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GEORGIIV. REGIS.

Cap. lxxii.

An Act for lighting the Town and Burgh of *Paisley*, and Suburbs and Places adjacent, with Gas, and for other Purposes relating thereto.

[30th *May* 1823.]

WHEREAS the Burgh of *Paisley*, and the Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, Suburbs thereof, and Places adjacent thereto, are large and populous, and it would be of great Benefit to the Inhabitants thereof, and to the Public at large, if the Streets, Squares, Market Places, public and private Passages, Roads, and other Places, and their Houses, Shops, Counting Houses, Warehouses, public Works, Manufactories, and other Buildings, were better lighted : And whereas Inflammable Air or Gas, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Essential Oil, Pyroligneous Acid, Charcoal, and other Products, may be procured from Coal, Oil, Tallow, Tar, Peat, Turf, Rosin, Wood, and other Inflammable Substances : And whereas the said Inflammable Air, being conveyed by means of Pipes, may be safely and beneficially used for lighting the several Streets, Squares, Market Places, public and private Passages, Roads, private Houses, Shops, Counting Houses, Warehouses, public Works, Manufactories, and other Buildings, within the said Burgh of *Paisley* and Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, and Places aforesaid ; and the Coke may be beneficially employed as Fuel in private Houses and Manufactories ; and the said Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Essential Oil, Pyroligneous Acid, Charcoal, and other Products to be pro-

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cured from Coal, Oil, Tallow, Tar, Peat, Turf, Rosin, Wood, and other Inflammable Substances, may be used and applied in various other Ways, with great Advantage: And whereas the several Persons herein-after named are willing and desirous, at their own Costs and Charges, to effect the Purposes aforesaid; but the same cannot be carried fully and completely into Execution without the Aid and Authority of Parliament: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That *Ludovic Houstoun, John Blackburn, James Carlile, Robert Farquharson, Matthew Boyd, William Gilmour, John Maxwell, James Buchanan, William Lowndes, James Thomas Murray, Alexander Gardner, John Scott, William Waterston, John Wylie, Robert Muir, Robert Cochran, John Orr junior, Joseph Twigg, Robert M'Kechnie, James Stewart, George Miller, James Lamb, Campbell Snodgrass, David Wallace, John Bell, and James Jackson,* and all and every such other Person or Persons, and such Bodies Politic and Corporate or Collegiate as have already become Subscribers, or from Time to Time shall become Subscribers to and be duly admitted Members of the Company after mentioned, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assignees, shall be and they are hereby declared to be

Proprietors. incorporated. One Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of "The Paisley 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; and the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of producing Inflammable Air for lighting the said Burgh of *Paisley*, and Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, and Places aforesaid, and shall have Power to sell and dispose of such Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Essential Oil, Pyroligneous Acid, Charcoal, and other Products to be procured from Coal, Oil, Tallow, Tar, Peat, Turf, Rosin, Wood, and other Inflammable Substances, in the Process of making such Inflammable Air; and shall have full Power to purchase and possess Lands, Tenements, or other Heritages to them and their Successors or Assignees, for the Use of the said Undertaking; and also to erect, make, and complete and maintain all Buildings, Works, and Operations necessary or proper for the said Undertaking, but for no other Use or Purpose.

Company may contract for the Purchase of Lands, &c.

II. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby empowered, as often as it may be necessary, to contract and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages within the said Burgh of *Paisley*, or Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, or Places aforesaid, with any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations, Companies, Heirs of Entail, Life Renters, Fiars, Husbands, Married Women, Trustees, Tutors, Factors, Loco Tutoris, and Curators, and with all and every Person or Persons whomsoever, though under any legal Disability or Incapacity, who shall be willing to sell the same for the Uses and Purposes of this Act; provided always, that the Land so to be acquired shall not exceed Five Acres in extent; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors to hold such Lands, Tenements, and Heritages so purchased, without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of any Law or Statutes whatsoever.

III. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations, Companies, Heirs of Entail, Life Renters, Fiars, Husbands, Married Women, Trustees, Tutors, Factors Loco Tutoris, and Curators, and all and every Person or Persons whomsoever, though under any legal Disability or Incapacity, who is, are, or shall be seised or possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, which shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, to contract for, sell, and convey the same, and every Part thereof, unto the said Company of Proprietors; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and all other Persons whomsoever, so conveying as aforesaid, are hereby indemnified for what they shall respectively do in relation to any such Sale, which he, she, they, or any of them shall make by virtue of and in pursuance of this Act; and all such Contracts, Agreements, Sales, Conveyances, and Assurances of any such Lands, Tenements, or other Heritages, to the said Company of Proprietors, may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

Bodies Politic, &c. empowered to sell.

‘ I A. B. in Consideration of the Sum of
 ‘ to me paid, [*or* in Consideration of the Annual Rent of
 ‘ to me to be hereafter yielded and paid by Yearly or Half-yearly Payments,
 ‘ as may be agreed upon] by the Company of Proprietors of the *Paisley*
 ‘ Gas Light Company, do hereby sell, dispo, and convey to the said
 ‘ Company, all [*describing the Premises to be conveyed*], and all my Right,
 ‘ Title, and Interest to and in the same, and every Part thereof; to hold
 ‘ to the said Company and their Successors for ever, by virtue of an Act
 ‘ passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King
 ‘ *George* the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*]. In wit-
 ‘ ness whereof, I have subscribed these Presents, consisting of this and
 ‘ the preceding Pages of Paper, stamped according to Law,
 ‘ written by at upon the
 ‘ Day of in the Year before these
 ‘ Witnesses and

Form of Conveyance.

Which said Conveyance, being registered in the General Register of Sasines for *Scotland*, or in the Register of Sasines of the Shire in which the Premises conveyed shall be situated, and which the respective Keepers of the said General Register, and of the Registers for such Shire, are hereby authorized to register, shall receive the same Effect, and be as valid and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes, as if a formal Disposition had been executed, and followed by Charter and Sasine, according to the Form of the Law of *Scotland*, any Law, Statute, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; and the Originals of all such Conveyances shall be kept by the Clerk to the said Company of Proprietors, who, and the respective Keepers of the said Registers of Sasines where the same shall be registered, shall from Time to Time, when requested, deliver attested Copies thereof to any Person or Persons requiring the same, and shall have and receive Sixpence for every One hundred Words of each such attested Copy, and so in proportion for any less Number of Words.

IV. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages purchased, taken, or used by virtue of the Powers of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which are held under Entail, or are subject to Life Rents, Annuities, or other Incumbrances, or shall belong to any Corporation, Married Woman, Pupil,

Application of Compensation Money when exceeding 200*l*.

Pupil, Minor, Lunatic, or other 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 Sterling, under the Direction and by the Authority of the Court of Session, be with all convenient Speed paid into the Bank of *Scotland*, Royal Bank of *Scotland*, or *British Linen Company*, to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Directions and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, in the Purchase or Redemption of the Land Tax, or Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the said Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Heritages standing settled therewith, to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, which shall be conveyed or settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, which shall be so purchased, taken, or used as aforesaid, stood settled or 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 Interest or Annual Produce of such Money 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 Lands, Tenements, and Heritages so hereby directed to be purchased, in case such Purchase or Settlement were made.

When under
200*l.* and
above 20*l.*

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so agreed or awarded to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Corporation, or to any other Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds Sterling, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being, who may be entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Heritages so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Tutors, Factors *Loco Tutoris*, or Curators, in case of Pupilarity, Minority, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, under the like Direction and Authority, be paid into any of the said Banks, and be placed to his, her, or their Accounts as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Three Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Persons making such Option, and approved of by Four or more of the said Committee of Management, (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified in Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties), in order that such Principal Money, and the Interest arising therefrom, may be applied in any Manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case may be applicable.

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VI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so agreed or awarded to be paid as next before mentioned shall be less than Twenty Pounds Sterling, then and in all such Cases the same shall be applied to the Use of the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Heritages so purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management, or any Four or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Pupilarity, Minority, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Tutors, Factors Loco Tutoris, or Curators, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

When under 20^l.

VII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person or Persons to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *Scotland*, Royal Bank of *Scotland*, or *British* Linen Company, under the Direction and by the Authority of the Court of Session, in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, or any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages to be purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages to be purchased with any such Money, or to the Rents and Profits thereof, the Person or Persons who shall have been in the Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shewn to the Satisfaction of the said Court; and the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, and Heritages to be purchased with such Money, and also the Lands, Tenements, and Heritages so purchased, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, or to some Estate, Right, Title, or Interest therein.

