



ANNO QUINQUAGESIMO OCTAVO

GEORGI II. REGIS.

Cap. lxxiv.

An Act for lighting with Gas the Univerfity and
City of *Oxford*, and the Suburbs of the faid City.

[23d *May* 1818.]

WHEREAS the Univerfity and City of *Oxford*, and the Suburbs of the faid City is a large and populous Place, and it would be of great Benefit to the Members of the faid Univerfity, and the Citizens and Inhabitants of the faid City, and to the Public at large, if the Colleges, Halls, Public Highways, Lanes, Streets, Paflages, and other Places were better lighted: And whereas inflammable Air, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniack Liquor, and Effential Oil, may be procured from Coal: And whereas the faid inflammable Air, being conveyed by Means of Pipes; may be fafely and beneficially ufed for lighting the feveral Colleges, Halls, Public Highways, Lanes, Streets, Paflages, and other Places within the faid Univerfity and City of *Oxford* and Suburbs of the fame, and for lighting Private Houfes; and the Coke may be beneficially employed as Fuel in Private Houfes and Manufactories; and the faid Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniack Liquor, and Effential Oil, may be ufed and applied in various other Ways with great Advantage: And whereas the feveral Perfons herein-after named, and the Subscribers to the faid Undertaking, are willing and defirous, at their own Cofts and Charges, to effect the feveral Purpofes aforefaid; but fuch beneficial Purpofes cannot be carried fully and completely into Execution without the Aid and Authority of Parliament; May it therefore please Your Majefty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's moft Excellent Majefty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this prefent Parli-

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Proprietors.

ment assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Reverend *John Cooke*, President of *Corpus Christi College*; the Reverend *Martin Joseph Routh*, President of *Saint Mary Magdalen College*; the Reverend *Septimus Collinson*, Provost of *Queen's College*; the Reverend *Edward Tatham*, Rector of *Lincoln College*; the Reverend *John Cole*, Rector of *Exeter College*; the Reverend *George William Hall*, Master of *Pembroke College*; the Reverend *James Griffith*, Master of *University College*; the Reverend *John Dean*, Principal of *Saint Mary Hall*; the Reverend *George Thompson*, Principal of *Saint Edmund Hall*, Doctors in Divinity; and *John David Macbride*, Doctor of Laws, Principal of *Saint Mary Magdalen Hall*; the Reverend *James Burton*, *Frederick Barnes*, and *Samuel Smith*, Doctors in Divinity, Canons of *Christ Church*; the Reverend *William Van Mildert*, Doctor in Divinity, Regius Professor of Divinity, and Canon of *Christ Church*; the Reverend *Richard Laurence*, Doctor of Laws, Regius Professor of Hebrew, and Canon of *Christ Church*; the Reverend *Thomas Gaisford*, Regius Professor of Greek; *Joseph Phillimore*, Doctor of Laws, and Regius Professor of Civil Law; *George Williams*, Doctor of Medicine, Professor of Botany; the Reverend *Abram Robertson*, Doctor in Divinity, Professor of Astronomy; the Reverend *William Buckland*, Reader in Mineralogy; the Reverend *John Montagu*, Doctor in Divinity, Fellow of *All Souls College*; the Reverend *William Corne*, the Reverend *Edmund Goodenough*, the Reverend *Charles Lloyd*, and the Reverend *Martin Sandys Wall*, Students of *Christ Church*; the Reverend *Robert Wintle* of *Christ Church*, the Reverend *George Powell*, and the Reverend *Benjamin Cheese*, Fellows of *Baliol College*; the Reverend *John Fox*, the Reverend *William Wilson*, and the Reverend *Robert Dickenson*, Fellows of *Queen's College*; the Reverend *Robert Gatehouse*, the Reverend *George Taunton*, and the Reverend *John Tucker*, Fellows of *Corpus Christi College*; and the Reverend *Vaughan Thomas* of *Corpus Christi College*; the Reverend *Launcelot Lee*, the Reverend *John Walker*, the Reverend *Richard Downes*, the Reverend *Philip Nicholas Shuttleworth*, the Reverend *Richard Tompkyns*, *John Coker*, and *Edward Quicke*, Fellows of *New College*; *George Valentine Cox* of *New College*; the Reverend *Theophilus Leigh Cooke*, and the Reverend *William Browne* of *Magdalen College*; the Reverend *Charles Wightwick*, the Reverend *Charles F. Parker* and *Francis Demainbray*, Fellows of *Pembroke College*; *Robert Pigou* and *Richard Hawker*, Fellows of *Merton College*; the Reverend *John Williams*, Fellow of *Exeter College*; the Reverend *Thomas Speidell*, Fellow of *Saint John's College*; the Reverend *Corbet Hue*, Fellow of *Jesus College*; the Reverend *William Browne* of *Worcester College*; the Reverend *John Gutch* of *All Souls College*, Registrar of the University of Oxford; and *Tilliman Hodgkinson*, *Bobart*, and *John Browne*, Yeomen Bedels of the said University of Oxford; *Sir Joseph Locke* Knight, and *Richard Cox* Esquire, Two of the Aldermen of the City of Oxford; *John Wise Thorp*, *Richard Wootten*, and *James Morrell*, Esquires; *Thomas Bush*, *George William Syms*, *John Hickman*, *William Bulley*, *Simon Hawkins*, *Brown*, *Richard Smith*, *Thomas Roberson*, *Edward Micklethorp*, *John Sheard* the elder, *James Sirman*, *Charles James Adams*, *Richard Sheen*, *Mark Morrell*, *Richard Ferdinand Cox*, *William Cooke*, *Edward Latimer*, *Charles Forster*, *Thomas Ensworth*, *William Hall*, *James Wyatt* and *Walter William Wyatt*, *John Ireland*, *Henry Towsey*, *Joshua Cooke*, *Henry Dixon*, and *John Grosvenor*, *John Slatter*, *Robert Bliss*, *John Cox*, *Richard Green*, *James Brazier*, *William Hayes*, *Samuel Collingwood*, *Joseph Parker*, *Robert Morrell*, *Andrew Bridgwater*,
William

