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An Act for lighting with Gas the City of *Bristol*,
and certain Parishes adjacent thereto.

[23d *March* 1819.]

WHEREAS the City of *Bristol*, and the Parishes adjacent thereto, that is to say, the Parishes of *Clifton*, *Saint James*, *Westbury-upon-Trym*, *Saint Paul*, and *Saint Philip and Jacob*, in the County of *Gloucester*, and the Parish of *Bedminster*, in the County of *Somerset*, are large and populous, and it would be of great Advantage to the Citizens and Inhabitants thereof, and to the Public at large, if the Streets and other public Passages and Places therein were better lighted: And whereas Inflammable Air or Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor and Essential Oil, may be procured from Coal and other Materials: And whereas the said Inflammable Air or Gas, being conveyed by means of Pipes, may be safely and beneficially used for lighting the Streets, Squares, Market Places, Courts, Yards, Passages, Docks, Quays, Highways, Roads, Lanes, and other Places within the said City and Parishes adjacent, and for lighting Manufactories, Shops, private Houses and other Buildings; and the Coke may be beneficially employed as Fuel in private Houses and Manufactories; and the said Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil may be used and applied in various other Ways with great Advantage: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named, together with other Persons, are willing and desirous, at their own Costs and Charges, to effect the several Purposes aforesaid; but such beneficial Purposes cannot be carried fully and completely into Execution without the Aid and Authority of Parlia-

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ment: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That *Duncan M^rArthur, Thomas Andrewes, Robert Howard Adams, John Lewis Auriol, William Birch, George Frederick Bromhead, Nehemiah Bartley junior, John Beady, Messieurs Browne, Cavenagh, and Browne, Samuel Bryant, John Betts, Elizabeth Badam, William Brookman, Joseph Bettington, William Browne, Thomas Bowman, Samuel Badam, Lancelot Beck, Lancelot Beck junior, Henry Browne, Richard Coupland, Joseph Chapman, Charles Cummins, Samuel Cary, Michael Hinton Castle, John Courtney, Joseph Cookson, Thomas Carlile, James Clark junior, Mary Cockin, Ann Cockin, Jane Cockin, Elizabeth Cockin, James Henry Capper, James Clark senior, Thomas Castle, Charles M^rDowall, Edward Daniell, Mary Drape, Isabella Drape, Silas Dibsall, Thomas David, Preston Edgar, Thomas Etheridge, John Edgecumbe, John Ellaway, Thomas and Richard Fuidge, Thomas Fuidge, Henry Hawes Fox M.D., Edward Long Fox M.D., John and James Gillet, James Gastrell, Francis Henry Grigg, John Matthew Gutch, William Gay, John P. Griffin, William Green, William Gilby M.D., Elizabeth Harweis, Calista Sidney Harweis, John Oliver Williams Harweis, Thomas Harweis M.D., Charles Hodges, Robert Howe, Thomas Howe, Josiah Ross Hill, William Hurle, James Heywood, Job Harril, Walter Hawkins, James Harris, Rowland Williams Howell, William Howe, John Howe, John Jackson, Samuel Jackson, Thomas Jarman, William Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Theodore Jones, Orlando Jones, Matilda Jones, Isabella Jones, Edward Jones, Edward Kentish M.D., John Kirby, Philip Keast, Robert Law, John Loder, Harriott Lundberry, William Lloyd, Mary Ann Lawrance, Samuel Mainley, John Mereweather, Thomas Butt Miller, Joseph Morrish, Proprietors of The Bristol Mirror, Charles Morgan, Benjamin Moxham, Joseph Martin, James Mealing, William Byrt Morgan, William Mood, William Morgan, John Morgan, Eliza Morgan, Ann Morgan, John Naish, Edmund Naish, Ann Nevill, David Nevill, Samuel Newell, James Nicholls, George Oliver, Mary Oakes, John Parsons, William Pritchard and Company, Edward Vincent Paul, Richard Powell, Andrew Pope, Richard Philipps, Henry Porter, Thomas Porter, Benjamin Porter, John Pearce, Charles Robert Prinsep, Thomas Richardson, John Reeve, William Stock, John Serjeant, Brooke Smith, John Clare Smith, William Smith, Sir William John Struth Knight, Marianne de Soyres, Edward Sheriff, William Yeoman Sheppard, James Thomas, George Taylor, Joseph Tate, Robert Twycross, Benjamin Thomas, John Taylor, William Taylor, Thrissell and Dew, Charles Henry Vizer, Richard Thomas Williams, Joseph Whittuck, Charles Joseph Whittuck, Henry Weare, Joseph Wilkins, Charles Wilkins, William Wilson, Danvers Ward, Messieurs Wasbrough, Duggan and Company, William Lambe Willshire, Jasper Westcott, William Woodland, William Gittens Wilson, George Wills, Thomas Willcox, George Wait, Morgan Yeatman, Mary Yeatman, and all and every such other Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time become a Subscriber or Subscribers, and be duly admitted a Proprietor or Proprietors as herein-after mentioned, 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 Bristol Gas Light Company*, and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded at Law or in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment*

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against any Person or Persons who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanor; or other Offence indictable by the Laws of this Realm; and that the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing Inflammable Air or Gas, for lighting with Gas the City of *Bristol*, and the several Parishes of *Clifton*, *Saint James*, *Westbury-upon-Trym*, *Saint Paul*, and *Saint Philip* and *Jacob*, in the County of *Gloucester*, and the Parish of *Bedminster*, in the County of *Somerset*, or any or either of them, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, and for producing Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil from Coal, and from other Materials; and shall have full Power to enter into any Contracts with the Commissioners for executing an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled *An Act for amending, altering, and enlarging the Powers of several Acts passed for Paving, Pitching, Cleansing, and Lighting the Streets and other Places within the City of Bristol and Liberties thereof*, or with any other Persons having the Controul, Direction, or Management of the Lighting of any of the Parishes or other Places within the said City of *Bristol*, or of any of the said Parishes or Places adjacent thereto, that is to say, the several Parishes of *Clifton*, *Saint James*, *Westbury-upon-Trym*, *Saint Paul*, and *Saint Philip* and *Jacob*, in the County of *Gloucester*, and the Parish of *Bedminster*, in the County of *Somerset*, or any or either of them, or any Part or Parts thereof respectively, or with any Person or Persons, or Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, willing and desirous of contracting with the said Company, and who are hereby empowered to contract with the said Company, for the Lighting of any such Parishes or Places, or any Streets, Squares, Market Places, Courts, Yards, Passages, Docks, Quays, Highways, Roads, Lanes, or any public Places or Buildings, or any Manufactories, or private Houses or Buildings, within the said City, Liberties, Precincts, Parishes, or Places, or any or either of them; and to sell and dispose of such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, and all other Products arising from Coal and other Materials made use of in the making of such Gas, under such Conditions, Limitations, and Restrictions as are hereinafter expressed.

II. And be it further enacted, That if at any Time after the passing of this Act the Commissioners under the said recited Act or any Five of them, or the Trustees, or other Persons, Bodies Politic or Corporate, in whom by any Act or Acts of Parliament, or otherwise, the Care, Superintendance, and Controul of Lighting the said City, and the Docks, Quays, Streets, Squares, Courts, Yards, Lanes, Passages, Highways, Market Places or Public Places thereof, or any Part thereof, or of the several Parishes before mentioned, or any or either of them, are or shall be vested, shall think fit to contract with the said Company to light the public Lamps in the said Parishes or Places, Docks, Quays, Streets, Squares, Highways, public Market Places, Lanes, Passages, or Places, or any of them, or any Part of them, by means of such Inflammable Air or Gas, then and in every such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company, with the Consent and Approbation and under the Direction of such Commissioners or Trustees or other Persons or Bodies, and under the Inspection of their respective Surveyors (such Consent being given in Writing under the Hands of the said Commissioners or Trustees or Five or more of them respectively, or under the Hand or Hands of their Clerk or Clerks, or

Power to break up the Pavement for laying Pipes to the public Lamps.