Where there is a questionable Title, Persons in Possession to be deemed entitled.

VIII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, entitled to any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the said Court of Session, and to be applied to the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court to order the Prices and other Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of such Prices and other Expences as the Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Company of Proprietors, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purchases as the said Court shall direct.

Expences of Purchases may be allowed by the Court.

IX. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money which may be contracted or agreed to be paid by the said Company for any Lands, Tenements, or Heritages for the Uses and Purposes of the said Company, to the Party or Parties respectively entitled to the same, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into any of the aforesaid Banks,

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

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for the Purpose of being disposed of in manner herein-before directed (as the Case may be), and a Receipt or Receipts, Certificate or Certificates obtained for such Payment or Payments; all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law or Equity of the Party and Parties and Person and Persons respectively, to whom or to whose Use the same shall be paid, in, to, or out of such Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, shall vest in the said Company and their Successors for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act, who shall hold the same, and all Right or Interest therein purchased as aforesaid, without incurring or being subject to any of the Penalties or Forfeitures of the Statute of Mortmain, or of any other Law or Statute whatsoever; and the said Company shall immediately thereupon be deemed in Law to be in the actual Right, Seisin, or Possession thereof, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, as fully and effectually as if every Person having any Estate, Right, Title, or Interest in the Premises had actually and formally made over, conveyed, and assigned the said Lands, Tenements, and Heritages unto the said Company.

Company
may sell
Lands, &c.
not wanted.

X. And whereas the said Company of Proprietors under the Provisions of this Act may purchase Lands, Tenements, or other Heritages, which may be afterwards found not necessary or not wanted to be immediately used for the Purposes thereof; be it therefore further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Management of the said Company of Proprietors, by and with the Advice and Consent of any General Meeting to be held in Manner herein-after directed, for and in Name and Behalf of the said Company of Proprietors again to sell, assign, convey, transfer, or feu to any Purchaser or Purchasers, Feuor or Feuors, such Lands, Tenements, or Heritages, or any Parts or Portions thereof, and that in such Manner and at such Price or Prices, or for such annual Feu Duties, and after such previous Intimation, as the said Meetings may appoint; and it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, by a Quorum of their Committee of Management, to grant and subscribe Dispositions, Procuratories of Resignation, Precepts of Sasine, Charters, or Feu Rights, to such Purchaser or Purchasers, Feuor or Feuors, according to the Form of such Deeds prescribed by the Law of *Scotland*, in the same Manner as if the Proprietors of the said Company had been publicly entered and infest according to the Law of *Scotland*; and such Deed so to be granted shall be valid and effectual to the Receivers thereof, and shall be admitted, acknowledged, and confirmed by the Superiors and others concerned, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding; but the said Company of Proprietors shall not be authorized to purchase any Lands in lieu of those which they may so dispose of.

Proprietors
may raise
Money not
exceeding
16,000*l*.

XI. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors to raise a competent Sum of Money for erecting, making, completing, and maintaining the Buildings, Gasometers, or Reservoirs of Gas, Pipes for conveying the Gas, and all other Works, Conveniences, and Operations belonging or requisite thereto, as shall be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds Sterling, which Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds Sterling, or so much thereof as shall be raised, shall be divided into Shares of Five Pounds Sterling each; and that the said Shares shall be and are hereby vested in the several Persons, Bodies
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Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, so raising and contributing the same, and their several and respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assignees, who have already subscribed or shall severally subscribe for one or more Share or Shares towards completing and maintaining the said Undertaking; and the foresaid Persons or Bodies shall severally be entitled to and receive, after the said requisite Works and Conveniences shall be completed, and after a Sum of not less than One-tenth Part of the free Profits shall be accumulated in manner herein-after mentioned, as a Fund for answering Contingencies, the entire and net Distribution of an equal proportional Part, according to the Money so by them respectively contributed, of the Profits and Advantages which shall and may arise and accrue from the Rates and other Sums of Money to be raised, recovered, or received by the said Company by the Authority of this Act; and every Body Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, Person and Persons, having such Property in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, shall bear and pay a proportionable Sum towards carrying on the same, in manner herein directed and appointed.

XII. Provided always, and be it hereby enacted, That the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise any of the Powers granted under this Act, until the said Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds Sterling shall have been subscribed towards the Purposes thereof, including any Sums already subscribed.

Powers not to be exercised till 16,000*l.* are subscribed.

XIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and in the Power of the said Company of Proprietors, or of the Committee of Management for the Time, by and with the Advice and Direction of any General Assembly of the said Company of Proprietors, to borrow and take up in Loan, at such Rate of Interest as may be agreed on, but which shall not exceed the legal Rate of Interest for the Time, any Sum or Sums of Money not exceeding the Sum of Four thousand Pounds Sterling in the whole, for the Use and Behoof of the said Company, and for the same Purposes as the Company are hereby authorized to raise among themselves the said Sum of Sixteen thousand Pounds Sterling, and to grant, execute, and deliver to, and in favor of the Lender or Lenders, or those having Right, such Bonds, Obligations, or other Deeds in Writing as may be required, binding the said Company for Payment of the Sum or Sums so borrowed with Interest; and it shall and may be lawful to and in the Power of the said Committee of Management, with such Advice and Direction, to assign and convey the said Undertaking, and the whole Estate, Property, and Profits thereof, in Security of such Sum or Sums so raised upon Loan, in the Form or to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

The Company may borrow Money not exceeding 4,000*l.*

and convey the Works in Security.

‘ **B**Y virtue of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*], we, the Paisley Gas Light Company, incorporated by the said Act, do hereby acknowledge to have borrowed from *A. B.* the Sum of _____ which Sum we are by these Presents bound to repay to the said *A. B.*, or his Executors or Assignees, upon the _____ Day of _____ next, with Interest of the said Sum at the Rate of _____ *per Centum per Annum*, from the _____ Day of _____ until the said Day of Payment, and

Form of Conveyance.

and thereafter until Payment is made ; and in further Security of the Payment of the said Sum and Interest, we hereby assign to the said *A. B.* and his foresaids, the whole Property, Estate, and Effects of us the said *Paisley Gas Light Company*, and the whole Rates and Profits arising and payable to us by virtue of the said Act, with Power to the said *A. B.* and his foresaids to possess the said Property, Estate, and Effects, and Rates and Profits thereof, until the said Sum, Interest thereon, and all just and necessary Expences to be incurred in the Premises, are fully satisfied and paid. In witness whereof, these Presents written on Paper, stamped according to Law, by *C. D.* are subscribed by a Quorum of the Committee of Management of the said *Paisley Gas Light Company*, at _____ the _____ Day of _____ before these Witnesses _____ and _____

Which Instruments, being signed by a Quorum of the said Committee of Management of the said Company, and being registered in manner after mentioned, shall be a valid Obligation on the said Company, and shall be a real and effectual Security over their Estate and Effects, and Rates and Profits, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding ; and the Sums of Money for which such Instruments are granted shall be preferable Debts upon the Estate and Effects, and Rates and Profits of the said Company, in a Competition with all others the Creditors of the said Company, or with the Proprietors of the said Company, or any of them ; it being hereby provided, that the Sums so to be raised in Loan, if borrowed in Two or more Sums, shall not be preferable the one over the other, by reason of Priority of lending or otherways, but that the whole Sums so to be borrowed shall form one cumulative Security over the said Company's Estate and Effects, and Rates and Profits ; and the Person or Persons having Right to the several Sums so borrowed shall each be bound to account to the other for his or their Intromissions with the said Estate and Effects, and Rates and Profits, according to the several Sums due to each by the said Company.