William Parker, Thomas Peake, Richard Dry, Henry Passand, Robert Bessant, John Sheard the younger, Charles Bayne, Robert Mallam, Edward Bailey, William Hanley, James Hunt, John Rainsford, Thomas Taylor, Joseph Cole, George Rackbrow, and William Buffey, and all and every such other Person or Persons as from Time to Time shall 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 Oxford Gas Light and Coke Company," and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued; and that the said Company of Proprietors shall be established for the Purpose of producing inflammable Air, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil from Coal; and shall have full Power to enter into any Contracts with the Commissioners for putting into Execution an Act passed in the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers of Two Acts of His present Majesty, for amending certain Mileways leading to Oxford, and making Improvements in the University and City of Oxford, the Suburbs thereof, and adjoining Parish of Saint Clement, and for other Purposes,* or any Thirteen of them, present at a Meeting to be called for that Purpose by public Notices in the Manner herein-after mentioned, or a Majority of the said Commissioners present at any such Meeting, or with any other Persons having the Controul, Direction, or Management of the Lighting of any of the Colleges, Halls, Public Highways, Lanes, Passages, Streets, or other Places within the University and City of Oxford, and the Suburbs of the said City, or any of the Liberties or Precincts thereof respectively, or any Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, willing and desirous of contracting with the said Company of Proprietors for the Lighting of any such Colleges, Halls, Public Highways, Lanes, Passages, Streets, or other Places, or any Manufactories or private Houses, or Places of Public Exhibition, within the said Public Streets or other Places, situate within the said University and City of Oxford, and the Suburbs of the said City or Liberty thereof, or Liberties or Precincts aforesaid; and to sell and dispose of such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, and all other Products arising from Coal, under such Conditions, Limitations, and Restrictions as are or shall be herein-after expressed.

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and Powers.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby empowered and required, as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act, to contract and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, within the said University and City of Oxford and the Suburbs thereof, not exceeding Two Acres in the whole, with any Body Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or any Tenant or Tenants in Fee Tail, General or Special, or with any Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, or other Trustees whomsoever; not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or with any Person or Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to sell the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act;

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for the Pur-
chase of
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Act; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors to hold such Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so purchased, without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever.

Bodies
Politic, &c.
empowered
to sell.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants in Fee Tail General or Special, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts, whether Infants unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femmes Covert, who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seized, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be thought necessary by the said Company of Proprietors to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all and any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company of Proprietors for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made, by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall, without any Fine or Fines, Recovery or Recoveries, or other Conveyances or Assurances in Law whatsoever, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of their said several and respective Cestuique Trusts, and all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under them, and of all Persons entitled in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular 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, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute, or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all other Persons, are and shall be hereby indemnified for what they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

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of Purchase
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IV. 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 Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenants in Fee Tail, Trustee, Femme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity, 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 Oxford Gas Light and Coke Company," together with the Name or Names of such

such 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 shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of the Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other 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 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, Wills, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner, as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement shall be existing undetermined and capable of taking Effect; and in the mean Time 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 mean Time 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 made.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so contracted and agreed to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastical, Tenants in Fee Tail, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under 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 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 and approving Parties), in order that

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such Principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in any 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.

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VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money, so contracted and agreed to be paid as last before-mentioned, shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall 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 Hereditaments so 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 any Cases of Infancy 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.

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VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments 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 High Court of Chancery; 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 al-
lowed by the
Court.

VIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said High Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said High Court of Chancery 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.

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

On Payment of Purchase Money, Premises vested in the Company.

X. And be it further enacted, That all Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be made to the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors, shall be made in the Form and to the Effect following; (that is to say),

‘ I of in Consideration of the Sum of
 ‘ Pounds to me paid by the Company of Proprietors
 ‘ established under or by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifty-eighth Year
 ‘ of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act* [here insert the
 ‘ Title of this Act] do hereby grant and release to the said Company of
 ‘ Proprietors and their Successors, all [here describe the Premises to be con-
 ‘ veyed] my Right, Title, and Interest in and to the same, and every Part
 ‘ thereof; to hold to the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors
 ‘ for ever. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal,
 ‘ this Day of in the Year of our Lord One thou-
 ‘ sand eight hundred and .’

Form of Conveyance;

And every such Sale, Conveyance, and Assurance so made, shall be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as to and against the Person or Persons making the same, and his, her, or their Cestuique Trusts, and all other Persons claiming or to claim by, from, under, or in Trust for him, her, or them respectively, or in Remainder, Reversion, or Expectancy as aforesaid; and the same shall be deemed and construed to bar the Dower and Dowery of the Wife and Wives 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, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

XI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Gasometer or Depot of Gas, or Buildings or Machinery for the Manufacturing or Production of Gas, shall be erected, made, or established, or used within Two hundred Yards of any public Building, Garden, or Walk belonging to, or held, or repaired, or maintained by the said Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the said University, without first obtaining their Consent under their Common Seal; or within Two hundred Yards of the Cathedral Church of *Christ*, in the said University, or of the Precincts, Gardens, or Walks of the same, without first obtaining the Consent of the Dean and Chapter of the said Cathedral Church, under their Common Seal;

Situation of the Gasometer, &c. not to be within Two hundred Yards of any College or Dwelling House, &c.

Seal; or within Two hundred Yards of any College in the said University, or of the Precincts, Gardens, or Walks of any College, without first obtaining the Consent of such College, under its Common Seal; or within Two hundred Yards of any Hall in the said University, or of the Precincts, Gardens, or Walks of any Hall, without first obtaining the Consent of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the said University, under their Common Seal, and of the Principal of such Hall for the Time being, under his Hand; or within Two hundred Yards of any public Building, Garden, or Walk vested in or held by Doctor *Radcliffe's* Trustees, or the Trustees of the *Oxford* Market, or any Trustees for charitable or other Purposes, without first obtaining the Consent of the said respective Trustees in Writing under their Hands: Provided also, that the said Gasometer or Depot of Gas, or Buildings or Machinery, shall not be made or established within Two hundred Yards of any Messuage, Tenement, or Dwelling House, in any Place or Situation in the said City of *Oxford* and Suburbs, and Liberties and Precincts of the said City, without first obtaining the Consent and Approbation of the Owner or Owners, Lessee or Lessees for the Time being of such Messuage, Tenement, or Dwelling House, under his, her, or their Hand or Hands.