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other proper Officer or Officers), but not otherwise, to break up the Soil and Pavement of any of the Roads, Highways, Docks, Quays, Streets, Squares, Courts, Yards, Lanes, Passages, and other Places within the said City of *Bristol*, or in the said several Parishes herein-before mentioned, or any or either of them, and to dig and sink Trenches and lay Pipes, and put Cocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes, in such Places as aforesaid; and to cause to be erected Pillars, Pilasters, or other Apparatus to receive such Gas Lights, and to place, erect, and fix the same against any Walls or other Places, in such Manner as shall be necessary for the Purpose of supplying any such Light or Gas to the public Lamps as aforesaid; and from Time to Time, with such Approbation and also under such Direction and Inspection as aforesaid, to alter the Position of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stop Cocks, Syphons, Plugs, and Branches, and to do all such other Acts, Matters, and Things as the said Company 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.

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III. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power and Authority to lay or cause to be laid any Main Pipes requisite for the Supply of Gas to any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, public or private Buildings, within the said City of *Bristol*, or in the said several Parishes, or any or either of them; and to carry, erect, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other Apparatus, from any such Main Pipe within the same, and into or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, necessary or requisite for the Purpose of lighting the same, and for securing to such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply, with the Consent of the Owner or Occupier of such Dwelling House or Houses, public or private Buildings, but not otherwise; and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been placed in such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, Warehouses, public or private Buildings: Provided always, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to permit or authorize, or empower the said Company, or any Officer or Person appointed or employed by the said Company, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, at any Time or Times hereafter, to break or take up or remove any Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Roads, Highways, Footpaths, Docks, Quays, Streets, Squares, Courts, Yards, Lanes, Passages, and Places whatsoever or wheresoever, in order to lay down any Main Pipe or Pipes to convey Gas, without the Consent of the said Commissioners for Paving or Trustees for Roads (as the Case may be), or a competent Number of them, from Time to Time, in Writing under the Hand of their Clerk or respective Clerks for the Time being first obtained; but that nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to prevent the said Company from breaking or taking up or removing any Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any of such Streets, Docks, Roads, or public Places whatsoever, for the Purpose of laying down and repairing any Service Pipe or Pipes where Main Pipes are already laid, or from repairing such Main Pipes, or from repairing any Main Pipes which may be hereafter laid, or from laying down or repairing any Service Pipe or Pipes leading

Not to break
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leading from such Main Pipes, after such Consent so obtained as aforesaid :
 Provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes in or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings, Yards, or Grounds, for the Purpose of lighting any other Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings, or any other Place or Places, without the previous Consent of the Owner and Occupier of every such Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactory, public or private Buildings, Yards, or Grounds, in or through which any such Pipe or Pipes may be carried or laid for that Purpose.

Not to lay Pipes on private Property without Consent.

IV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful to or for the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, after Consent shall have been given as aforesaid, to break or take up or cause to be broken or taken up any of the Pavements or Ground in any Roads, Highways, Docks, Quays, Streets, Squares, Courts, Yards, Lanes, Passages, and Places within the said City of *Bristol*, or any of the Parishes or Places aforesaid, for the Purpose of making or laying down or repairing any Main or Mains of Pipes, or any Service Pipe or Pipes, or of altering the Position of or repairing any Pipes, Stop Cocks, Valves or Syphons, or other Works, or for any other Purpose, unless Notice in Writing of their Intention to break or take up such Pavement or Ground, signed by the Clerk or Engineer to the said Company, specifying the Road, Highway, Dock, Quay, Street, Square, Court, Yard, Lane, Passage, or Place, and the particular Part of such Road, Highway, Dock, Quay, Street, Square, Court, Yard, Lane, Passage, or Place, in which such Pavement or Ground is intended to be broken or taken up, shall have been given to or left at the Office of the said Commissioners for Paving, or to the Trustees for making and repairing the Highways, Roads, Passages, and Places in the Parishes aforesaid, or any or either of them (as the Case may be), or to their respective Surveyors, Twenty-four Hours at the least before such Pavement or Ground, or any Part thereof, shall be so broken or taken up, except in Cases of sudden Emergency with respect to Mains or Pipes which shall have been previously laid, in which such Notice as aforesaid shall be given to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Surveyors, as soon as possible after the Time of breaking or taking up such Pavement or Ground, or any Part thereof; and that the said Company shall not break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken or taken up or disturbed, the Pavement or Ground in any Road, Highway, Dock, Quay, Street, Square, Court, Yard, Lane, Passage, or Place whatsoever or wheresoever, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Pipes (except Service Pipes of a Diameter not exceeding One Inch in the Bore), without the Consent in Writing of the said Commissioners or Trustees (as the Case may be) under the Hand of their Clerk or other proper Officer or Officers first obtained; and that if the said Company, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, shall break or take up, or cause to be broken or taken up, any of such Pavement or Ground, without such Notice being given or left as aforesaid (except as aforesaid), or shall break or take up or disturb, or cause to be broken, taken up, or disturbed, any of such Pavement or Ground, for the Purpose of laying down any Mains or Service Pipes (except as aforesaid), without such Consent as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay to the Commissioners or Trustees, in which such Pavement

After Consent obtained, Company to give Notice of breaking up Pavements.

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or Ground so broken, or taken up, or disturbed shall be situate, any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds for every Square Foot of Pavement or Ground which shall be so broken or taken up without such Notice or Consent as aforesaid (except as aforesaid), to be recovered from the said Company, with full Costs, in like Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act to be recovered, and be paid over to the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Commissioners or Trustees (as the Case may be), to be applied for the Purposes of their respective Commission or Trust: Provided always, that the said Company shall not be subject or liable to the Payment of more than One Penalty, or to more than One Proceeding, in respect of any one Offence committed, whether by virtue of this Act or any other Act or Acts of Parliament, any Law, Statute, Usage, or Custom to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

To prevent
Damage to
public or
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Sewers.

V. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, with the Consent and under the Direction of the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, to be signed in Writing as aforesaid, but not otherwise, to make Culverts or Drains of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall deem expedient, under the Streets, Highways, Roads, Lanes, Passages, and Places within the said City or Parishes, for the Purposes of carrying on the said Undertaking; but the said Company, or their Servants, Agents, Workmen, or others, shall not, by any Work to be done by virtue of this Act, damage or injure any public Sewer or private Drain within the said City or Parishes respectively; and if any Damage or Injury shall unavoidably be done to any such public Sewer or private Drain, the said Company shall forthwith well and sufficiently repair and make good every such Damage or Injury in all respects; and in default thereof, such Damage shall be recoverable by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively (as the Case may happen), where such Damage or Injury shall be done to such public Sewers, or by the Owners or Occupiers of the Premises from which such private Drain shall issue, in like Manner as Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act recoverable.

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carried into
the Floating
Harbour.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to carry or convey or cause to be carried or conveyed into the Floating Harbour of *Bristol*, or into the River *Frome*, any Washings or Refuse which shall be produced in manufacturing or procuring the said Gas, or in or by the Prosecution of any of the Works aforesaid.

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voked.