Conveyances
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Book.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That every such Bond and Conveyance in Security to be granted by the said Committee of Management in manner before mentioned, for the Whole or any Part of the said Sum of Four thousand Pounds Sterling, shall be entered and registered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose by the Clerk to the said Company, who shall be bound to grant a Certificate of such Registration on every such Deed which shall be so registered, to which Book any Person interested shall at all seasonable Times have Access, and free Liberty to inspect and take Excerpts therefrom, upon Payment to the said Clerk of a Fee of One Shilling ; and for the entering and registering of every such Bond and Conveyance in Security, the said Clerk shall be paid the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence, and such Clerk is hereby required to make such Registration without any undue Delay, and within Three Days after the same shall be presented to him, under a Penalty of Five Pounds Sterling, to be forfeited to and recovered by the Holder of the Deed so presented ; and the said Clerk shall from Time to Time, when requested, deliver attested Copies thereof to any Person or Persons requiring the same, upon Payment of the Sum of One Shilling for every Page thereof containing One hundred and fifty Words.

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XV. And whereas the said Inflammable Air or Gas cannot be used for lighting the public Streets, Squares, Market Places, public or private Ways or Passages, Roads, and other Places and Houses, Shops, and Manufactories as aforesaid, unless such Inflammable Air or Gas be conveyed by Means of Pipes, to be properly laid for that Purpose from the Place or Places, and Building or Buildings, and Erections where the same may be made; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company and their Successors, and their Committee of Management, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered (subject to certain Provisions and Restrictions herein mentioned), by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time, and at any Time, and as often as they may find it necessary for the Purposes of this Act, doing thereby as little Damage as may be, to break up any Part of the Causeway of the said Streets, the Side Pavements, and Soil under the said Pavements, Streets, Squares, Ways, Lanes, Passages, and Places in the said Burgh of *Paisley* and Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, and Suburbs and Places adjacent, and to dig and sink Trenches and lay Pipes under the said Streets, Side Pavements, Pavements, Squares, Lanes, Ways, Passages, and Places aforesaid, and put Stopcocks or Plugs, Syphons, or Water Traps, or Branches from such Pipes, in such Places and in such Manner as shall be necessary for the Purpose of carrying this Act into Execution, or supplying such Light as aforesaid.

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

XVI. Provided always; and be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall be obliged Twenty-four Hours before commencing such Operations, to give Notice in Writing to the Superintendent of Works, or such other Person as may be appointed for that Purpose by the Provost, Baillies and Council of the said Burgh of *Paisley*, for all such Places within the said Burgh of *Paisley*, or to the Commissioners of Police for the Time being, or their Superintendent, if the said Pipes are intended to be laid within the Bounds of an Act made in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, herein-after mentioned, lying within the Territories of the said Burgh of *Paisley*, or to the Convener of the Trustees on the Roads through which the said Operations shall be carried, for all other Places whatsoever, and at all Times and wherever situated, to the Proprietors or Possessors of the Premises where the said Operations are to commence and terminate: And provided also, that no public Streets, Roads or Highways, shall be broken up without the Consent of the Commissioners, Superintendent, or other Person or Persons under whose Care the same may be; and that no private Roads or Ways shall be broken up, or any Pipe or Pipes laid or carried in, through, over, or upon the same, without the Consent of the Owner and Owners, and Occupier and Occupiers thereof, in Writing.

Notice to be given before commencing Operations.

XVII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, and their Committee of Management, and Persons employed by them, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered from Time to Time (but always after such Intimation as aforesaid) to alter the Position of, and to relay, repair, and maintain such Pipes, Stop Cocks, Syphons, Water Traps, and Plugs or Branches from the said Pipes, and for these Purposes the said Company of Proprietors, their Deputies, Servants, Agents, and Workmen, are hereby authorized and empowered, under the Limitations aforesaid, to enter into and upon all Lands

Power to alter, repair, and maintain the Works.

and Grounds, Highways, Roads, Passages, Streets, Lanes, Ways, Pavements and other Places, belonging to any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate or Collegiate, which the said Company of Proprietors shall think necessary for conveying Gas from the Place or Places, Building or Buildings and Erections where the same is made, to the said Burgh of *Paisley* and Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, or any Parts thereof as aforesaid, and to set out such Parts thereof as shall be necessary and proper for laying the said Pipes, and for constructing the Works and other Conveniences aforesaid; and also, after Intimation in Writing as aforesaid, from Time to Time to open, scour, cleanse, repair, maintain, enlarge, contract, and alter such Pipes, Works and Conveniences, or to make such additional Works and Conveniences as may be necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, to bore, dig, cut, trench, sough, get, remove, take, carry away, and lay Earth, Clay, Stones, Soil, Rubbish, Roots of Trees, Beds of Gravel or Sand, or any other Matters and Things, which may be dug or got in laying such Pipes, or in constructing such Works and Conveniences, or which may hinder, obstruct, or prevent the making, laying, or constructing the same, or the using, completing, enlarging and maintaining the same, and to use, exercise, and employ all necessary Ways and Means, and to erect and set up, by themselves, their Deputies, Servants, Agents and Workmen, any Machine or other Apparatus which may be necessary for supplying, conveying and bringing a sufficient Supply of Gas from the Place or Places, Building or Buildings and Erections where the same is made, into and through the said Burgh of *Paisley* and the Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, for the Use of the Inhabitants thereof, and for the Purpose of lighting the said Streets, Place or Places, Building or Buildings, and others aforesaid; and from Time to Time, after such Notice as aforesaid, to repair, maintain, support, continue and enlarge the same, according to the Tenor and true Intent and Meaning hereof; and from Time to Time to make, construct, erect, repair, and maintain Main Pipes, Rider Pipes, Head Pipes, Service Pipes, Branch Pipes of Lead and other Metals or Materials, Cocks, Chamber Cocks, Stop Cocks, Valves, Air Plugs, Syphons, Water Traps, and such other Works and Devices as they shall think proper; and for all or any of the Purposes of this Act to break up and remove the Soil, Posts, Kirbs, Bulk Heads, Bars, Sewers and Drains, (other than the public or common Sewers of the said Burgh and Parish) Pavements, and gravelled and other Ways of any of the present or future Roads, Streets, Squares, Lanes, Ways, Passages, Alleys, public Courts, Footways, Closes and public Places, after the Intimation aforesaid, in such manner as they shall judge necessary for distributing and conveying such Gas to the respective Houses, Shops, Offices, Workhouses, Manufactories, Public Buildings and other Tenements of the Inhabitants of the said Burgh and Parish, and for lighting the Streets and other Places thereof: Provided always, that in breaking up and removing the aforesaid Soil, Posts, Kirbs, Bulk Heads, Bars, Sewers and Drains, Pavements, gravelled and other Ways, it shall not be lawful to the said Company of Proprietors, and their Committee of Management, to break up or remove to a greater Extent than One hundred and fifty Feet in Length thereof at any one Time; and that, during the Progress of the Work, such Opening shall be duly fenced, and in the Night-time that a Lamp shall be kept burning at each Extremity of the Opening or Obstruction, at the Expence of the said Company; and the aforesaid Soil, Posts, Kirbs, Bulk Heads, Bars, Sewers and Drains, Pavements, gravelled and other Ways so broken up

and removed as aforesaid, or in anyway damaged by the said Company, shall in every case, with all convenient Speed, be laid down, replaced, and amended in good Condition and Repair, at the Expence of the said Company; and from Time to Time, as occasion may require, and after such Notice as aforesaid, it shall be lawful to the said Company, their Committee of Management, or those employed by them, to alter the Position of, and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stop Cocks, Air Plugs, Syphons and Machinery, and to do all other Acts, Matters and Things, which may be necessary or proper for making, completing, amending, repairing and improving, and for using the Works authorized to be done, for the Purposes and according to the true Intent and Meaning hereof; and further that it shall be lawful for the said Company, or those empowered by them, in the Event of any of the said Pipes or Works of the said Company bursting or giving way, or any other Accident taking place, by which Gas may escape, immediately and without any previous Notice, to repair such Injury; as also, in case of the said Gas escaping by the Pipes bursting, or other Accident, the said Company shall, after receiving Twenty-four Hours Notice of such Escape, be obliged to amend and repair the same, so as effectually to prevent such Gas from escaping; and the said Company of Proprietors making Satisfaction to the Owners and Proprietors of, and all Persons interested in the Lands, Tenements, and Heritages respectively, which shall sustain Injury or Damage by reason of all or any of the Powers of this Act, in case such Injury or Damage shall arise; and this Act shall be sufficient to indemnify the said Company of Proprietors, and their Deputies, Servants, Agents and Workmen, and all other Persons whomsoever, for what they or any of them shall do by virtue hereof, subject nevertheless to such Provisions and Restrictions as are herein contained: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize or empower the said Company, or their Successors, to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, from any Main or Pipe, against, into, or through any Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Shops, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or private Grounds as aforesaid, or to continue the same when so carried or laid, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner and Owners and Occupier and Occupiers for the Time being of every such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Shops, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, or private Grounds as aforesaid.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in all Cases where any Consent is required to be, or shall be or have been obtained by the said Company, to break up or take up or remove any Soil, Pitchings, Causeways, or Side Pavements in or of any Streets, Squares, Highways, Roads, Bridges, Ways, Footpaths, Lanes, Passages and Places in the said Burgh and Parish, or Places adjacent thereto, in order to lay down any Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, to convey Gas, or for any other Purpose which may be required under this Act, nothing contained in this Act shall, after such Consent being once obtained, be deemed or construed to require the said Company to obtain any further Consent for repairing or relaying such Main or Mains, Pipe or Pipes, or from breaking or taking up or removing any Pavement, Soil, or Ground for any Purpose which may be required under this Act.