Stock to be raised not to exceed 12,000l.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to raise and contribute among themselves and others a Sum of Money by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the Whole the Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds Sterling, to be subscribed in Shares of One hundred Pounds each.

9,000l. to be subscribed before the Works are begun.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted under this Act, until such Time as the Sum of Nine thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed.

Joint Stock to be raised within Five Years.

XIV. And to the Intent that a sufficient Sum of Money may be provided for answering and paying all Demands upon the said Company of Proprietors, and to furnish the said Company with Money for its necessary and lawful Occasions; it is hereby further enacted, That the said Company shall be obliged to raise among themselves and others the full Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds, within the Period of Five Years from the passing of this Act.

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

XV. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons by or for whom any Subscription shall be made or accepted, or any Payment made pursuant to the Orders of any General Meeting or Meetings to be held by the said Company for that Purpose, for or towards the raising the said Capital Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds as aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively, 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 to which he, she, or they shall have so contributed towards making up the same, and to a proportional Share of the Profits and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be entitled to be admitted a Member or Members of the same.

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XVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the several Persons composing the said Company, shall respectively stand responsible and answerable for all just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company, to the full Amount of their several and respective Shares in the Capital of the said Joint Stock, but shall not be any further or otherwise liable, either personally or in their several and respective Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, or Effects, for any Undertakings, Engagements, Contracts, or Agreements entered into by the said Company, or be subject or liable, by reason of his or their being a Member or Members of the said Company, or of any of the Acts of the said Company, to the Statutes respecting Bankrupts, or any of them.

Subscribers liable to the Debts of the Company, in proportion to their Share in the Stock.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of One hundred Pounds Sterling each; and that no Person or Persons shall be a Subscriber or Subscribers for a less Sum than One hundred Pounds Sterling; and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and as such Personal Estate shall be transmissible accordingly.

Stock to be divided into Shares of 100l. each and be Personal Estate.

XVIII. And to the Intent that all Matters and Things touching the Concerns of the said Company may be managed and conducted in the most beneficial Manner, be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons who shall have subscribed for, or become entitled to, and be in the actual Possession of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall have a Vote or Votes in respect of such Share or Shares in the General and Special Meetings of the said Company, to be held for carrying on the said Undertaking, or for any Purposes relative thereto, in proportion to the Number of Shares following; (that is to say), for One Share and less than Three, One Vote; for Three Shares and less than Five Shares, Two Votes; for Five Shares and upwards, Three Votes: Provided that no Person shall be entitled to give any Vote at such Meeting or Meetings, unless such Person shall be possessed of One Share at least in the said Undertaking.

Proprietors to vote according to the Number of their Shares.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That whenever Two or more Persons shall be jointly Possessors of or entitled to Two or more Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the Profits and Advantages thereof, such Persons shall be entitled to give their Vote or Votes in respect thereof by the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books of the said Company as Proprietors of such Shares; and that no Person or Persons shall vote at any of the Meetings of the said Company, upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking in which such Person or Persons shall be anyways interested other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors to or of the said Undertaking.

If Two or more Persons be Joint Proprietors, the first named shall vote.

XX. And be it further enacted, That any Female 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 her Vote or Votes at such General or Special Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking: Provided

Empowering Female Proprietors of Shares to vote by Proxy.

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nevertheless, that no Person shall deliver in Proxies for more than Three Female Proprietors; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following, (*videlicet*)

Form of Proxy.

‘ I of One of the Proprietors of and in “The Oxford Gas Light and Coke 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, that shall be mentioned or proposed at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, 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

Proceedings to be entered in Books.

XXI. 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.

Committee of Management to be appointed.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That there shall be from Time to Time elected, from Members of the said Company, Five Persons (to be appointed as after mentioned), and such Persons, when so elected, shall and are hereby declared to be the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company; but no Person who shall be a Member of the said Committee shall be a Dealer, either directly or indirectly, in any one of the Articles to be provided or manufactured by the said Company.

First Meeting of the Company.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers, or any Five or more of them, shall meet together at the Townhall of the said City of Oxford, within Thirty Days next after the passing of this Act, between the Hours of Eleven in the Forenoon and Two in the Afternoon, 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 such Meeting to the same Place, or such other convenient Place in the City of Oxford aforesaid as the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers, or any Three or more of them, shall think proper; and if it shall happen that there shall not appear at any One Meeting a sufficient Number of Proprietors to act or to adjourn (Three Proprietors being hereby declared sufficient for the Purposes of the Adjournment only), then and so often as the same shall happen, such Meeting shall stand over and be deemed to be adjourned to the same Day in the following Week, and at the same Time and Place, or until another Day shall be appointed by the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers, or Three or more of them.

XXIV. And

XXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers, or any Five or more of them, present at such Meeting or Meetings as last aforesaid, shall and may proceed to elect Five Persons, qualified as last aforesaid, to form and become such Committee of Management as aforesaid, by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors present, according to their respective Number of Votes, such Votes to be taken by Ballot; and in case such Votes shall be equal, then the Chairman, to be first elected and chosen at every such Meeting, shall have a casting Vote; and that the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers, or any Five or more of them present as aforesaid, shall and may appoint One or more Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk or Clerks, or such other Officers and Persons for the Execution of this Act as they the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers shall think proper, and shall and are hereby required to take Security from such Treasurer or Treasurers, Officer or Officers, or other Person, for the faithful Execution of their respective Duties.