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That such Consent or Consents as aforesaid shall be revocable, and may in every Case be revoked, in like Manner as the same are hereby directed to be obtained, if the said Company shall not thereafter do or cause to be done all such Acts, Matters, and Things within such Time, and in such Manner, and according to such Conditions and Stipulations, as shall have been previously agreed upon and consented to by and between the said Company and the said Commissioners for Paving, or Trustees for Roads, or other Person or Persons having given such Consent or Consents respectively; and in case of such Consent or Consents being so revoked as aforesaid, Notice of such Revocation being given as Notices are in and by this Act directed to be given to the said Company, all Power and Authority of the said Com-

pany, and of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, under and by virtue of the Provisions herein-before contained, shall thenceforth be suspended until such Time as all such Acts, Matters, and Things shall be done and performed, and all such Conditions and Stipulations as aforesaid shall be fully complied with, which may have been omitted by the said Company.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That whenever and so often as the said Company shall have broken up or removed, pursuant to the Regulations of this Act, the Stones, Ground, Soil, or Pavement in or of any Road, Highway, Dock, Quay, Street, Square, Court, Yard, Lane, Passage, or Place, or any Part thereof, the said Company shall and they are hereby required immediately to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement, in as good sound State and Condition (and with the like Materials) as the same was or were in at the Time of being so broken up, under the Direction and to the full Satisfaction of the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Surveyors for the Time being (as the Case may be); and the said Company shall cause all surplus Earth, Filth, and Rubbish occasioned by opening the Ground, to be removed and carried away at their own Costs and Charges, with as little Delay as possible; and so that in no such Case such Ground shall remain open, unrepaired, or the Rubbish unremoved, for a longer Space than Seventy-two Hours from the Time when such Works commence, unless such Commissioners or Trustees (as the Case may be) shall grant further Time for doing the same; and that during the Time the Works of the said Company in so opening the Pavements shall be carried on, there shall at all Times be left a free Passage for Carriages of at least Ten Feet wide, unless the Carriageway shall be less than Twenty Feet wide, in which Case the Openings so made shall be filled up, and the Streets repaved, in the Space of Forty-eight Hours after the Commencement of the Works thereon; and that during the Time of forming the Trenches, laying the Pipes, or doing any Thing else by which Obstructions may be occasioned in the Streets, Lanes, Passages, or other Places, the said Company shall protect such Opening and Obstruction with a sufficient Fence, and provide proper Watchmen, and place a Lamp at each Extremity of the Opening or Obstruction, to be kept burning from Sun-setting to Sun-rising, and shall otherwise properly secure and guard the said Works, so as to prevent any Damage or Inconvenience happening to Passengers, Cattle, or Carriages; and the said Company shall from Time to Time, when required by the said Commissioners or Trustees, at any and every Period during Six Calendar Months from the Time of making or commencing any such Opening, on receiving from Time to Time a written Notice from the said Commissioners or the Trustees, or their respective Clerks or Surveyors (as the Case may be), relay, and again take up and relay such Carriageway or Foot Pavement, until the said Carriageways and Foot Pavements shall be made complete to the Satisfaction of the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, or their respective Surveyors (as the Case may be): Provided always, that if the said Company, or any of their Agents or Workmen, shall neglect to reinstate such Ground, Soil, or Pavement which may be so broken up, with the like Materials as aforesaid, or to remove the Rubbish occasioned as aforesaid, within the Period of Seventy-two Hours as aforesaid (unless the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall grant further Time for doing the same); or shall omit to leave a free Passage for Carriages as before mentioned, or to protect such Openings

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with a Fence, and provide Watchmen and Lamps as aforesaid; or do or shall neglect or omit to keep such Ground, and the Pitching, Paving, or Steining thereof which may be so relaid, in good and complete Repair, for the Space of Six Calendar Months next after the Time the same shall be relaid; then and in each and every such Case of Neglect or Omission the said Company shall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, over and besides the Expence of putting and keeping such Ground in repair as aforesaid, to be recovered from the said Company in like Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures are by this Act to be recovered, and to be paid over to the Treasurer for the Time being of the said Commissioners or Trustees (as the Case may be), to be applied for the Purposes of their respective Commission or Trust; and in case the said Company shall make default in reinstating such Ground, Soil, or Pavement as aforesaid, within the Period aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees to reinstate and make good such Ground, Soil, or Pavement, and the Charges and Expences thereof shall be reimbursed and repaid by the said Company or their Treasurer, to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Treasurers; and in default of Payment thereof within Seven Days next after Demand thereof in Writing shall have been made by the Clerk of the said Commissioners or Trustees (as the Case may be), 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 City or County where such Neglect shall occur, all such Sum or Sums of Money so paid by them shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City, County, or Place where the Offence shall be committed as aforesaid; and which Warrant such Justice or Justices respectively is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Sum or Sums of Money shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Treasurer, as the Case may be.

For the
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IX. And be it further enacted, That if in carrying into Execution any of the Powers or Authorities by this Act given or granted, any Injury or Damage shall be done to any of the Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, or Things of or belonging to any Body Corporate or Politic, Sole or Aggregate, for the Supply of Water in or for the said City, or the said Parishes or Places, or any Part or Parts thereof, either by removing or disturbing the Ground or Soil wherein or whereon the same is or are laid or placed, or by the compression and subsequent settling or lowering of the same, at any Time or Times afterwards, or by any other Means whatsoever, the said Company shall, at their own Expence, Costs, and Charges, within Three Days next after Notice in Writing to them given by the Person or Persons having the Care or Management of such Water Pipes respectively, or by the Clerk for the Time being of the said Commissioners; proceed to cause such Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, and Things to be well and effectually repaired and amended, and in Default or Neglect thereof, it shall and may be lawful to and for the Person or Persons having the Care or Management of such Water Pipes, and he and they is and are hereby authorized and empowered to cause such Pipes, Branches, Apparatus, Materials, and Things so injured or damaged as aforesaid, to be effectually repaired, amended, and made good; and the

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reasonable Costs, Charges, Damages, and Expences attending the same, shall be paid and defrayed by the said Company, or their Treasurer, and if they cannot agree touching the Amount or Value thereof, the same shall be ascertained and settled by some Justice or Justices of the Peace for the City, County, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, and be recovered in like Manner as Penalties or Forfeitures are by this Act to be recovered.

X. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Pipe to communicate with any Pipe belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company under their Common Seal first had and obtained, on Pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company the Sum of Ten Pounds, and also the further Sum of Ten 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 City, County, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus, after such Penalty or Forfeiture and the Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, shall be returned, upon Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, or such Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction in such City, County, or Place, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Three Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and the said Company are hereby authorized and empowered, in any and every such Case, to cut or take off the Pipe so communicating with the Pipe belonging to the said Company.

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

XI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously remove, take away, destroy, damage, or injure any or any Part of any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing used or to be used for the Purposes of this Act, or shall wilfully or maliciously waste or improperly use any of the Inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, or shall wilfully or maliciously put out or extinguish any of the Public Lamps which may be lighted with Gas by the said Company, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof convicted on the Oath or Affirmation of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices for the City or County where any Offence shall be committed, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, and Double the Amount of the Damage done, to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices; such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any), on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or such Offender shall and may be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction of the said City or County for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months, at the Discretion of the Justice or Justices before whom such Offender shall be convicted.

To prevent Persons damaging Pipes.

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Power to
alter Pipes.

XII. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time or Times be deemed necessary or expedient by the Commissioners for paving the City of *Bristol*, or the Commissioners or Trustees for making or repairing the Roads, Highways, Lanes, Passages, and Places in the several Parishes aforesaid, to require the said Company to raise or sink any of the Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves, or Branches, which shall be laid down by the said Company, the said Company shall at their own Expence, within One Calendar Month next after being required so to do, by Notice in Writing to them given by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, signed by their Clerk or Surveyor (unless the said Commissioners or Trustees shall grant further Time for so doing), raise or sink such Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves, or Branches, according to such Notice, in such Manner as the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively shall think right and proper; and in default thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Surveyor, or any other Person or Persons acting by their Order or under their Authority, to cause such Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves, or Branches, to be raised or sunk, and that the reasonable Costs and Charges for doing the same shall immediately thereafter be paid by the said Company; and in case such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within One Calendar Month next after Demand shall be made by such Clerk or Surveyor, or other Person acting by or under the Authority of the said Commissioners or Trustees, at the Office of the said Company, Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath or Affirmation of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the City, County, or Place where the Offence shall be committed, 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, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Treasurer, as the Case may be.