After Consent allowed for Company to break up Pavements, &c. no further Consent necessary.

XIX. And

Penalty on
the Company
if Escape of
Gas is not
stopped after
Notice.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes which shall be laid down or set up by the said Company, in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall at their own Expence, after receiving Notice in Writing, to be left at their Office, or usual Place of transacting their Business, by any Inhabitant or Person whosoever, cause the most speedy and effectual Measures to be taken to stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice in Writing being given of any such Escape of Gas, effectually stop and prevent such Gas from escaping, and wholly and satisfactorily remove the Cause of Complaint, then and in every such case the said Company shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Five Pounds for each and every Day, after the Expiration of Twenty-four Hours from the Time of receiving such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid; which Penalty shall be recoverable in a summary Way, on the Oath or Affirmation of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses, before the Provost and Magistrates of the said Town and Burgh of *Paisley*, or any One of them, not being Members of the said Company, or before the Sheriff Depute of the County of *Renfrew*, or his Substitute, as the Case may require, and shall and may be recovered, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, by Warrant of any such Provost, Magistrate, Sheriff Depute or Substitute as aforesaid, to be granted in like Manner and subject to the like Provisions as are herein directed touching other Penalties to be recovered from the said Company.

Power to
carry Pipes
across the
River White
Cart.

XX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Company of Proprietors, and they are hereby authorized, for the Purposes of this Act, to carry a Pipe or Pipes either across the Bed of the *River White Cart*, or along the Bridges which are or may be built across the said *River White Cart*, within the Bounds comprehended under this Act: Provided always, that before carrying such Pipe or Pipes across any of the said Bridges, the said Company shall obtain the Consent in Writing of the said Provost and Baillies; and further, that the said Company shall not have a Right to carry any Pipe or Pipes along more than one of the said Bridges, at one and the same Time; and such Pipe or Pipes shall be so carried across the Bed of the said *River White Cart*, so as not to interfere with or interrupt the free Passage of the River.

Conveyance
of Waste
Liquids.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to make such Sewers or Cuts of such Breadth, Depth and Dimensions, and in such Manner as shall be necessary, under the Streets, Squares, Ways, Roads, Lanes, Alleys, and other Places within the said Burgh of *Paisley* and Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, for carrying off the Washings or other Waste Liquors which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers or Cuts, and immediately repairing, at their own Expence, all such Damage: Provided always, that the Operations necessary for these Purposes shall be carried on in such Lines adapted to the Purpose, and according to such Dimensions as may be agreed upon between the Provost, Baillies and Council of the said Town and Burgh, or the Trustees on the Roads along or across which the said Sewers or Cuts may pass, and the said Company, and being conducted
under

under the Inspection of the said Provost, Bailies, and Council and Trustees respectively: Provided also, that in no case any Communication shall be made between the said Sewers or Cuts, and the Common Sewers made or to be made in the said Town and Burgh, or Suburbs thereof, or any Sewers made or which may be made by Individuals communicating therewith.

XXII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if the said Company shall at any Time empty, drain, or convey, or cause or suffer to be emptied, drained, or conveyed, or to run or flow any Washings or other Waste Liquids, Substances, or other Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the Works of the said Gas Light Company, or in the Process of obtaining the said Gas, which may be noisome or offensive in their Nature, into any River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or do or cause to be done any Annoyance, Act, or Thing to the Water contained in any such River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead or Well, Drain, Sewer, or Ditch, whereby the said Water, or any Part thereof, shall or may be soiled, fouled, or corrupted, then in each and every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; and such Penalty or Forfeiture shall and may be sued for and recovered by summary Complaint in the Court of Session, and the whole of such Penalty shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable, unless the same be sued for within Six Calendar Months from the Time that such Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act or Thing, shall have ceased and determined: Provided also, that over and above and in addition to the said Penalty of Two hundred Pounds, whether such Penalty shall have been sued for or recovered or not, in case any of the said Washings or other Waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things, shall be emptied, drained, conducted or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid into any River, Brook or running Stream, or any Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, Springhead or Well, or into any Drain, Sewer, or Ditch communicating therewith, or any such Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be done or caused to be done as aforesaid, and Notice thereof in Writing shall have been given to the said Company, and the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them as aforesaid, stop, hinder or prevent all and every such Washings, Waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances, or Things from being emptied, drained, conducted or conveyed, or from running or flowing in manner aforesaid, and every such Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act or Thing, from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Twenty Pounds for each and every Day such Washings, Waste Liquids, or noisome or offensive Liquids, Substances or Things shall be so emptied, drained, conducted or conveyed, or caused or suffered to run or flow in manner aforesaid, or such other Annoyance, Act, or Thing shall be so done, or caused to be done as aforesaid; and such last-mentioned Penalty shall and may be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who in the Judgment of the Magistrate or Sheriff Depute, or his

Penalty on
Company
conveying
Washings
into any
River, &c.

Substitute before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage, by any such Act so to be done or committed.

Power to contract for supplying Gas.

46G.3.c.116.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That the said Company or their Committee of Management may and are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into Agreements or Contracts with the Commissioners appointed for executing an Act passed in the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty, intituled *An Act for paving, lighting, cleansing, and watching the Burgh of Paisley and Suburbs thereof, for improving and forming certain Streets, and erecting a Bridewell or Workhouse therein, and for regulating the Police and Markets*, or with any other Person or Persons having for the Time the Controul, Direction, or Management of the said Burgh of *Paisley* and Suburbs thereof, or of the Bounds comprehended under this Act, or with any Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations or Companies, willing and desirous of contracting with the said Company of Proprietors for the lighting of the said Burgh of *Paisley*, and Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, or any Part thereof, or any of the Streets, Squares, public Market Places, Roads, or Manufactories, Breweries, or private Houses, or Places of public Exhibition, Shops, Houses, Counting Houses, or Warehouses, or other Places within the Burgh or Parish aforesaid, for Payment to the said Company of Proprietors, or such Person or Persons as may be appointed by them to receive the same, such Sum or Sums of Money for such Gas as shall be mutually agreed upon between them; and in case of Default in Payment of any Sum or Sums of Money so agreed to be paid as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to cause the Gas to be stopped from issuing or running into the House or Houses, Office, Work, or Manufactory, or public or private Buildings of every Person or Persons making such Default, by separating or otherwise cutting off the Pipe or Pipes conveying the said Gas to such Person or Persons; and if any Person or Persons shall lay or cause to be laid any Lead or other Pipe to communicate with any Main Pipe or other Pipe belonging to the said Company of Proprietors, or any Pipe or Pipes communicating therewith, without having obtained the written Consent of the said Company, every such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors, their Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, the Sum of Twenty Shillings Sterling, for every Day such Pipe shall so remain.

Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil Lights.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply all the public Streets, Squares, Market Places, Roads, and Places in the said Burgh of *Paisley*, and the Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, and Places aforesaid or adjacent thereto, with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light than could be obtained from Oil; and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for lighting with Gas any public Street, Square, Market Place, Road or Place by the said Company, shall contain a Clause, providing that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that such public Street, Square, Road, Lane, Passage, or Place, shall at all Times be better and more cheaply lighted with Gas by the said Company than the same could be done with Oil.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put up by the said Company for lighting the Streets, Squares, and other public Places of the said Burgh of *Paisley*, and Abbey Parish of *Paisley*, and Places aforesaid or adjacent thereto, any or either of them, under any Contract or Agreement with any Person or Persons, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks shall be so formed or turned as not to impede or prevent the said Branch or Service Pipes being completely filled with Gas during the Time the same shall be lighted.