Appointment of Committee of Management, Officers, &c.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors 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 of Proprietors for executing this Act; 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 any such Treasurer shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, every Person so offending 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 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, or more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Clerk restrained from acting as Treasurer, and vice versa.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That from and after the First Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers, there shall be held in each Year Two General Meetings of the said Company; (that is to say), on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and the Twenty-sixth Day of *December*, or within Fourteen Days next after such Days respectively; of which several Meetings Fourteen Days Notice at the least shall be given by Advertisement in One or more of the public Newspapers published in the said City of *Oxford*; and the First General Meeting to be held by virtue of this Act shall be holden on such of the said Days as shall first happen next after the First Meeting of Proprietors; and that all such Meetings may be adjourned from Time to Time, and from Place to Place, as shall be found expedient; and that the Subscribers and Company of Proprietors at such General Meeting, or at any other Special Meetings to be called for that Purpose, of which Fourteen Days Notice shall be given in Manner aforesaid, specifying the Purpose for which such Special Meeting is called, shall have Power to elect other Persons, qualified as last aforesaid, to be Members of the Committee of Management, and to serve in the Place of such Person or Persons whose Office shall have respectively become vacant by Death, Amotion, Resignation, or Want of Qualification, or otherwise;

Two General Meetings to be held in each Year.

wife; and that no Member or Members of the said Company, to be chosen One of the Committee of Management of the said Company, shall be capable of being so chosen, or of continuing in such Office as aforesaid, unless the said One or more Shares be entered and continue in the Names of such Person or Persons respectively in the Books of the said Company.

Committee
to continue
in Office
Three Years.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That the said several Persons therein to be nominated and appointed the Committee of Management as aforesaid, who shall not resign or be removed, or become ineligible or disqualified, shall continue in their respective Offices for the Space of Three Years, to be accounted from the Day of Election, and until others shall be duly elected into their Places; and that all succeeding Members of the said Committee shall successively be chosen out of the Members of the said Company, or Subscribers, between the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* and the Twenty-fourth Day of *June*.

Vacancies in
the Commit-
tee how to be
filled up.

XXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Vacancy or Vacancies in the said Committee, by Death, Resignation, Removal, or becoming ineligible or unqualified as aforesaid, may and shall be filled up at any Special Meeting or Meetings to be called for that Purpose in Manner aforesaid; and that 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 in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have continued in Office.

Special Meet-
ings of the
Proprietors
may be con-
vened.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time it shall appear to the said Committee of Management for the Time being, at any Meeting, or to any Ten or more of the said Company of Proprietors or Subscribers, who shall together be Holders of Thirty Shares at the least, to be necessary or expedient to call a Special Meeting of the Proprietors at large, for the Purpose of taking their Opinion and Determination upon any Matter or Thing relating to the said Company, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for such Committee of Management, of their own Authority, or at the Requisition in Writing to be signed by such Ten or more other Proprietors, being Holders of at least Thirty Shares, and which Requisition shall specify the Object of such Meeting; and in case the Committee of Management for the Time being shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Fourteen Days, to comply with such Requisition, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the Proprietors who shall have signed the same, to call a Special Meeting of the Proprietors at large, by Advertisement in One or more of the Newspapers published in the City of *Oxford*, specifying the Place where and the Time when such Meeting is to be held, the Time not being less than Twenty-one Days after such Notice, and the Place somewhere in the said City of *Oxford*, and likewise specifying in such Notice the Reason for and Intention of calling such Special Meeting; and the Proprietors are hereby authorized to meet pursuant to such Notice, and take into Consideration the Matter or Matters to be submitted to them by the Persons calling such Special Meeting, and specified in such Notice; and the Decision and Determination of the Proprietors present at such Meeting, or the major Part of them, according to the Number of Votes they shall have a Right to give respecting such Matter or Matters, shall be as valid to all Intents and Purposes as if the same had been made at any General Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers.

XXX. And

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of them then present, and in case of an equal Division, the Chairman for the Time being shall have the casting Vote; and that if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee, Three in Number shall not attend, that then and in every such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned to the next Day by the Members or Member then present, or if none be present, by the Clerk to the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place.

Meetings of the Committee and Regulations for their Proceedings.

XXXI. 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, 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 for the Lighting of any such Colleges, Halls, Public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages and other Places, Houses, Manufactories or Buildings whatever, and in ordering, directing, and employing the Works and Workmen, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced from Coal as aforesaid, and in placing and displacing Officers, Clerks, Agents, and Servants, and making all Contracts or 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.

Power of Committee of Management, &c.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers, or other Officer or Officers 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 Members at the least of the said Committee present at some Meeting of the said Committee of Management; and that on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* and Twenty-sixth Day of *December* in every Year, or within Fourteen Days of the same respectively, a Half-yearly Dividend or Dividends shall be made by the Committee of Management for the Time being aforesaid, out of the Interests, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, at a Meeting or Meetings of the said Company, to be held at such several Times as last aforesaid respectively, unless the Proprietors of the said Undertaking shall at such Meeting or Meetings declare otherwise; and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of so much for every One hundred Pounds upon all and every Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by such Proprietors, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as the said Company shall think fit at such Meeting or Meetings to appoint and determine; provided that no Dividend shall be declared, made, or paid for Twelve Calendar Months after the passing of this Act: Provided always, that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of such Company shall be in any Degree reduced or impaired.

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

Dividends to be made.