Damage to
be made
good to the
Company.

XIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if by the raising or sinking any of the said Pipes, Stop Cocks, Plugs, Syphons, Valves or Branches, any Damage or Injury shall be wilfully or negligently done to the same by the said Commissioners or Trustees, or their respective Servants or Workmen, then and in every such Case such Damage or Injury shall be made good by the Company themselves, as soon as Circumstances will permit, and the Costs, Charges, and Expences thereof shall be paid by the said Commissioners or Trustees respectively, as the Case may be, to the said Company or their Treasurer; and the same shall be ascertained and settled by or before some Justice or Justices of the Peace as aforesaid, and be recovered in like Manner as Penalties or Forfeitures are by this Act directed or authorized to be recovered.

Company
to contract
with Com-
missioners
for lighting
the public
Lamps at
5*l.* each.

XIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Commissioners already appointed, or hereafter to be appointed for or having the Controul of the lighting of the several Docks, Quays, Streets, Squares, Courts, Yards, Lanes, Passages, and Places within the said City of *Bristol*, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, shall at any Time or Times hereafter be desirous of having such of the several Docks, Quays,
Streets,

Streets, Squares, Courts, Yards, Lanes, Passages, and Places in the said City, lighted by Gas, the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to contract and agree with the said Commissioners to light the same for the Sum of Five Pounds *per Lamp per Annum*, for the Term of Twenty-one Years, to be computed from the Twenty-ninth Day of *September* next after the passing of this Act (free from all Rates, Taxes, and Deductions) including therein the Expence of laying and keeping in Repair the Service Pipes, and connecting the same, and of the Burners, and the keeping of the Glass of the several Lamps in Repair; and that the same shall be kept burning from Dusk till Daylight, on an Average throughout the Year of Ten Hours a Night during the said Term; in which said Contract or Agreement shall be contained a Clause or Clauses on the Part of the said Company, compelling them to use the largest size Batwing Burners, and keep the Stop Cocks so turned that a full and clear Light in expanse in each Lamp, consuming not less than Five Cube Feet of Gas *per Hour*, may be given therefrom, unless the said Commissioners shall be desirous that Burners of other Dimensions should be used, in which Case the said Company shall contract to light the same at a greater or less annual Price *per Lamp per Annum*, in proportion to the Quantity of Gas consumed by such Burner, at and after the Rate aforesaid.

XV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall, within the Period of Three Years from the passing of this Act, on being required by the said Commissioners so to do, erect Gasometers and other Apparatus, and lay Mains and Service Pipes necessary for supplying and conveying Gas through the whole of the said City of *Bristol*; but that nothing herein contained shall extend to compel or require the said Company to expend any greater Sum or Sums of Money, for the Purposes herein mentioned, than the Proprietors of the said Company are empowered to raise under the Powers granted by this Act for the Purposes of the said Undertaking.

Not to light Parishes beyond the Extent of their Capital.

XVI. 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 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 Commissioners.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to contract for, purchase, and hold, to them and their Successors for the Purposes of this Act, any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments situate in the said City of *Bristol*, or any Part thereof, or in the said several Parishes, or any or either of them (not exceeding in the whole Five Acres); and also to sell and dispose of the said Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, or any of them, as they may think proper, and purchase and hold other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments for the Purposes aforesaid (not exceeding the Quantity aforesaid), without incurring any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statutes of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever.

Power to contract for the Purchase of Lands and Buildings.

XVIII. Pro-

Manufactory
not to be
erected with-
in certain
Limits.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be deemed, taken, or construed to extend, to authorize or empower the said Company, nor shall it be lawful for them to erect, build, or establish any Manufactory or Manufactories, Gasometer or Gasometers, or any other Building or Buildings, or Work or Works, used or necessary for the Purpose of creating or manufacturing Gas, within that Part of the City of *Bristol* bounded by the old Line of the Rivers *Avon* and *Frome* (now being Part of the Floating Harbour of *Bristol*), and the Communication of those Rivers by *Castle Ditch*, without the Consent and Approbation of the Justices of the Peace at some General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden in and for the said City of *Bristol*, or at some Adjournment thereof, on Pain of forfeiting, for every Day such Manufactory or Manufactories, Gasometer or Gasometers, Building or Buildings, or Work or Works shall be so used, the Sum of One hundred Pounds; to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, or more than One Imparlance shall be allowed; and the said Sum, when recovered, shall be paid to the Treasurer to the said Commissioners for the Purposes of the said recited Act.

Bodies
Politic, &c.
empowered
to sell.

XIX. 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 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 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 respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which shall be necessary to be purchased for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, not exceeding Five Acres, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company 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 the 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, Trust, 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 Dowery of such Person and Persons, and all Estates Tail, and all other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder,

or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of such Person and Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law, any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, 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 and every other Persons and Person are and is and shall be hereby indemnified for what they, he, or she shall do or cause to be done by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

XX. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted or agreed to be paid for any Messuages, 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 Ecclesiastic, Tenant for Life or in Tail, Trustee, Feme 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 there, *ex parte The Bristol Gas Light Company*, together with the Name or Names of such Person or Persons as any Five 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 Messuages, 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 Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments standing and being settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which shall be 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 meantime, and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said High Court of Chancery, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or

Application
of Money
when amount-
ing to 200*l.*
and upwards.

[*Local.*]

Reduced

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 Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

Application of Purchase Money when less than 200*l.* and exceeding 20*l.*

XXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, Tenant for Life or in 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 Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in cases of Infancy, Idiocy, 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 Five 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 such principal Money, and the Dividends arising thereon, may be applied in Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining or being required to obtain the Direction or Approbation of the High Court of Chancery.

Application of Purchase Money not exceeding 20*l.*

XXII. Provided always, 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 Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management or any Five or more of them shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use or Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

In case of questionable Title to the Money, Persons in Possession of the Lands to be deemed entitled thereto.

XXIII. 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 Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Messuages, 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 Messuages, 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 Messuages, 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 Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

XXIV. 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 Messuages, 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 High Court of Chancery, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Messuages, 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, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Expences of Purchases may be allowed by the Court.

XXV. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments by the said Company to the Party or Parties, or Person 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 (as the Case may be), and upon the Conveyance in Manner by this Act directed of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law or Equity of the Party or Parties, or Person or Persons respectively to whose Use the same shall be paid, in, to, or out of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act; and also that all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which may at any Time or Times heretofore have been purchased or agreed to be purchased for the Purposes of the said Undertaking, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, in like Manner vest in the said Company for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

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

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

Sales and Conveyances.

I [or we, as the Case may be] of _____ in consideration
of the Sum of _____ to me [or us] paid by The *Bristol*
Gas Light Company, established under or by virtue of an Act passed
in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled
An

Form of Conveyance.

‘ An Act [here insert the Title of this Act] do hereby grant and release
 ‘ [or assign, as the Case may be] to the said Company all [here describe the
 ‘ Premises to be conveyed] and all my [or our] Right, Title, and Interest
 ‘ in and to the same, and every Part thereof; to hold to the said Com-
 ‘ pany for ever [or, as the Case may be] during all the Remainder of my
 ‘ [or our] Term, Estate, and Interest in the said Premises: In witness
 ‘ whereof I [or we] have hereunto set my Hand and Seal [or our Hands
 ‘ and Seals] this Day of in the Year of our Lord
 ‘ One thousand eight hundred and ’

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 Dowers 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.