Service Pipes to be kept fully charged with Gas.

XXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons supplied with Gas by virtue of this Act shall burn a greater Number of Jets or other Lights than agreed on with the said Company, or shall supply any other Person or Persons whomsoever with any Part of such Gas, then and in every such Case every Person or Persons so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds Sterling, to be recovered in manner herein-after mentioned; and it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to take off the Gas from the Premises of any Person or Persons so offending, notwithstanding any Contracts or Agreements which may have been previously entered into.

Persons not to supply other Persons with Gas.

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

Penalty for interrupting the Company's Workmen.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall wilfully or maliciously break, throw down, damage, or destroy any Works to be erected and made by virtue of this Act, or destroy, damage, or injure any Engine, Pipe, Plug, or other Matter or Thing which shall be made, provided, or procured for the Purposes of this Act, or the Materials used or provided for the same, every such Person or Persons shall forfeit and pay to the said Company of Proprietors, any Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds Sterling for every such Offence, and also the full Amount of the Damage which shall be sustained thereby.

Penalty for injuring the Works.

XXIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to charge or make liable any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, who is, are, or shall be a Proprietor or Proprietors of the Stock of the said Company, or Contributor or Contributors thereto, or his, her, or their Real or Personal Estate, with any Debt or Demand whatever, due or to become due from the said Company, beyond the Extent of his, her, or their Capital Stock or Share or Shares in the Stock of the said Company;

No Person answerable for more than their respective Stock.

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any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding.

Shares to be Personal Estate.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Shares and Proportions of all Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all other Person and Persons of and in the said Works, or the Joint Stock or Fund of the said Company of Proprietors, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and be transmissible as such, agreeable to the Law of *Scotland*.

Proprietors to have Votes according to the Number of their Shares.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That every Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, and every Person who shall by virtue of this Act have subscribed or undertaken for Four or more Shares in the said Undertaking, and his, her, or their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators, and Assignees, present at the stated General Assemblies, and Special General Assemblies, to be held as herein appointed, shall for Four Shares have One Vote, for Ten Shares Two Votes, for Twenty Shares Three Votes, for Forty Shares Four Votes, and for Eighty Shares and upwards, Five Votes; and every Person who shall be entitled to vote as aforesaid, and who cannot attend such Assemblies personally, shall be entitled to vote by Proxy, such Proxy being himself a Proprietor of at least Four Shares in the said Undertaking, and his Appointment to be made by a Letter or other Writing under the Hand of the Person so appointing him; but no Proprietor of less than Four Shares shall be entitled to vote for himself or herself, or as a Proxy for any other Proprietor; and every Question, Matter, and Thing which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered at such Assemblies of the said Company of Proprietors, shall be determined by the Majority of Votes and Votes by Proxy then present, computing the Votes as aforesaid.

How Joint Proprietors or Bodies Corporate are to vote.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That whenever Two or more Persons, or any Company or Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall be jointly possessed of or entitled to Four or more Shares in the said Undertaking, such Proprietors shall be entitled to vote by the Person whose Name shall stand first in the Books as Proprietors of the said Shares, or by a Proxy appointed by him as aforesaid; and when any Company, or Body Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, shall be possessed of or entitled to Four or more Shares in the said Undertaking, such Company or Body shall be entitled to vote by their known Manager, Treasurer, Cashier, or Secretary, or by a Proxy appointed by the Person holding any of these Offices.

Places of General Assemblies: Parties to pay their Expences.

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That all the stated General Assemblies and Special General Assemblies shall be held in *Paisley*; and that at all and every such stated General and Special General Assemblies the Parties composing them shall pay their own Expences, the Hire of the Room in which the Meeting shall be held only excepted.

First and other General Assemblies.

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That the First General Assembly or Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors, for putting this Act into Execution, shall be held at *Paisley* as aforesaid, upon the Third *Monday* after the passing of this Act, at Noon, and all future General Assemblies of the said Company (except such Special General Assemblies as herein-

herein-before mentioned) shall be held on the Third *Monday of June* in every Year, at the Hour of Twelve at Noon; of all which General Assemblies, Fourteen Days previous Notice at the least shall be given by public Advertisement, mentioning the Place and Hour of Meeting, in One or more of the Newspapers usually published in *Glasgow*, or in One or more of the Newspapers which may be published in *Paisley*, in the Event of any such being published.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That if it shall at any Time appear that for the more effectually putting this Act into Execution, a Special Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors is necessary to be holden, it shall and may be lawful to and for any Ten or more of the said Proprietors who may be collectively possessed of or entitled to a Seventh Part at least of the Shares of the Capital Stock of the said Company for the Time, or any Three of the Committee of Management for the Time, who shall be appointed as herein-after mentioned, upon specifying in a Writing subscribed by them the Purport thereof, to require the Clerk of the said Company of Proprietors to call such a Meeting, and the said Clerk shall thereupon convene such Meeting, by giving at least Fourteen Days Notice thereof by Circular Letter to each Shareholder, sent through the Post Office, and by Advertisement to be inserted in One or more of the Newspapers usually published in *Glasgow*, or in One or more of the Newspapers which may be published in *Paisley* in the Event aforesaid, or in such other Manner as the said Company of Proprietors or the Committee of Management shall at any Time direct and appoint, specifying in such Circular Letter the Reason and Intention of requesting such Special Meeting, and the Time when and Place where the same is to be holden; and if the said Clerk shall neglect or refuse to call such Special Meeting as aforesaid, when so required, it shall be lawful for any Ten or more of the said Proprietors who may be collectively possessed of a Seventh Part at least of the Shares of the said Capital Stock to call such Special Meeting, giving Fourteen Days Notice thereof in One or more of the said Newspapers, and the said Proprietors are hereby authorized to meet pursuant to such Notice; and such of them as shall be present personally, or by Proxy, shall proceed to the Execution of the Powers conferred by this Act on the said Company of Proprietors with respect to the Matters so specified only; and all such Acts of the Proprietors, or of the major Part of them, according to the Number of Votes which they may be entitled to as aforesaid, shall be binding and conclusive upon the rest of the Members to all Intents and Purposes, and shall be as valid and sufficient with respect to the Matters specified in such Notice, as if the same had been done at any Annual General Meeting, and shall be observed and acted upon accordingly; and that all such General and Special Assemblies of the said Company of Proprietors, the Governor of the said Company, and in his Absence the Deputy Governor, shall preside; and if the Governor and Deputy Governor shall not be present, then the Director present whose Name shall stand first in the List of Directors shall be Chairman of such Meeting; and failing any such, a Person to be named by the Majority of the Meeting; and such Chairman shall not only be entitled to vote as aforesaid as a Proprietor or Proxy, but in case of an Equality of Votes, shall have a decisive or casting Vote.

Meetings of Proprietors may be specially convened.

Purchasers to be in Possession of their Shares Six Months before they can vote.

XXXVI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That after the Expiration of Twelve Calendar Months from the passing of this Act, no Person or Persons, or Body Corporate or Politic, who shall purchase any Share or Shares in the Joint Stock of the said Company, shall be admitted to vote in respect of the same, until such Person or Persons, or Body Corporate or Politic shall have been in Possession of such purchased Share or Shares for the full Term of Six Calendar Months, to be computed from the Date of registering the Transfer thereof in the Books of the said Company; but this Provision shall not operate to prevent or hinder any Person or Persons from voting immediately after the same shall have been registered for or in respect of the Share or Shares which shall devolve to him, her, or them, by Marriage or Succession.