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XXXIII. Pro-

Limiting the
Profits of the
Company.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the clear Profits to be received by the said Company of Proprietors from the said Undertaking, shall never exceed the Sum of Ten Pounds *per Annum* upon each Share of One hundred Pounds; and in order to ascertain the Amount of the clear Profits of the said Undertaking, the said Company shall and are hereby required, from the Thirty-first Day of *December* next after the Expiration of Two Years from the Time of passing this Act, to cause a true, exact, and particular Account to be kept and annually made up and balanced to the said Thirty-first Day of *December*, of the Money collected or received by them, or for their Use, by virtue of this Act, and of the Charges and Expences attending the supporting, maintaining, and using the said Works; and if the clear Profits of the said Undertaking shall at any Time amount to a larger Sum of Money than shall be sufficient to make a Distribution amongst the said Proprietors of Ten Pounds *per Annum* upon every such Share, such Percentage to be computed and take place from the Time of the passing of this Act, then and in such Case the Excess or Surplus which shall be more than sufficient for the Purposes aforesaid, shall from Time to Time be placed in the Hands of such Person or Persons, or on such Government or other Security or Securities, to answer any Deficiencies that may happen in the next or any succeeding Year or Years, as the said Company shall for that Purpose order or direct, until such Excess or Surplus shall amount to the Sum of Four thousand Pounds; and the Interest or Dividends of such Sum or Sums so to be invested shall be paid and applied in like Manner as the Money to be received by or for the Use of the said Company by virtue of this Act are to be paid or applied; and the total Amount of every such annual Account as aforesaid, together with an Account of the Dividends and Interest to be from Time to Time received on all such Money so to be placed out as aforesaid, shall be laid before the Vice Chancellor of the said University of *Oxford*, or any other Magistrate acting for the said University, and the Mayor of the said City, or any other Magistrate acting for the said City, not interested in the Undertaking, Twenty-one Days next after the making up of every such annual Account, to be made on the Twenty-sixth Day of *December*; and if it shall appear that the clear Profits of the said Undertaking, after such Sum shall have been so vested, including the said Dividends and Interest, shall upon the Average of Three Years then next preceding, have exceeded the Rate of Ten Pounds *per Annum* upon every such Share, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors shall pay such Surplus of the said clear Profits, Dividends, and Interest to the said Commissioners for lighting, paving, and cleansing the said University and City of *Oxford*, to be by them applied and disposed of towards and in Aid of any Rate or Assessment, Rates or Assessments, made or to be made under the said Act; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Calls to be
made on
Subscribers.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That at every General Meeting of the said Company, or the Committee of Management for the Time being, (in consequence of any Resolution that shall have been first passed for such Purpose at any Meeting of such Committee of Management for the Time being, to have been on that Account held) 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 the said Committee of Management shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; so that

no such Call do exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds for or in respect of any One Share of One hundred Pounds; and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of Three 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, to be issued and applied by virtue of an Order or Orders given to him for that Purpose; and that such Order or Orders shall be signed by the Chairman of the said Committee of Management for the Time being, and Three of the Members of the said Committee, at least present at some Meeting of the said Committee duly held; and that the said several Sums of Money so called for shall be paid at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such General Meeting of the said Company, of which Time and Place One Calendar Month's Notice at least shall be given in One or more of the said Newspapers published in *Oxford*, or in such other Manner as the said Committee of Management shall at any Meeting direct and appoint in that Behalf; and that 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 Three Calendar Months next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then in such Case, such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, and Interest in the said Undertaking and Capital Stock, and all Profit and Advantage thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them on account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the Rest of the said Company; and that all Shares which shall or may be so forfeited, shall or may be sold at a public Sale for the most Money that can be gotten for the same, and the Produce thereof shall go to and make Part of the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company; but that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, until after Twenty-one Days Notice shall be given by the Treasurer or Clerk to the said Company to the Owner or Owners thereof, or Notice in Writing left at his, her, or their usual or last Place of Abode, nor unless the same shall be declared to be forfeited at the First Meeting of the said Proprietors which shall be held not earlier than Two Calendar Months next after the said Forfeiture shall happen; and that every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Proprietor and Proprietors, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, so forfeiting, against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions for any Breach of Contract or other Agreement between such Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, and the said Company, with regard to the future carrying on and Management of the said Undertaking.

XXXV. 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 of the full Sum to be called for in respect thereof as aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provision as aforesaid, by Will or otherwise, how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, that then and in such Case the Executors or Administrators of such Proprietor, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians of any Infant or other Person entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such Infant and all other Persons whomsoever, for paying any Money which shall be called for as aforesaid, in respect of the Share or Shares of such deceased Proprietor.

Executors,
&c. indemnified in paying Calls.

XXXVI. An

the Sum of _____ Capital Stock of and in the
 Undertaking called "The Oxford Gas Light and Coke Company,"
 being _____ of my Share, Number _____ 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, that I held the same
 immediately before the Execution hereof: And I, the said
 _____ do hereby agree to take and accept the said
 Share, subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and
 Conditions. As Witness our Hands and Seals, this
 Day of _____ in the Year of our Lord

And that every such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said
 Company; and a Copy of such Register, signed by the Clerk or other
 Officer of the said Company duly authorized thereto, shall be sufficient
 Evidence of every such Sale and Transfer, and received as such in all Dis-
 putes and in all Trials before any Court in the United Kingdom; and
 that until such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Com-
 pany as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share or Shares,
 their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, shall have any
 Part or Share in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantages
 thereof, nor shall 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.

Transfer to
be registered.

XXXVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person
 or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they
 shall possess in the said Undertaking, until the whole of his or her Sub-
 scription, or such Part thereof as may be necessary for carrying the said
 Undertaking into Execution, shall be fully paid and satisfied.

No Share to
be sold till
the Money
be entirely
paid.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passing of
 this Act, no Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Un-
 dertaking shall be qualified and entitled to vote for himself or herself,
 whose Name has not been entered in the Books of the said Company as
 the Possessor or Proprietor of such Share or Shares, at any General or Spe-
 cial Meeting of the said Company, according to the Rates contained and
 directed in this Act: Provided always, that no Person shall be entitled to
 vote at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, in respect
 of any Share or Shares which he or she may possess in the said Under-
 taking, unless such Person shall have fully paid and satisfied all Arrears of
 Money which shall or may have become due in pursuance of any Call or
 Calls made or to be made by the said Committee of Management for or in
 respect of such Share or Shares.

Proprietors
not to vote
unless their
Names shall
have been en-
tered in the
Books of the
Company as
Owners, nor
unless they
shall have paid
their Calls.

XL. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Sum of Twelve
 thousand Pounds herein-before authorized to be raised shall be found
 insufficient for making, completing, and maintaining the said Undertak-
 ing hereby authorized to be made, and defraying all necessary Charges
 and Expences relating thereto, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for
 the said Company of Proprietors and Subscribers to raise and contribute
 amongst themselves in Manner and Form aforesaid, and 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

Power to raise
a further Sum
of Money if
necessary.