Re-sale of
Lands not
wanted.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall, under the Provisions of this Act, purchase or become seised or possessed of Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, which may be found not necessary or not wanted for the Purposes thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal to grant and convey by way of absolute Sale in Fee Simple or otherwise, for a Consideration in Money, all or any Part or Parts of the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which may have been so purchased or become vested, and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of this Act; and upon Payment of the Money which shall arise by or from the Sale or Sales of such Messuages, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Part or Parts thereof, it shall and may be lawful for the Clerk for the Time being to the said Company to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold, which Receipt or Receipts shall be sufficient Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Money therein and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received; and such Person or Persons having *bond fide* paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Non-application of such Purchase Money, or any Part thereof.

Compelling
Company to
subscribe
50,000*l.*
within Three
Years.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That in order to provide a sufficient Sum of Money for answering the Purposes of this Act, the said Company shall be obliged to raise among themselves, by Subscription, the full Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds, within the Period of Three Years from the passing of this Act.

Capital Stock
not to exceed
50,000*l.* in
Shares of 20*l.*

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the Undertaking and Purposes aforesaid, shall not exceed in the whole the
Sum

Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds Sterling; and that the said Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds shall be divided into Shares of Twenty Pounds Sterling each; and that the 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.

each, and to be Personal Estate.

XXX. And whereas the probable Expence of carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution will amount to the Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds or thereabouts; be it therefore 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 Thirty-five thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed.

35,000*l.* to be subscribed before any Powers of Act are exercised.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That all and every Person or Persons by or for whom any Subscription or Subscriptions shall be or has or have been made or accepted, or by or for whom any Payment or Payments shall be made pursuant to the Orders of any Meeting or Meetings to be held for that Purpose by the Committee of Management, to be appointed as herein-after mentioned, for or towards the raising of the said Capital Sum of Fifty thousand Pounds as aforesaid, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns respectively (no such Subscription being less than the Sum of Twenty Pounds), shall have and be entitled to a Share of and in the said Capital or Joint Stock of the said Company, in proportion to the Monies which he, she, or they shall have so contributed towards making up the same; and to a proportionable Share of the Profits and Advantages attending the Capital Stock of the said Company, and shall be admitted to be a Proprietor or Proprietors of and in the same.

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

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Manufactories, Gasometers, Machinery, Apparatus, and Works of the said Company, shall be liable and answerable for the just Debts and Demands of the Creditors of the said Company; and that the several Persons composing the said Company shall severally and respectively stand responsible and answerable for all just Debts and Demands of the said Company to the full Amount of their several and respective Shares in the Capital of the said Joint Stock; but no Person shall be any further or otherwise liable, either personally or in his or her 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 her being one of the Persons composing the said Company, or of any the Acts of the said Company, to the Statutes respecting Bankrupts, or any of them: Provided always, that whenever Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or shall be jointly possessed of any One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, such Persons shall severally and respectively be answerable for the whole Amount of such Share or Shares, but not further or otherwise as aforesaid.

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

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who have subscribed for and towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they are hereby required to pay the Sum or Sums of Money by them respectively subscribed for, or such Parts or Portions thereof as shall from Time to

To compel Payment of Subscriptions.

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Time

Time be called for, pursuant to or by virtue of the Powers and Directions of this Act, at such Times and Places, to such Person or Persons, and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management herein-after mentioned ; and in case any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay any such Money, at such Times and in such Manner as shall be ordered and directed by the Committee of Management as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to sue for and recover the same by Action of Debt or otherwise, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, together with lawful Interest for the same from such appointed Time of Payment, and all Costs of Suit from such Person or Persons ; or in Cases where Two or more Persons shall have jointly subscribed for or be jointly possessed of any One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, then from all or any or either of such Persons.

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

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company, or their Committee of Management appointed or to be appointed by virtue of this Act, shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who have subscribed for, or may at any Time hereafter subscribe for or be entitled to any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of such Share or Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book to be kept by their Clerk ; and after such Entry, a Certificate shall be signed by the Chairman and Clerk, and delivered to every Proprietor upon Demand, for and in respect of every Share he, she, or they may hold in the said Undertaking, specifying the Share or Shares to which he, she, or they is or are so entitled ; and every 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.

For ascertaining the Proprietorship of Shares in certain Cases.

XXXV. And whereas Cases may happen where an original Holder or Proprietor of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall die, become insolvent or bankrupt, or go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk to the said Company, and it may not be in the Power of the said Company, or any Officer acting for the said Company, to learn who is or are the Owner or Proprietor, or Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, in order to give him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, Notice or Notices of Calls to be made on such Share or Shares, and to maintain any Action or Actions, Suit, or other Proceeding against him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Recovery of the same, or for the Purpose of safely paying to him, her, or them, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, the Interest or Dividends to which he, she, or they may be entitled by virtue thereof ; be it therefore enacted, That in all Cases where the Right and Property in One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers, or any Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, to any other Person or Persons by any other legal

Means than by a Transfer or Conveyance thereof, in the Form and Manner herein specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by Two credible Persons before a Master or a Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the City of *Bristol*, County of *Gloucester*, or County of *Somerset*, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such other Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, and such Affidavit shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book or List of Subscribers and Proprietors to the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company; and that in all or any of the said Cases, after One Calendar Month's Notice in Writing shall have been given by the said Clerk to the Owner or Owners, Person or Persons, claiming by such Affidavit to be Owner or Owners thereof, or left at his, her, or their usual or last or reputed last Place of Abode, to pay his, her, or their Proportion of Money so to be called for, and such Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall not have paid such his, her, or their Proportions as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the Subscribers and Proprietors, at any General Meeting after the Expiration of such Notice, to declare such Share or Shares to be forfeited, and in such Case the same shall be and become forfeited, and shall and may be sold and disposed of in such Manner as the said Subscribers and Proprietors at any Meeting or Meetings shall direct, or otherwise become consolidated in the general Fund of the said Company.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several and respective Members of the said Company, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, to sell and transfer any Share or Shares of which they shall respectively be possessed; and every such Transfer shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Shares may be transferred.

I of in consideration of
 I paid to me by do hereby bargain, sell, assign, and
 transfer to the said the Sum of
 Capital Stock of and in the Undertaking called *The Bristol Gas Light*
Company, being my Share [*or Shares*] (No.) in the said Under-
 taking, to hold to the said Executors, Admi-
 nistrators, and Assigns, subject to the same Rules, Orders, and Restric-
 tions, and on the same Conditions that I held the same immediately
 before the Execution hereof; and I the said do hereby
 agree to accept the said Share, subject to the same Rules,
 Orders, Restrictions, and Conditions. As witness our Hands and Seals,
 this Day of One thousand eight hundred and

Form of Transfer.

And every such Transfer shall be produced to the Clerk of the said Com-
 pany, and shall be registered in the Books of the said Company, by an Entry
 of the Date, Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred,
 for which Entry or Registry the Sum of One Shilling *per* Share, and no
 more, shall be paid to the Clerk or other Officer making the same; and
 a Copy of such Register, signed by the Clerk to the said Company, shall
 be sufficient Evidence of every such Sale and Transfer, and shall be re-
 ceived as such in all Disputes and in all Trials before any Court, and by
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Transfer to be registered.

all Judges, Justices, and others in the United Kingdom; and that until such Transfer shall be entered or registered in the Books of the said Company as aforesaid, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share or Shares, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall have any Part or Share in the said Undertaking, or in the Profits and Advantage thereof, nor receive any Interest or Dividend for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to vote at any Meeting or Meetings as Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

No Share to be sold after a Call till the Money is paid.

XXXVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after a Call for Money shall be made by virtue of this Act, no Person or Persons shall sell or transfer any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking, after the Day appointed for the Payment of the said Call, until the Money so called for in respect of his, her, or their Share or Shares intended to be sold shall be paid, and that until such Money so called for shall be paid, every such Sale or Transfer of any Share or Shares shall be void; and all and every Person and Persons making default herein shall be subject and liable to forfeit such his, her, or their Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, to and for the general Benefit of the said Undertaking, unless he, she, or they shall at the Time of such Sale or Transfer, pay to the Treasurer of the said Company the full Sum of Money called for upon every Share so to be sold or transferred; such Forfeiture nevertheless to be first notified and declared in Manner directed by this Act with respect to the Forfeiture of Shares for not answering the Calls to be made thereon.

Committee of Management.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That *Edward Kentish* Doctor of Medicine, *Samuel Badam*, *Lancelot Beck*, *Henry Browne*, *Charles McDowall*, *Edward Jones*, *Samuel Jackson*, *Silas Dibsdall*, *James Gastrell*, *Joseph Chapman*, *John Howe*, *Thomas Jarman*, *John Naish*, *Benjamin Porter*, *Joseph Morrish*, and *Samuel Newell*, shall be and they are hereby constituted and appointed the Committee of Management for managing the Affairs of the said Company.

Vacancies in the Committee how to be filled up.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Member or Members of the Committee of Management hereby nominated and appointed, or to be elected and appointed by virtue of this Act, shall die or become disqualified, or refuse or neglect to act, it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any Special Meeting or Meetings to be called or held for that Purpose, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect and appoint some other Proprietor or Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking to be a Member or Members of the said Committee of Management; and every such Proprietor so elected and appointed to fill such Vacancy or Vacancies, and being duly qualified, shall continue in his or their several and respective Office and Offices so long as the Person or Persons in whose Place or Stead he or they was or were elected would have been entitled under the Provisions of this Act to have continued in Office, if such Death, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect had not happened.

Service of Committee.

XL. And be it further enacted, That the several Members hereby nominated of the Committee of Management shall continue in Office for the Term of Six Calendar Months from the First Day of *August* One thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and until others shall be appointed
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in their Stead in pursuance of this Act; and at the Expiration of the said Term, the First Four of the Members hereby nominated shall go out of Office, and Four Persons duly qualified shall in Manner herein-after mentioned be elected and appointed Members of the said Committee; and on the First Day of *August* in the following Year, the next Four of the Members hereby nominated shall go out of Office, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and on the First Day of *February* in the following Year, the next Four of the Members hereby nominated shall go out of Office, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and on the First Day of *August* following, the last Four of the Members hereby nominated shall go out of Office, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and on the First Days of *February* and *August* in every subsequent Year, or within Ten Days thereof, Four of the Members of the said Committee who shall have been longest in Office shall on each of the said Days go out of Office, and their Places be supplied in like Manner; and every such Election of Members of the said Committee of Management shall be made by Ballot, at some General Meeting of the said Company, to be held pursuant to the Directions of this Act.

XLII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Person or Persons who shall have served or acted upon the said Committee, and who, by the Expiration of the Term of Service, Rotation, or otherwise, shall go out of Office, shall not be eligible to be re-elected to or to serve or act as a Member or Members of the said Committee of Management for the Space of Six Calendar Months.

Members not to be re-elected till after the Expiration of Six Months.

XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person hereby nominated, or who shall be elected a Member of the said Committee of Management, shall either directly or indirectly be concerned in any Contract for any Article to be used or consumed by the said Company, or shall offer to take, and succeed in taking, or shall participate in any Manner in any Work to be done for the said Company, or shall at any Time cease to be a Proprietor of Five Shares in the said Undertaking, or shall refuse or neglect to attend any Meeting of the said Committee for the Space of Three Calendar Months, every such Person shall thereby be disqualified from acting or voting at such Committee, and shall cease to be a Member thereof.

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XLIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall be qualified to be elected a Member of the Committee, unless such Person shall have subscribed for or have been possessed of at least Five Shares in the said Undertaking, for the Space of Three Calendar Months previous to such Election, nor unless the said Number of Five Shares be entered and continue in the Name or Names of such Person or Persons respectively in the Books of the said Company.

Persons holding less than Five Shares disqualified.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That at every Meeting of the Committee a Chairman shall be elected by the Members present, and 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 the Members present (the Number present not being less than Five), and in case of an equal Number of Votes upon any Question, including the Vote of the Chairman for the Time being, such Chairman shall have the decisive and casting Vote; and that

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if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee, Five Members qualified to vote shall not attend, that then and in such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned to some future Day by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present, by the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and that any Two or more Members of the Committee may, at any Time when they shall think fit, call a Meeting of the Committee, by Notice in Writing, signed by such Two or more Members, to be sent by the Post or otherwise, to the Residence or Address of every Member of such Committee.

Power of
Committee.

XLV. 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 also at any Time to call Special and General Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and to appoint the Time and Place of holding General and Special Meetings; and to direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out or disposed of, for the Purposes of the same, as in contracting for and purchasing Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into Contracts or Agreements for the lighting of the said City of *Bristol*, and the Parishes and Places aforesaid, or of any of such Streets, Roads, Highways, Docks, Quays, Squares, Courts, Yards, Lanes, Passages, and Places, Shops, Houses, or Buildings as aforesaid; 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 making, enforcing, and rescinding all Contracts and Bargains touching and concerning the same; and in appointing or placing and displacing any Officer or Servant of the Company, (not being a Treasurer or Clerk of the said Company, who are to be elected and appointed at a General Meeting of the Company, as herein-after mentioned), 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; and no Sum or Sums of Money shall be issued by the Treasurer, or any other Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Company, 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 Four Members at least of the said Committee present at some Meeting of the said Committee of Management; and the said Committee of Management shall and may require such Security to be given to the said Company, from any Treasurer, Clerk, Officer, or other Persons, for the faithful Execution of their Duties, as they may think proper; and the said Committee of Management shall give at least Ten Days Notice of every General Meeting, by public Advertisement in Two or more of the *Bristol* Newspapers, and shall give Three Days Notice of every adjourned General Meeting; and shall cause a Special General Meeting to be called within Fourteen Days next after any Vacancy shall happen in the Office of Treasurer or Clerk; or whenever, by Death, Disqualification, or otherwise, the Committee of Management shall be reduced to Twelve in Number; and shall cause to be expressed in the Notices of every Special and adjourned General Meeting the Objects for which such Meetings respectively are to be held.

XLVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Committee shall have full Power and Authority to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns, as such Committee of Management shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; so that no such Call do exceed the Sum of Five Pounds for or in respect of any One Share of Twenty Pounds, and so that no Call or Calls be made but at the Distance of Two Calendar Months at least from each other; and the Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer to the said Company for the Time being, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Fourteen Days Notice at least shall be given, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management shall direct or 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 One Calendar Month next after the Time appointed for Payment thereof, then and in such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company, at some General or Special General Meeting to be held after such Neglect or Refusal, to declare all and every or any of the Share or Shares of such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing as aforesaid to be forfeited, and all the Profit and Benefit thereof shall be vested in the said Company and their Assigns, to and for the Uses and Purposes of the said Undertaking: Provided always, that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, until after Ten Days Notice shall be given by the 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; and that every such Forfeiture shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Proprietor or Proprietors, or his, her, 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.

Committee
to make
Calls.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares of the said Undertaking shall, by virtue of this Act, have become forfeited to or vested in the said Company as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for the Company or their Committee for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, from Time to Time to sell or cause to be sold, by public Auction or private Contract, and by Writing under the Common Seal of the Company to assign and transfer, such Share or Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters unto such Person or Persons as shall become the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns; and such Assignments and Transfer shall be good, valid, and effectual against the Owner or Owners of every such Share or Shares so forfeited to or vested in the said Company, and sold as aforesaid; and all Persons claiming under him, her, or them.

