shall, upon Request in Writing by the Company, consume Gas by Meter, to be found and provided by the Company, if the Consumer shall not think fit to provide the same at his own Expense.

For Protection of the Wolverhampton Waterworks Company.

XLI. That if, in carrying into execution any of the Powers by this Act granted, any Injury or Damage shall be done or committed to any of the Pipes, Apparatus, Materials, or Things already laid down by the *Wolverhampton* Waterworks Company, for the Purpose of supplying with Water the said Town of *Wolverhampton* or any Part thereof, either by removing or disturbing the Ground or the Soil whereon the same is or are placed, or by the Compression or subsequent settling or lowering of the same at any Time afterwards, the said Gas Company shall, at their own Expense, Costs, and Charges, within Twenty-four Hours next after Notice in Writing given to them by the said Waterworks Company, or their Clerk or Agent, take Measures, and diligently prosecute the same, to cause such Pipes, Apparatus, Materials, and Things to be well and effectually repaired and amended; and in default or neglect thereof it shall be lawful for the said Waterworks Company, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to cause such Pipes, Apparatus, Materials, and Things so injured or damaged as aforesaid to be effectually repaired, amended, and made good; and the reasonable Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expenses attending the same shall be paid and defrayed by the said Gas Company or their Treasurer, the same having been ascertained and settled, in case of Dispute concerning the same, by some Justice of the Peace, which Determination shall be final and conclusive; and such Damages and Expenses, together with such Costs and Charges as shall be by such Justice allowed, shall be levied and recovered as other Penalties under this Act not specially provided for are directed to be levied and recovered.

No Gasometer to be erected within certain Distance of Works of London and North-western Railway Company.

XLII. That no Gasometer or Buildings used or necessary for creating, making, or supplying Gas, Hydrogen, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, or Essential Oil, shall be erected, built, or established within the Distance of Seventy Yards from the present Passenger and Goods Stations on the Line of the *London and North-western*, or *Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Stour Valley* Railways, within the Townships of *Wolverhampton* and *Wednesfield*, or either of them, without the Consent of the *London and North-*

*North-western* Railway Company for that Purpose first obtained under their Common Seal.

Property of certain Railway Companies not to be interfered with without Consent.

XLIII. That, notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall not be lawful for the said *Wolverhampton* Gas Company, either permanently or temporarily, to enter upon, excavate, bore under, take, appropriate, or use any of the Buildings, Lands, Stations, or Property whatsoever of or belonging to the *London and North-western* Railway Company, either in their own Right or as Lessees of the *Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Stour Valley* Railway, or in any Manner to alter, vary, or interfere with the said *London and North-western*, or *Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Stour Valley* Railways, or either of them, or any of the Works appertaining thereto, without the Consent of the said *London and North-western* Railway Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained for any such Purpose from Time to Time.

Saving Rights of London and North-western Railway Company.

XLIV. That nothing in this Act contained shall extend to prejudice, diminish, alter, vary, or take away any of the Rights, Privileges, Powers, or Authorities vested in the *London and North-western* Railway Company, either in their own Right or as Lessees of the *Birmingham, Wolverhampton, and Stour Valley* Railway, or otherwise.

For Protection of Birmingham Canal Company.

XLV. And whereas the Company of Proprietors of the *Birmingham* Canal Navigations, herein-after for Brevity called "The *Birmingham* Canal Company," are the Owners of divers Bridges and Works over and connected with the said Canal within the Limits of this Act, over which the said Company hereby incorporated propose to continue and lay down Pipes and other Apparatus: Be it therefore enacted, That, notwithstanding anything herein, or in the said recited Act called the Gasworks Clauses Act, incorporated herewith, contained, it shall be lawful for the *Birmingham* Canal Company, from Time to Time and at all Times hereafter, to repair or alter such Bridges, whenever it shall be necessary, upon giving Six Days Notice to the said Company hereby incorporated to securely prop and support the said Pipes and Apparatus while such Repairs or Alterations are being done, and the said Company hereby incorporated shall prop and secure the same accordingly: Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for the said Company hereby incorporated, in exercising any of the Powers conferred on them by this Act or the said Gasworks Clauses Act, to take, use, or interfere with any of the Water belonging to the Canals of the said Canal Company, or in any Manner to impede the Navigation thereof, or take, divert, or interfere with any of the Brooks, Streams, Feeders, or Watercourses by which the said Canals now are or may hereafter be lawfully supplied with Water, or to take or injure any of the Works or Property of the said Canal Company, without their Consent under their Common Seal first had and obtained.

XLVI. That

Power to sell Works to the Corporation of Wolverhampton.

XLVI. That it shall be lawful for the Company to sell, convey, and assign their said Undertaking or any Part thereof, with the Land, Buildings, Works, and other Property belonging thereto, and all or any of their Rights, Powers, and Privileges connected therewith, (but subject to all then existing Provisions, Enactments, Mortgages, Contracts, and Liabilities affecting the same,) to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of *Wolverhampton*, under such Terms and Conditions as may be agreed upon between the Parties, and the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses are hereby empowered to effect such Purchase, and to have and to hold the said Undertaking, Land, Buildings, Works, and other Property, or the Part or Parts thereof, which may be so sold, conveyed, or assigned as aforesaid.

Interpretation of Terms.

XLVII. That in construing the said Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, and Gasworks Clauses Act, as incorporated with this Act,

The Expression "the Special Act" shall mean this Act; and the Expression "the Works" or "the Undertaking" shall mean the Gasworks and Works connected therewith by this Act vested in the Company incorporated or constituted by this Act, or which they may be authorized to execute; the Expressions "the Promoters of the Undertaking" or "the Undertakers" shall mean the Company incorporated by this Act; and the Expression "Gasworks" shall include the Gasworks and Works connected therewith by this Act vested in the Company:

The Word "Company" in this Act shall mean the Company incorporated by this Act:

The Word "Clerk" shall include the Word "Secretary:"

The Expression "Quarter Sessions" in the said incorporated Acts shall be construed to mean the Quarter Sessions for the County of *Stafford* holden at *Stafford*.

Expenses of Act.

XLVIII. That all the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of applying for and obtaining this Act, or incident thereto, shall be defrayed by the Company out of the Capital of the Company.

Short Title.

XLIX. That in citing this Act in other Acts of Parliament, and in legal Instruments and other Proceedings, it shall be sufficient to refer to and describe it by the Title of "The *Wolverhampton* Gas Act, 1852."

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