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perfecting the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Six thousand Pounds; and every Subscriber towards raising such further or other Sum of Money, shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and shall have a like Vote by 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 originally been Part of the said Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds; any Thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

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

XLI. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or their Committee of Management, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who shall be entitled to Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of the 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 to cause the same to be signed by their Chairman; and they shall also cause a Certificate, so signed by the Chairman and Clerk, to 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 of any of the said Shares from selling or disposing thereof.

Power in certain Cases to break up the Soil and Pavement of the Streets, &c. for laying Pipes, &c.

XLII. And whereas the same inflammable Air or Gas cannot be used for lighting the Colleges, Halls, Public Streets, Ways, Passages, and other Places as aforesaid, unless the said Air or Gas be conveyed by means of Pipes properly laid for that Purpose; be it further enacted, That if at any Time after the passing of this Act the Commissioners under the said Act shall, at any Meeting of which Fourteen Days public Notice, expressing the Purpose of the same, shall be previously given in the *Oxford Papers*, and also fixed at the South Gate of the Schools of the said University, and at the Gate of the Townhall of the said City, or a Majority of Seven of them present at such Meeting (such Meeting not being less than Thirteen), think it fit and convenient to contract with the said Company, or with any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to light the public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, or other public Places, or any Part of them, in the said University and City of *Oxford* and Suburbs thereof, by means of such Gas as aforesaid, that then and in all such Cases it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, and for such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, with the Approbation and under the Direction of such Commissioners, or any Five of them, delegated at such Meeting, and under the Inspection of their Surveyor, to break up the Soil and Pavement of any such public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places, and to dig and sink Trenches and lay Pipes, and put Stop Cocks or Plugs or Branches from such Pipes, in such Places as aforesaid, and in such Manner as shall be necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution,

Execution, or supplying any such Light as aforesaid; and from Time to Time, with such Approbation and under such Direction and Inspection as aforesaid, to alter the Position of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stop Cocks, and Plugs, and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things, as the said Company and their Successors, or such other Person or Persons as aforesaid, shall with such Approbation and under such Direction and Inspection as aforesaid, from Time to Time think necessary and convenient for completing, amending, repairing, improving, and using the same.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall in any Manner authorize or empower the said Company, or any Person acting in their Behalf, to carry, lay, or put any Sewer, Cut, Main, Trench, or Pipe, or any other Matter or Thing, through or into any Cellar, Vault, or other Place within or under such public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and Places, without the Consent of the Owner or Owners and Occupier or Occupiers for the Time being of such Cellar, Vault, or other Place, in Writing under his, her, or their Hand or Hands first had and obtained.

No Sewer, &c. to be made through any Cellar or Vault, without the Consent of the Owner, &c.

XLIV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall give any Power or Authority to the said Company to break up any Soil or Pavement whereon the Market is erected, in the said City of *Oxford*, except with the Consent and under the Direction of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the said University, and the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said City, or of the Committee by them appointed for regulating the said Market.

The Soil or Pavement of the Market not to be broken up without the Consent of the Chancellor, &c. of the University, &c.

XLV. And be it further enacted, That when and as often as the said Company, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall dig or sink any Trench or Trenches for laying any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, or other Apparatus, or shall open any Ground for the Purposes of this Act, or any of them, in, upon, or near to which any Water Pipe or Pipes belonging to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the said City of *Oxford*, for conveying Water into or about the said City of *Oxford*, Liberties and Precincts, or any Branch or Service Pipe or Pipes, for the Supply of any Dwelling House or Building shall be laid, the said Company, their Servants, Agents, or Workmen, shall and they are hereby required to give such previous Notice thereof to the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, or to the Occupier of such Dwelling House or Building supplied by such Branch or Service Pipe or Pipes, as the Case may be, as is herein-before required to be given to the said Commissioners or their Surveyor or Surveyors for other Purposes under this Act; and on every such Occasion the said Company, their Servants, Agents, and Workmen, shall, under the Direction and Inspection of the Surveyor for the Time being of the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty, or of the Occupier of such Dwelling House or Building, or his or her Surveyor, as the Case may be, protect and secure such Pipe or Pipes from any Injury or Damage, and shall also repair and make good any Damage that shall or may be done to any such Pipe or Pipes on any such Occasion, and in Default being made in any of the Matters aforesaid, the said Company, their Servants, Agents, and Workmen, or such of them as shall offend herein, shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings, and shall also pay to the said Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty,

For the Protection of Water Pipes.

monalty, or to such Occupier of such Dwelling House or Building, as the Case may be, the Costs and Expences which shall have been incurred by them, him, or her, in the securing and protecting, or in repairing or making good any Injury or Damage that may be done to such Pipe or Pipes by the Means aforesaid; such Costs and Expences to be ascertained by any Justice of the Peace for the City of *Oxford*, and to be sued for and recovered in the same Manner as any Penalty under this Act may be sued for and recovered.

Power to make Sewers for carrying off the Washings and Liquids.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, with such Approbation and under such Direction and Inspection as aforesaid, and in such Line as the said Commissioners at such Meeting as aforesaid shall direct, to make such Sewers or Cuts, of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think expedient, under the public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places within the said University and City and Suburbs of the said City, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings or other Waste Liquids which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid; the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers or Cuts, and immediately repairing at their own Expence all such Damage.

Washings or Liquids, &c. not to be conveyed to the Isis or the Cherwell, &c.

XLVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to carry or convey, or cause, permit, or suffer to be carried or conveyed, to or into the Rivers *Isis* or *Cherwell*, or either of such Rivers, or into any Branch, Stream, Ditch, or Drain communicating or connected with either of the said Rivers, any Washings or Liquids, or any Lime or other Ingredient, Matter or Thing, which shall arise or be produced in manufacturing or procuring the said Gas, or in or by the Prosecution of any of the Works aforesaid.