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Owners not
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Calls thereon.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking,

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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, 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 or Proprietors, 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 or Proprietors.

Regulations
of the Com-
pany as to
General
Meetings.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That the Affairs and Concerns of the said Company shall be conducted and managed under and subject to the several Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions herein-after contained; (that is to say), the Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking shall assemble at such Time and Place as the Committee of Management shall direct, within Thirty Days next after the passing of this Act; and shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall and may adjourn to, or shall assemble at such other Times and Places as they shall be duly convened to in Manner herein-after mentioned; and every such Assembly shall be stiled a General Meeting, and Two such Meetings shall be held in every Year, on the First *Thursday* in the Month of *February*, and the First *Thursday* in the Month of *August*, or within Ten Days thereof respectively, which shall be stiled Half-yearly General Meetings; and that Ten or more Members of the said Company, holding in the aggregate Fifty Shares or upwards in the said Joint Stock, may at any Time, by Notice in Writing under their Hands, left at the Office of the said Company, require the Clerk for the Time being to call a Special General Meeting, so as such Requisition fully express the Object for which such Meeting is required to be called, and which Meeting such Clerk is hereby authorized and required forthwith to call, by sending a Copy of such Requisition by the Post to each Member of the said Company, and giving at least Ten Days previous Notice of the Time and Place where such Meeting is intended to be held; and in case of the Neglect or Refusal of the said Clerk to call such Meeting, the same may be called by the said Members as herein-after is expressed; and that every General Meeting may be adjourned from Time to Time and from Place to Place as shall be found expedient, and that at least Ten Days Notice of every General Meeting, and Three Days previous Notice of every Adjournment of any General Meeting, shall be given: Provided always, that all Notices herein-before directed to be given of any General or Special Meetings or Adjournments respectively, or to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not herein otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors, or to such individual Proprietor respectively, by Letters from the Clerk of the said Company, sent by the Post to each and every of the said Proprietors entitled to vote at such Meetings respectively, or to the individual Proprietors entitled to such Notice (as the Case may be); and that such Notices shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Service.

Special Meet-
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L. And be it further enacted, That in case the Clerk for the Time being shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Six Days, to comply with any Requisition signed by Ten or more Members holding in the aggregate
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Fifty Shares or upwards, directing him to call a Special General Meeting as herein-before mentioned, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the Members who shall have signed the same, to call a Special Meeting of the Company, by Advertisement in Two or more of the *Bristol* Newspapers, specifying the Place where and the Time when such Meeting is to be held, the Time not being less than Ten Days after such Notice, and the Place somewhere in the said City of *Bristol*; 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 a General Meeting of the said Company.

may be convened by Members on Neglect of Clerks.

LI. And 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 every Share or Shares, not exceeding Five, at the General and Special Meetings of the said Company, to be held for carrying on the said Undertaking, or for any Purposes relative thereto; but no Person shall be entitled to be present, or to give any Vote at such Meeting or Meetings, unless he shall have subscribed for at least One Share in the Joint Stock of the said Company at the Time of the passing of this Act; or unless he shall afterwards have been entitled to or continued possessed of at least One Share in the said Joint Stock for at least Three Calendar Months before such Meeting; nor shall any Person be entitled to vote in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Call or Calls by the said Committee of Management as herein-before mentioned, until such Call or Calls shall have been paid: Provided also, that no Person 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 anywise interested other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, to or of the said Undertaking.

Proprietors to vote according to the Number of their Shares.

LII. And be it further enacted, That when any Share or Shares in the said Joint Stock shall be the Property of more than One Person, the Owner or Proprietor whose Name shall have been entered first in order on the Books of the said Company shall, for all the Purposes of this Act, be deemed and taken to be the Owner or Proprietor of such Share or Shares; and all Notices required to be given to the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall and may be given to or served upon such Person whose Name shall so stand first in order in the Books of the said Company; and such Service upon such Person shall be deemed and taken to be a Service upon all the Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares, for all the Purposes for which such Service is intended to be made upon the Owner or Proprietor of any Share or Shares, and such Person shall be entitled to any Vote or Votes which may be given in respect of such Share or Shares.

Shares standing in the Names of more than One Person, the Person whose Name stands first shall be deemed the Owner.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That every Female being a Proprietor of a Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, and all other Proprietors, whose Residence exceeds the Distance of Ten Miles from the City of *Bristol*, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or

Empowering Females and Non-residents to vote by Proxy.

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Votes, at any General or Special Meeting of the said Company, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Member of the said Company entitled to vote: Provided always, that every Instrument by which such Proxy shall be appointed shall be presented at the Office of the said Company, at least One Day previous to the same being used, that it may be registered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk, and no Person shall deliver in Proxies for more than One Proprietor: Provided also, that the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form following; *videlicet*,

Form of
Proxy.

‘ I being a Member or Proprietor of and in the
‘ *Bristol Gas Light Company*, do hereby nominate, constitute, and
‘ appoint *C. D.* 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 Meeting of the said Company, in such Manner as he the
‘ said *C. D.* 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 .’

Regulations
of General
Meetings.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That at every General Meeting a Chairman shall be appointed by the Members present, and all Questions shall be decided by a Majority of Votes of the Proprietors and Proxies attending, and not declining to vote, according to their respective Number of Votes; and upon any Difference of Opinion, any Member may require such Votes to be taken by Ballot, but no Ballot shall be kept open longer than One Hour; and that on any Question whenever the Number of Votes, including the Vote or Votes of the Chairman, shall be equal, such Chairman shall have another and decisive or casting Vote; and the Orders and Proceedings of every General Meeting, and of every Meeting of the Committee of Management, shall be entered by the Clerk in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose; and such Orders and Proceedings so entered and signed by the Clerk of the said Company, 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 all Courts and Places whatsoever, and by and before all Judges, Justices, and others; and that no Business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting, besides the Business for which it shall have been called; and no other Business shall be transacted at any adjourned Special Meeting than the Business left unfinished at the Meeting from which such Adjournment took place.

General
Meeting to
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tary.

LV. And be it further enacted, That at the First General Meeting to be held within Thirty Days next after the passing of this Act, and at the Half-yearly General Meeting to be held in *February* in every Year, or some Adjournment thereof, the Members present shall elect some Person or Persons to be a Treasurer or Treasurers, and some other Person Clerk to the said Company; and any General Meeting may from Time to Time dismiss, remove, or suspend such Treasurer or Clerk as they shall think fit, and appoint any other Person or Persons in his or their stead; and the said Offices of Treasurer and Clerk shall be annual Offices, and the Persons appointed to fill the same shall not be elected for a longer Period than

One Year; but such Appointments may be from Time to Time renewed at the Pleasure of such General Meeting, if they should be desirous of re-electing such Treasurer or Clerk.

LVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company to appoint the Person who may be appointed to act as their Clerk, 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 Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Company; and if any Person shall act in both the Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of 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, nor more than One Imparlance, shall be allowed.

Offices of Clerk and Treasurer not to be held by one Person.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That any General Meeting or General Meetings specially called for that Purpose shall have full Power to call for and examine and settle the Accounts of the said Company, and that at every Half-yearly General Meeting or some Adjournment thereof, an Half-yearly Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interests, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise, and such Dividend or Dividends shall be at and after the Rate of so much for each Share held by the Members thereof in the Joint Stock of the said Company, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine: Provided always, that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall be in any Degree reduced or impaired, nor shall any Dividend be paid in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Call for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid.

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

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take, or shall use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in their private Houses, Shops, or other Buildings, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Twenty Days after Demand, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company, according to the Terms and Stipulations with the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company, or their Clerk or Engineer, or any other Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, to cause the Service Pipe supplying such House, Shop, or other Building to be cut or taken off; and also to sue for and recover the said Sum or Sums, in respect whereof such Refusal or Neglect shall happen, in any Court of Law or Equity.