Appointment of Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That *Ludovic Houston* of *Johnston*, Esquire, shall be Governor, and *Robert Farquharson* shall be Deputy Governor, and *William Waterston*, *James Buchanan*, *John Orr*, *James Wylie*, *John Bell*, *Joseph Twigg*, *George Miller*, *James Jackson*, *William Gilmour*, and *Alexander Fullarton*, shall be Directors of the said Company, and shall constitute a Committee of Management of the Concerns of the said Company; and that *John Blackburn*, *James Thomas Murray*, *John Maxwell*, *Andrew Mitchell*, *William Lowndes*, *William Fulton*, *Campbell Snodgrass*, *Robert M'Kechnie*, *James Stewart*, and *Robert Cochran*, shall be extraordinary Directors of the said Company, until the General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Company, to be held upon the Third Monday of June One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, when a Governor, Deputy Governor, and Ten Directors, who shall constitute the Committee of Management, and Ten extraordinary Directors, shall be chosen for the following Year, and so on upon the Third Monday of June in every Year thereafter: Provided always, that no Person shall be qualified to be Governor of the said Company, who shall not be possessed of Twenty Shares, or be Partner of a Company or Corporation holding Twenty Shares; or Deputy Governor, who shall not be possessed of Ten Shares, or be Partner of a Company or Corporation holding Ten Shares; or Directors, who shall not be possessed of Five Shares each, or be Partner of a Company or Corporation holding Five Shares in the Stock of the said Company; nor shall any Person be qualified to act as extraordinary Director of the said Company, who shall not be possessed of Four Shares in the Stock of the said Company; and in the Event of any of the said Governor, Deputy Governor, or Directors disposing of their Stock, so as to cease to be possessed of the respective Qualifications aforesaid, such Persons shall no longer be entitled to act in the official Situations which they hold in the said Company; and it shall and may be lawful to and for the rest of the Committee of Management, if they see proper, to nominate another Person, qualified as aforesaid, in the Room or Stead of every Member who shall become disqualified to act, or who shall die or refuse to act, or cease to be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking to the Extent aforesaid, or become Bankrupt; and every Person so nominated by the said Committee of Management, shall have the like Power and Authority as if he had been nominated by the said Annual General Meeting; but no Person who shall be concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts with the said Company, other than for supplying his Premises with Gas as aforesaid, shall be a Member of the said Committee, or hold any Place or Office of Trust under the said Company.

XXXVIII. And be it further enacted, That for the better Management of the Affairs of the said Company, it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Management for the Time being, and they are hereby authorized from Time to Time to assemble and meet together at any Place or Places in *Paisley*, or in the Abbey Parish thereof, for the Direction and Management of the Affairs of the said Company; and that at such Meetings of the said Committee of Management, the Governor of the said Company, and in his Absence the Deputy Governor, shall be Chairman; and if the Governor and Deputy Governor shall not be present, then the Director present whose Name shall stand first in the List shall preside; and that any Four or more Members of such Committee, but not less, shall be a sufficient Number or Quorum to constitute a Meeting for the Purpose of doing all the Acts, Matters, and Things, and exercising all the Powers and Authorities vested in such Committee; and that all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management at their Meetings, shall be decided and determined by the Majority of Members then present; but no Member shall have more than One Vote at any such Meeting, save and except that in case of an equal Division, the Chairman, besides his deliberative, shall also have a casting Vote: Provided always, that if, on the Day appointed for any such Meeting of the Committee of Management, there shall not attend so many Members of such Committee as are hereby required to constitute a Meeting for exercising the Powers hereby vested in such Committee, then and in such Case, and when and so often as the same shall happen, the Meeting shall be adjourned to any future Day fixed by the Member or Members, or Majority of them then present; or if no Member shall be present, by the Clerk to the said Company of Proprietors, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place, written or printed Notice of the Meetings or adjourned Meetings of the said Committee of Management being always given to the Members thereof: Provided also, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Management to appoint any of their Members, not less than Three, as Sub-Committees for particular Purposes, for the better attending to and transacting the Business of the said Company, and subject to the Approbation of the said Committee of Management or their Quorum, before specified.

Meetings of the Committee of Management.

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee of Management, and they are hereby authorized from Time to Time to nominate and appoint a Treasurer, and One or more Collector or Collectors of the Rates and Duties, Penalties, and other Sums of Money which may be payable to the said Company of Proprietors, and also a Clerk to the said Company, who shall be a different Person from the Treasurer, and such Engineers, Surveyors, and other Officers, as the said Committee shall think proper and expedient, for the better carrying the Purposes of this Act into Execution, the said Committee of Management always taking good and sufficient Security, and to such Extent as they shall think proper, from every such Treasurer, Collector and other Officer appointed to receive Money, or who shall have the Care or Custody thereof, for the due accounting for all such Monies with which they may be entrusted, and for the faithful Discharge of the respective Trusts reposed in them, and also from Time to Time to discharge

Committee of Management may appoint Officers;

charge and dismiss any such Treasurers, Collectors, Clerks, Engineers, Surveyors, or other Officers, and appoint others in their Stead, as often as the said Committee of Management shall think fit; and that all such Treasurers, Collectors, Clerks, Engineers, Surveyors, and other Officers of the said Company of Proprietors, who shall at any Time quit or be dismissed from the Service of the said Company, and the respective Executors or Administrators of those who may happen to die, shall immediately thereupon produce and deliver up to the said Committee of Management, or to such other Person or Persons as they shall direct and appoint, all Books, Accounts, Writings, and Papers whatsoever, which may be in the Custody or Power of such Treasurers, Collectors, Clerks, Engineers, Surveyors, or other Officers, Executors, or Administrators respectively, in anywise relating to the said Undertaking; and the said Committee of Management shall have Power and Authority, and they are hereby required to balance, or cause to be balanced, the Books of the said Company, as at the First Day of *May* in every Year, the First Balance being made on the First Day of *May* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, or at such other Period of each Year as any General Annual Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors may from Time to Time appoint; and the same being so balanced, shall be examined, docketed, and signed by the major Number or Quorum of the said Committee of Management, and shall be produced at the General Meeting of the said Company of Proprietors, to be held upon the Third *Monday* of *June* One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and every Year thereafter, so that any of the Proprietors attending the said Meeting may have an Opportunity of inspecting the same; and the Books of the said Company shall be patent and open for the Inspection of all the Proprietors for One Calendar Month subsequent to the said Third *Monday* of *June* in each Year as aforesaid, or for such longer Period as may be appointed by the said Company, or by the Committee of Management.

and settle
Accounts
annually.

Clerk and
Treasurer
not to be
same Person.

XL. 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 in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, the Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person who may be appointed Treasurer, or the Partner of any such Treasurer, the Clerk to the said Company; and if any Person shall act in both Capacities of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk, or the Clerk of or other Person in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk, shall act as Treasurer, or being the Partner of such Treasurer, shall act as Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any Treasurer shall hold any Place of Profit or Trust under this Act other than that of Treasurer, every such Person shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be recovered with full Costs of Suit, in the same Way in which any of the Penalties by this Act imposed may be sued for and recovered.

Provision for
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Profits.

XLI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That such a Sum as the said Committee of Management shall think proper, not being less than One-tenth Part of the yearly free Profits to arise from the said Undertaking, shall be set apart and be accumulated until the same shall amount to
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One thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling, as a Sum for answering Contingencies; and the said Committee of Management are hereby authorized and empowered, if they shall see Cause, to continue to set apart and augment the said contingent Fund in manner aforesaid, until the same shall amount to any Sum not exceeding Three thousand Pounds Sterling; and such Sum or Sums, so set apart from Time to Time, and accumulated as aforesaid, shall be lodged or invested in Government Securities, or lent out at Interest upon such Security as may be approved of by any General Meeting of the said Company; and the Dividends or Interest arising from the said accumulated Fund of One thousand five hundred Pounds Sterling, or other Sum, if increased in manner aforesaid, as well as the whole yearly Profits to arise from the said Undertaking, shall be divided among the several Proprietors of the said Company, according to the Share or Shares which they severally held in the said Undertaking; but if from any Accident which may happen to the said Undertaking, the said Sum or Sums of Money, or any Part thereof so set apart, shall be required for the Purposes aforesaid, no Dividend to a greater Extent than Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum* on the Sums advanced by the several Members of the Company towards the said Undertaking, shall be made of the Profits to arise from the same, until the Part thereof which shall have been so expended shall be replaced by a Share of the annual Profits set apart in manner before directed, or until another Sum or Sums of Money to the Extent aforesaid shall be set apart as aforesaid; and no Dividend shall be paid in respect of any Share or Shares, unless the whole Calls which have been made for Money on account of such Share or Shares, as herein-after provided, shall have been fully paid.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall have full Power and Authority, from Time to Time, at any of their Meetings aforesaid, to make such Call or Calls for Money from the several Subscribers to and Proprietors of the said Undertaking, in order to defray the Expences of or of carrying on the same, as they shall from Time to Time find wanting and necessary for these Purposes, until the Sums subscribed are fully paid, but no such Call shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds *per Centum*, for or in respect of every Share in the said Undertaking, and so that no such Calls be made, but at the Distance of One Calendar Month at least from each other, and so that Fourteen Days previous Notice at least shall be given of every such Call, by a Circular Letter to each Proprietor, transmitted by Post or otherways; all which Money so to be called for as aforesaid shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer of the said Company of Proprietors, to be issued, paid, and applied for carrying on the said Undertaking, in such Manner as the Committee of Management shall from Time to Time order and direct; and that the said Committee of Management shall also have full Power and Authority, on behalf of the said Company of Proprietors, to contract for and purchase all such Lands, Tenements, or Heritages as the said Company of Proprietors are hereby authorized to purchase, and all Materials and other Things as shall or may be wanted for the said Undertaking, and the Works hereby authorized to be made; and also to sell and dispose of such Lands, Tenements, Heritages, Materials and others, if they shall see Cause; and to treat and agree with all and every Person or Persons, Bodies Politic, or Corporate, or Collegiate whomsoever, touching the Compensation to be made for any Damages to be done in the Exercise of the