No Sewer, &c. to be made in any Place belonging to the University, &c. without Consent.

XLVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall in any Manner authorize or empower the said Company, or any Person acting in their Behalf, to carry, lay, or put any Sewer, Cut, Main, Trench, or Pipe, or any other Matter or Thing, through or into any Place belonging (whether in their own Occupation or otherwise), to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the said University, or to the Cathedral Church of *Christ* in *Oxford*; or to any of the said Colleges or Halls, without first obtaining the Consent of the said Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, or of the said Dean and Chapter, or of such College, under their Common Seal respectively, or in the Case of a Hall, without first obtaining the Consent of the said Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars under their Common Seal, and of the Principal of the said Hall under his Hand.

No Drain for carrying off the Washings to be made, or the Contents of any Drain to be emptied, within the University or

XLIX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to make or cause to be made any Drain, Cut, or Sewer, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings or other waste Liquid or Materials which may flow from or be used in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, or to empty or cause to be emptied the Contents of any Drain, Cut, or Sewer, within the said University or City, or of the Liberties or Precincts of either of them, without the Consent in Writing of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the said University, and

and of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Common Council of the said City, under their respective Common Seals, first had and obtained.

City without Consent, &c.

L. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors from Time to Time to contract with the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the said Act of the Fifty-second Year of the Reign of His said present Majesty, or any Thirteen or more of them, at any Meeting to be called in the Manner herein-before mentioned, or a Majority of the said Commissioners present at any such Meeting, for lighting with Gas any Lamp or Lamps in the said University and City of *Oxford*, and Suburbs of the said City, for any reasonable Period of Time, and to erect or cause to be erected Pillars and all other Apparatus to receive such Gas Lights; all which Contracts and Acts shall be binding and conclusive, as well upon the said Company and the said Commissioners as their Successors respectively.

Powers for the Company to contract with the Commissioners of Lamps in Oxford for lighting with Gas.

LI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person, being a Commissioner for carrying into Execution the said Act herein-before mentioned, shall be One of the said Company of Proprietors, or be interested in any Share of the said Undertaking, or shall hold any Office under or be otherwise employed by, or have any Dealing, Bargain, or Contract with the said Company, under, by, or with any Person or Persons acting in Behalf of the said Company, or shall have any personal Interest in the said Undertaking, every such Person shall be wholly disqualified from acting or voting, and shall not act or vote as a Commissioner of the said Act in any Matter or Thing relating to this Act, or to the carrying of the same into Execution.

Disqualifying Persons who may be interested, from acting as a Commissioner in the Lighting Act of 52 G. 3.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company of Proprietors shall have full Power and Authority, under the Inspection of the Surveyor to the said Commissioners, to break up the Soil and Pavement of any of the said public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places within the said University and City of *Oxford* and the Suburbs of the said City, and to lay any Mains or Pipes communicating with the Works of the said Company, under and along any public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages, or other public Places, or any Part of them, within the said University and City and Suburbs of the said City, for the Purpose of lighting any Colleges, Halls, Houses, Manufactories, or Buildings whatever, from any of such Mains or Pipes, although no Contract may have been entered into with the said Commissioners for lighting any public Street, Highway, Lane, or Passage, in the Parish or public Place where such Colleges, Halls, Houses, Manufactories, or Buildings shall lie or be situated; any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Powers of the Company in lighting Houses.

LIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Workmen employed in laying or repairing, removing or altering, any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, or Branches, shall fill in the Trenches, and make good the Pavements and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned thereby, and shall repair any Damage arising from any Sewers or Cuts which may be made for carrying off the Washings or waste Liquids, afore-said, without the least Delay; and shall in the meantime guard the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, by placing and setting up

Workmen in laying Pipes to make good the Pavement.

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Lamps or Lights during the Night, and in such other Manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages, and as the said Commissioners or their Successors shall from Time to Time direct; and in Default thereof, the said Company of Proprietors shall be liable to pay and incur a Penalty of any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for such their Neglect or Default, to be levied, recovered, and applied in such and the same Manner as any other Penalty is by this Act directed to be levied, recovered, and applied: Provided always, that if there shall be any 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, or under any Contract with them, in filling in any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners, or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by and under the Authority of the said Commissioners, to fill in such Ground, and remove such Rubbish, and to repair and make good the Pavement of any public Street, Highway, Lane, Passage, or public Place so broken up; and that the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company of Proprietors or their Treasurer; and that 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 credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the said City, all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company 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 as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant; and such Costs, Charges, and Penalty shall be paid to the said Commissioners or their Treasurer.

Power to
raise, sink, or
alter Pipes,
&c.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That if for the Purposes of the said Act herein-before mentioned, it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners under the said before-mentioned Act, to require the said Company of Proprietors to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the Situation of any of the Mains, Pipes, Stop-cocks, Plugs, or Branches which shall be laid down for the Purposes aforesaid, the said Company of Proprietors shall at their own Expence, within Two Calendar Months next after being required so to do, by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners, signed by their Clerk, raise, sink, or alter such Pipes, Stock-cocks, Plugs, or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Manner and in such Place or Places as the said Commissioners shall think right and proper; and in Default thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Commissioners or their Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches to be raised, sunk, or altered; and that the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company of Proprietors or their Treasurer: Provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within One Month next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor, or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said

faid Commissioners (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said City), 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, 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 their Treasurer.

LV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising, sinking, or altering any of the said Pipes, Cocks, Plugs, or Branches, any Damage or Injury shall be wilfully or negligently done to the same by the said Commissioners or their Servants, then and in every such Case such Damage or Injury shall be made good as soon as Circumstances permit, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences thereof shall be paid by the said Commissioners. Damage to be made good.

LVI. Provided also, 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 in Writing of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, on pain of forfeiting the Sum of Fifty Pounds, and also the further Sum of Forty Shillings a Day for every Day such Pipe shall so remain, 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 said City, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby 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 the Common Gaol of the said City, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Two Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied. No Pipes of Communication to be laid without Consent of the Company.