For Recovery of Money agreed to be paid for Gas Light.

LIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the clear Profits to be received by the said Company, from the said Undertaking, shall never exceed the Sum of Two Pounds *per Annum* upon each Share of Twenty 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

Limiting the Profits of the Company.

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of Two Years from the passing of this Act, to cause a true, exact, and particular Account to be kept and annually made up 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 Work; 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 Two Pounds *per Annum* upon every such Share, such Per-centage 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 Ten thousand Pounds; and the Interest or Dividends of such Sum or Sums so to be invested, shall be applied in like Manner as the Monies 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 any Two or more Justices of the Peace acting for the said City, or either of the said Counties, not interested in the Undertaking, within Two Calendar Months next after the making up of such annual Account to be made on the Thirty-first Day of *December*, which said Justices shall have Power and Authority, if they shall deem it necessary, to require the said Company to produce the Books of Account of the said Company for the Satisfaction of the said Justices; and the said Company are hereby required, upon a Requisition in Writing for that Purpose, signed by such Two Justices, to produce such Books at such Time and Place as shall be mentioned in such Requisition; 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 Two Pounds *per Annum* upon every such Share, then and in every such Case the said Company shall pay such Surplus of the said clear Profits, Dividends, and Interest to the said Commissioners for paving, pitching, cleansing, and lighting the said City, 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 recited Act, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding; and that the said Company shall cause a true and exact Copy of such annual Account to be delivered to the said Commissioners, Fourteen Days prior to the same being exhibited to the said Justices.

Power of
General
Meetings to
make Bye-
Laws.

LX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have Power and Authority from Time to Time, at any of their General Meetings, 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 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 Management of the said Undertaking in all Respects whatsoever; and from Time to Time to alter and repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws,

Laws, or any of them, and to make others; and impose and inflict such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Persons, Members of, or Officers, Workmen, or Servants of the said Company, and other Persons to be employed in and about the Business and Affairs of the said Company, or in the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking, but no others, offending against such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws, or any of them, not exceeding the Sum of Five Pounds for any One Offence, as to the said 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 such Persons, and shall be sufficient in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same: Provided always, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws be not repugnant to the Laws of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act: Provided also, that all such Rules, Orders, and Bye-Laws shall be subject to appeal in Manner by this Act directed; and that printed Copies thereof shall be affixed and continued in the Office, and at the principal Station or Stations of the said Company; and if any Person or Persons shall wilfully pull down or damage or deface any Copy or Copies so fixed up, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding Twenty Shillings.

LXI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, 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, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this Act, may, within Three Calendar Months after the Cause of Complaint shall have arisen, appeal to the Justices of the Peace at their next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or of any Adjournment thereof, to be holden for the said City of *Bristol*, County of *Gloucester*, or County of *Somerset* respectively (as the Case may be), 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 Clerk of the said Company; and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for such City or County, 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 Notices and Recognizances having been given and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such Complaint at such General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or at any Adjournment thereof, 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 or County, and if they see cause may mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Rule, Bye-Law, Order, or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, or such Costs to either of the Parties, as they shall judge reasonable and proper; and all such Determinations of the said Justices shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all Parties to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; but no Proceeding to be had and taken in pursuance of this Act shall be quashed or vacated for want of Form.

Appeal may
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For compelling the Attendance of Witnesses.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as 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 upon 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 Fifty Pounds, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for his or her Costs and Expences and Attendance as a Witness.

Persons giving false Evidence to be punished for Perjury.

LXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Witness or Witnesses, who shall be examined by or before any Justice or Justices 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 giving false Evidence, shall be subject to the Pains and Penalties inflicted on Persons guilty of 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 (not herein otherwise directed), which shall or may be necessary for carrying into Execution any of the Powers of this Act, the Service of any such Notices or Summonses either on the Person or Persons to 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: Provided always, that all such Notices and Summonses shall and may be signed on Behalf of the said Company by the Clerk for the Time being.

Directing what shall be deemed a Service of Notice, &c. 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 the Clerk of the said Company, or at the Office of the said Clerk, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or at the Office of the said Company; or upon any Member of the said Committee, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode; or in case the same respectively shall not be found or known, then Service upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, shall be deemed 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 Proceeding 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.

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 and directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the City of *Bristol*, County of *Gloucester*, or County of *Somerset* (as the Case may be), in a summary Way, by Information upon the Oath or Affirmation of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending, which Oath or Affirmation such Justice is hereby empowered and directed to administer; and that all Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed, the Manner of levying or recovering 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 of the said City, or either of the said Counties (as the Case may be), which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and directed to grant, upon Confession of the Party or Parties, or upon the Information of One or more credible Witness or Witnesses, upon Oath or Affirmation, which Oath or Affirmation such Justice is hereby empowered and directed to administer; and one Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures (except such Penalties and Forfeitures as are herein-before directed to be wholly paid over to the said Commissioners for Paving), 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 Charge of such Distress and Sale being first deducted), shall be paid to the Informer; and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Churchwardens 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 forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice and he is hereby empowered and directed, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Prison of the said City, or to some Gaol or House of Correction in either of the said Counties respectively (as the Case may be), for any Time not exceeding Three Calendar Months.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

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 and County of *Bristol*,
 or County of *Gloucester*,
 or County of *Somerset* (as
 the Case may be), to wit. } BE it remembered, That on the _____ Day of _____
 One thousand eight hundred _____
 and _____ is [or are] convicted before _____
 me [or us, as the Case may be] _____ of His Majesty's Justices
 of the Peace for the City and County of *Bristol* [or County of *Gloucester*,
 or County of *Somerset*, as the Case may be], by virtue of an Act passed
 in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, intituled
 [here insert the Title of this Act] of having [specifying the Offence, and
 the Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case
 shall be] contrary to the said Act; and for which Offence I [or we, as
 the Case shall be] do adjudge the said _____ to have
 forfeited the Sum of _____ . Given under my Hand and
 Seal [or, as the Case shall be, our Hands and Seals] the Day and Year
 first before written.

Form of Conviction.

LXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall have the Effect of depriving the Commissioners for

Rights of Persons to

light Streets
not to be
affected.

for paving the said City, or their Successors, or any Person or Persons, of any Right which they or any of them at present possess, or of interfering with any Right which they or any of them may hereafter acquire, of lighting the Streets or Houses in the said City or Parishes 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 said Commissioners for lighting or paving the said City, or any Body Corporate or Politic, Sole or Aggregate, or 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 City, Parishes, or Places.

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

LXX. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding, by Indictment or otherwise, against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid, as a public or private Nuisance, or from bringing any 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, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of lighting, or the Carelessness or want of Skill of the Persons employed therein.

General
Saving of all
Rights.

LXXI. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to the Mayor, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, and to the Commissioners for paving, pitching, cleansing, and lighting the said City, and their Successors, and to the Trustees for making, altering, amending, maintaining, and repairing the Roads, Highways, Passages, and Places in the several Parishes adjoining the said City of *Bristol*, and their Successors, and to the Dean and Chapter of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of the Cathedral Church of *Bristol*, and their Successors, and to the Master, Warden, and Society of Merchant Venturers in the said City, and their Successors, and to the Governor, Deputy Governor and Guardians of the Poor in the said City, and their Successors, and to the *Bristol* Dock Company and their Successors, their respective Rights, Privileges, and Franchises, as fully and completely in every respect as they enjoyed the same before the passing of this Act.

Expences of
the Act how
to be paid.

LXXII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, shall be paid and discharged by the said Committee of Management out of the Monies already subscribed for the Purposes of this Act.

Public Act.

LXXIII. 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.