Committee of Management may make Calls for Money;

and contract for and purchase Lands.

Powers hereby given, and to enter into and make such Contracts and Agreements with any Contractors, Agents, Workmen, Servants, or other Persons, in and about or for the carrying on of the said Undertaking and Works, or any Part thereof, as they shall think proper; and to order and direct how the several Works shall from Time to Time be carried on, and generally to direct and manage all and sundry the Affairs and Business of the said Company of Proprietors, and to do, execute, and perform all Acts, Matters, and Things which the said Company are by this Act authorized to do, save and except such only as are hereby expressly directed to be done by the Proprietors at large, at any Meeting or Meetings of such Proprietors, to be held as herein mentioned.

Proceedings
to be entered.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management shall enter or cause to be entered in Books to be provided for that Purpose, at the Expence of the said Company of Proprietors, a full and true Account of all Money subscribed, of all Payments made by such Committee, and by all and every Person and Persons employed by or under them, and of all Monies that shall be paid to or received by them respectively, for or on account of the said Company; and also a full and true Account, or proper Notes and Minutes of every Contract, Bargain, and Agreement, which shall be entered into by them respectively, for or on behalf of the said Company, and of all and sundry their respective Orders, Transactions, and Proceedings whatever in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company; but that no Money shall be issued or paid by the Treasurer of the said Company, for or on account of the said Company, otherwise than in such Manner as shall be directed by the Committee of Management for the Time.

Committee
may make
Rules and
Bye-laws.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall also have full Power and Authority from Time to Time to make such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws as to them shall seem meet and proper, for the good Government of the Affairs of the said Company of Proprietors, and for regulating their own Proceedings, as well as the Proceedings of all Deputies, Officers, Servants, and Workmen to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the orderly Behaviour of all Workmen and other Persons who shall be employed in or about the said Undertaking, and for their Superintendence in all respects whatever, and for the well and orderly using of the said Undertaking, and the Pipes and Works thereto belonging, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws, or any of them, and to make others, and to impose and inflict such reasonable Fines upon all such Persons employed by the said Company offending against such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws, or any of them, not exceeding Five Pounds Sterling for any one Offence, as to the said Committee of Management shall seem expedient: Provided, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws be not repugnant to the Law of *Scotland*, or to any express Directions and Provisions of this Act, or to any Contract or Agreement entered into between the said Company and Persons receiving Gas from them; and provided, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye-laws shall be subject to the Review of any General Assembly.

Appeal from
Bye-laws.

XLV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Person or Persons thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Order

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or Judgment made or given in pursuance of any such Rule, Order, or Bye-law, may within Two Calendar Months next after any such Order or Judgment, or Determination, shall have been made or given, (first giving Ten Days Notice in Writing to the Clerk of the said Company for the Time, and to the Person or Persons against whom any Complaint is intended to be made), complain to the Sheriff Depute of the Shire of *Renfrew*, or any one of his Substitutes who shall hold their Court in the said Town and Burgh of *Paisley*, or to the said Provost and Bailies of *Paisley*, who shall hear and determine the said Complaint; and the said Sheriff Depute or his Substitutes, or the said Provost and Bailies of *Paisley* may, if he or they see Cause, mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of any such Rule, Order, Bye-law, or Determination; and may also order and award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured as he or they may judge reasonable; and the Determination of such Sheriff Depute or his Substitutes, or Provost and Bailies, in any Action or Suit brought before him or them, shall be final and conclusive, and not subject to the Review of any Court or Courts whatever, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That every Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall from Time to Time pay his or her Proportion of the Money so to be called for as is herein-before mentioned, into the Hands of the Treasurer or Collector to the said Company, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed for that Purpose by the said Committee of Management making such Call, and of which such Notice shall be given as is herein-before directed; and that if any Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their proportionable Part of the Money so to be called for as aforesaid, at the Time and Place which shall be appointed for that Purpose in manner aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Committee of Management to sue for and recover the same, with Interest at the Rate of Five Pounds *per Centum per Annum*, from the Time appointed for the Payment thereof, in any competent Court in *Scotland*, or in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record, by Action of Debt or on the Case, as the Case may be; and in case any such Person or Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their proportionable Part of the Money so first to be called for as aforesaid, for the Space of Six Calendar Months after the Time to be appointed for Payment thereof as aforesaid, and the same shall not have been sued for by the said Company of Proprietors as aforesaid, or if sued for shall not have been recovered by them, then and in such Case the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, and Interest whatsoever in the said Undertaking, and all Profit and Advantage thereof; and all Shares that shall and may be so forfeited shall be vested in the said Company of Proprietors, in Trust for and for the Benefit of all the rest of the said Proprietors, in proportion to their respective Interests in the said Undertaking, or shall, at the Discretion of the Committee of Management of the said Company of Proprietors, be sold for the Benefit of the said Company by public Auction, for the most Money that can be got for the same; and in the Event that any Person or Persons paying such first Call as aforesaid shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their proportionable Part of the Money to be thereafter called for as aforesaid, and for the Space of Six Calendar Months after the

Proprietors to pay their Shares when called on;

and if first Call not answered in Six Months, Shares to be forfeited.

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the Time appointed for Payment thereof as aforesaid, and the same shall not be sued for by the said Company of Proprietors as aforesaid, or if sued for shall not be recovered by them, then and in such Case the Share or Shares shall and may be sold by the said Company or their Committee of Management by public Auction, for the highest and best Price or Prices that can be got for the same, every such Sale being advertised in some One or more of the Newspapers published in *Glasgow* or in *Paisley* (in the Event of any such being hereafter published therein); and the said Company of Proprietors, or Committee of Management, shall render an Account of every such Sale or Sales to every such Person or Persons when demanded, and paying to every such Person or Persons any Overplus of any such Price or Prices, after deducting all Interest and Charges, and such further proportionable Sum or Sums of Money which may remain due upon such Share or Shares, by such Person or Persons to the said Company of Proprietors; but no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, unless the same shall be declared at some General Meeting of the said Company, or at some Meeting of the said Committee of Management, which shall be held not earlier than Two Months next after the said Forfeiture shall happen; and that every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assignees 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 Assignees, and the said Company, with regard to the future carrying on and Management of the said Undertaking.

Directions
for Proceed-
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Calls.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That in Actions brought by the said Company against any Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, to recover any Sum or Sums of Money due and payable to the said Company for or by reason of any Call or Calls made by virtue of this Act, it shall be sufficient for the said Company to declare and allege, that the Defender or Defenders, being a Proprietor or Proprietors of such or so many Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, is or are indebted to the said Company in such Sum or Sums of Money as the Call or Calls in Arrear shall amount to, for such and so many Call or Calls of such and so many Sum or Sums of Money upon such or so many Share or Shares belonging to the said Defender or Defenders (as the Case may happen to be), whereby an Action hath accrued to the said Company by virtue of this Act, without setting forth the special Matter; and in such Action it shall only be necessary to prove that the Defender or Defenders, at the Time of making such Call or Calls, was or were a Proprietor or Proprietors of some Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, and such Call or Calls was or were in fact made, and that such Notice thereof was given as is directed by this Act, without proving the Appointment of the Committee who made such Call or Calls, or other Matter whatsoever; and the said Company shall thereupon be entitled to recover the Call or Calls which shall appear due, and the legal Interest that may be due thereon, and the Expence of the Proceedings for recovering the same.