LVII. 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, and for the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking in all Respects whatsoever; and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws, or any of them, and to make others, and impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Persons in any Manner concerned or interested in such Undertaking, who shall offend against such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws, or any of them, General Meeting may make Bye-Laws.

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 printed, and be binding upon all Persons, and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same: Provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act: Provided also, that Copies thereof shall be fixed and continued in the Town Hall of the said City; and all such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws shall be subject to Appeal in Manner by this Act directed.

Appeal may
be made to
Quarter
Sessions.

LVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any Rule, Bye-Law, or Order 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 the General Quarter Sessions to be held in and for the City of *Oxford*, and not elsewhere; the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten clear Days Notice of such Appeal, and of the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the principal Law Clerk of the said Company; and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such City, with 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 Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such Complaint at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or, if they think proper, may adjourn the hearing thereof to the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for such City, 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 whatsoever.

To compel
Payment of
Subscription.

LIX. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed, or who shall hereafter subscribe or advance any Money for and towards carrying on the Works hereby authorized to be made, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed, or such Parts or Portions thereof as shall from Time to Time be called for by the said Committee of Management, under and by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places as shall be directed by the said Committee in Manner before mentioned; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay the same at the Time and in the Manner required for that Purpose,
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it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same in any Court of Law or Equity.

LX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the Effect of depriving the Commissioners for lighting, cleansing, and paving the said University and City, or their Successors, or any Person or Persons, of any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them at present possess, or of interfering with any Right, Power, or Authority which they or any of them may hereafter require, of lighting Colleges, Halls, public Streets, Highways, Lanes, Passages and other Places, Houses, Manufactories, or Buildings, with Gas Lights, or in any other Manner: Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner interfere with the Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners for lighting, cleansing, and paving the said University and City of *Oxford*, and Suburbs of the said City, or any Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporation Aggregate or Sole, established for the Supply of Water in or for any of such Parishes or Places, or any Part or Parts thereof, or the Rights of any Person or Persons to make, enlarge, repair, or amend any Vault under any Street within such Parishes or Places: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding 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 Actions against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works or Method of lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Persons employed therein.

Rights of Persons to light Streets, &c. not to be affected.

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

Expences of this Act how to be paid.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned 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 Part 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, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of appearing, or appearing shall refuse to be examined on Oath, or in case of a Quaker or Quakers on solemn Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer), and to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for Attendance as a Witness.

For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

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Persons giving false Evidence to be punished.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses who shall be examined by or before the said Commissioners or any Justice of the Peace under this Act, upon Oath, or in case of a Quaker or Quakers on solemn Affirmation, shall wilfully and corruptly give false Evidence, and shall be thereof convicted, he, she, or they so giving false Evidence shall be subject to wilful and corrupt Perjury.

Directing the Manner of serving Notices.

LXIV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases of Notices and Summonses by this Act directed or required to be given or served, which shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers of this Act, the Service of any of such Notices or Summonses, either on the Person or Persons on whom the same ought to be given, or leaving the same, or a true Copy thereof, at his, her, or their Dwelling House, or usual or last Place of Abode, shall be good and sufficient Service of any and every such Notices or Summonses; and that in all Cases whatsoever where any such Notices or Summonses ought to be given to Two or more Persons, for or respecting the joint Act or Omission of any such Person or Persons, whether the said Person or Persons be in Partnership or Trade, or otherwise jointly concerned in any such Act or Omission, the like Service of any such Notices or Summonses on any one such Partner or Partners, Person or Persons, shall be and is hereby declared to be as good and sufficient Service thereof as if the same had been served on both or all such Persons.

How Notices shall be served on the Company.

LXV. 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 upon any one of the Members of the Committee of Management, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or upon the Clerk of the said Company, or left at the Office of such Clerk, or 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 other Agent or Officer employed by the said Company, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed good and sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

Proceedings to be within Three Calendar Months.

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons 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 some Proceedings, or Notice of some intended Proceeding, shall be had or given respecting such Offence or Offences within Three Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the said University or City of *Oxford* (as the Case may be), in a summary way, by Information upon the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending (which Oath such Justice is hereby authorized to administer); and that all the Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed (the Manner of levying or recovering whereof

whereof is not hereby otherwise particularly directed) shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of some Justice of the Peace for the said University or City, which Warrant such Justice is hereby required and empowered to grant, upon Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Information of One or more credible Witnesses or Witnesses upon Oath, which Oath such Justice is hereby required and empowered to administer; and One Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained (the reasonable Charges of such Distress and Sale being first deducted) shall be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor of such Parish; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Penalties and Forfeitures shall not be paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Prison of the said City, for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

LXVIII. 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*),

' City of Oxford } ' (to wit.) }	B	E it remembered, That on the _____ Day of _____ in the _____ Year of the Reign of _____ and in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and _____ is convicted before me, One of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the City of <i>Oxford</i> , by virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in the Fifty- eighth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King <i>George</i> the Third, inti- tuled <i>An Act</i> [<i>here insert the Title of this Act</i>] of having [<i>specify the</i> <i>Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed,</i>] contrary to the said Act, and for which Offence I do adjudge the said _____ to have forfeited the Sum of _____ Given under my Hand and Seal, the Day and Year first above written.'	Form of Conviction.
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LXIX. Saving always to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of *Oxford*, and to all Persons matriculated therein, or being Members thereof, their Rights and Privileges of civil and criminal Judicature and Trial, in the Courts of the said University alone, as the same have been granted by the Charters of the said University, and confirmed by divers Acts of Parliament. Saving the Rights of the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars, &c.

LXX. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the said University, and their Successors, the several Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Sole of the said University, and their Successors, the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City of *Oxford*, and their Successors, the Commissioners for lighting, cleansing, and paving the said University and City, and their Successors, the Commissioners of Sewers and their Successors, and to the Commissioners of the *Thames* Navigation and their Successors, and all Persons whomsoever, their respective Rights, Privileges, and General Saving of all Rights.

and Franchises, in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been passed.

Public Act.

LXXI: 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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