XLVIII. And

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the several Proprietors of the said Undertaking, his, her, or their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to sell and dispose of any Share or Shares to which he or they may be entitled therein, subject to the Rules and Conditions herein mentioned; the Conveyance of which Shares may be in the Form and to the Effect following; *videlicet*,

‘ I *A. B.* in consideration of the Sum of
 ‘ paid to me by *C. D.* do hereby sell, assign, convey, transfer, and
 ‘ make over to and in favour of the said *C. D.* the Sum of
 ‘ Capital Stock of and in the *Paisley Gas Light Company*, being
 ‘ One Share [*or so many Shares, as the Case may be*] in the said Under-
 ‘ taking; to hold to the said *C. D.* his Executors, Administrators, and
 ‘ Assignees, subject to the same Rules, Orders, and Restrictions that
 ‘ I held the same immediately before the Execution hereof; and I the
 ‘ said *C. D.* do hereby agree to take and accept the said Capital Stock,
 ‘ subject to the same Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and Conditions. In
 ‘ witness whereof we have subscribed these Presents, written by
 ‘ at the Day of before these
 ‘ Witnesses and

Shares may
be sold.

Form of
Conveyance.

And on every such Sale, the said Deed of Conveyance (being executed by the Seller or Sellers and the Purchaser or Purchasers of such Share or Shares), shall be kept by the Purchaser or Purchasers for his, her, or their Security, after the Clerk to the said Company of Proprietors shall have entered in a proper Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, a Copy or Memorial or Specification of such Sale or Transfer, and have testified the Entry of such Copy or Memorial on the said Deed of Conveyance, for which no more than Two Shillings and Sixpence Sterling shall be paid; and the said Clerk is hereby required to make such Entry of such Copy or Memorial or Specification, and grant such Certificate thereof, without any undue Delay; and until such Copy or Memorial or Specification shall have been made and entered as above directed, such Purchaser or Purchasers shall have no Right to draw any Part or Share of the Profits of the said Undertaking, nor have any Vote in respect thereof as a Proprietor or Proprietors of the said Undertaking.

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That after a Call of such Money shall have been made by such Committee as aforesaid, every Person and all Persons selling or transferring any Share or Shares which he, she, or they shall possess in the said Undertaking shall, as well as the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall be sold, be liable in the Payment of every such Call, in the Manner directed by this Act, unless such Person or Persons so selling or transferring shall, at the Time of such Sale or Transfer, have paid and discharged to the Treasurer of the said Company of Proprietors, the whole and entire Sum of Money which shall have been called for upon such Share so sold and transferred.

Persons sell-
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after a Call,
to be liable
for such Call.

L. And be it further enacted, That the said Committee of Management shall and they are hereby required to cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who shall be entitled to Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of the Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book to be kept by their Clerk, or other Officer

Names of
Proprietors
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Certificates
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appointed by them for that Purpose; and after such Entry to cause the same to be signed by the Governor, or Deputy Governor, and Clerk, and shall also cause a Certificate signed by the said Governor, or Deputy Governor, and Clerk, to be delivered to every Proprietor on Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he, she, or they is or are entitled in the said Undertaking; and such Certificate shall be admitted in all Courts whatever, as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, and Assignees, 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.

Persons whose Names stand in Company's Books as Proprietors, to be deemed such.

LI. And be it further enacted, That the Bodies Politic, Corporate, and Collegiate, and all and every Person and Persons whose Names shall at any Time hereafter stand in the said Register Book, or List of Proprietors of the said Company, either as a Proprietor or Proprietors of One or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, whether as Subscribers or as Successors, Executors, Administrators, or Assignees of Subscribers, shall be deemed and taken to be the Proprietors of the several Shares standing in the said Book in their respective Names, and shall be subject and liable to the Payment of every Call or Calls made and to be made thereon, and to all Actions, Suits, Forfeitures, and Penalties, to which original Proprietors of Shares in the said Undertaking are made subject and liable by this Act; and that all Notices hereby required to be given, shall be given to the Party appearing by the said Register Book of the said Company, to be such Proprietor or Proprietors, or their Representatives, or left at his, her, or their last or most usual Place of Abode, be in all respects good, sufficient, and conclusive; and all Payments of Interest and Dividends due and to become due on such Shares, shall be made to such Persons as by the said Books of the said Company shall so appear to be a Proprietor or Proprietors thereof; and that no Assignment, Transfer, Conveyance, or Sale of any Share or Shares, or other Instrument giving Title to any Share or Shares, which shall not have been enrolled or registered as directed by this Act, shall be admitted as Evidence either to defeat any Action or Suit brought or to be brought by the said Company of Proprietors to recover the said Calls, or to entitle any Persons to recover any Share or Shares forfeited to the said Company of Proprietors, or to make the said Company of Proprietors liable to the Payment of Dividends to any other Person than such as appear from the said Book to be Proprietors of the said Shares; but that in all Cases the said Book shall be considered as sufficient and conclusive Evidence of the Proprietorship of the said Shares.

Property of Undertaking vested in the Proprietors.

LII. And be it further enacted, That the Property of and in the said Undertaking, and the Profits arising therefrom, after deducting the Money laid out in obtaining and passing this Act, and in making the different Surveys and Plans of the same, and in paying the Price or Prices of the Lands and other Heritages to be acquired, and in making and constructing the Works authorized by this Act and all other incidental Expences whatsoever, touching or concerning the same in any ways howsoever, which shall be respectively borne, paid, and defrayed by the said Company of Proprietors, is and are hereby vested in the said Company of Proprietors, and the Members thereof shall severally and respectively be entitled thereto,

in such Shares and Proportions and in the Manner prescribed by this Act.

LIII. And whereas the Rates or Sums of Money which will be payable to the said Company of Proprietors for supplying Persons with Gas as aforesaid, will in general be small, and if not regularly paid the Recovery thereof by the common Mode of Procedure for the Recovery of Debts in Courts of Law will be attended with great Expence to those in Arrear; be it therefore further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall refuse or delay to pay the Rates or Sums of Money respectively due by them to the said Company of Proprietors, for being supplied with Gas or Inflammable Air as aforesaid, for the Space of Fourteen Days after the same shall have fallen due and been demanded from him, her, or them personally, by leaving a written or printed Requisition, signed by the Collector or Clerk of the said Company, at the House or Premises for supplying which with Gas or Inflammable Air the Rates or Sums of Money shall be due, it shall be lawful for the said Collector or Clerk to apply to the said Provost and Bailies of *Paisley*, or to the said Sheriff Depute, or any of his Substitutes of the Shire of *Renfrew*, for a Warrant to any one of the Officers of such Judges to enter into the Premises of the Person or Persons in Arrear, situated within the Bounds of their respective Jurisdictions, and to seize and take Possession of his, her, or their Goods and Effects, which Warrant the said Provost and Bailies, or Sheriff Depute, or Substitutes, are hereby directed to grant upon any Certificate or Roll, under the Signature of such Collector or Clerk, of the Names of the Person or Persons in Arrear, and Sums due by them respectively, he, she, or they being always duly cited by a written or printed Schedule left as aforesaid, to appear before the Judge to whom the Application is made, to state their Objections if they have any, to such Warrant being granted before the same shall be issued; and if the Sums respectively due by them, together with the necessary Expences of such Seizure, shall not be paid within Three Days thereafter, then it shall be lawful for the Clerk of the said Company forthwith to sell and dispose of the Goods and Effects of the Person or Persons in Arrear respectively, or such Part thereof as shall be necessary, by public Roup at the Cross of *Paisley*, or such other Place as may appear proper, and to apply the Price in Payment of the Rates or Sums of Money respectively owing, with the Expences of Procedure, and to return the Overplus (if any) to the Owner or Owners, the Amount of the Expences being always ascertained by the Judge who shall issue the Warrant.

Directions
for recover-
ing Rates.

LIV. And be it further enacted, That all Actions or Suits relative to this Act, and all Fines, Penalties, Damages, and Expences relative to Property within the said Burgh, shall be brought and sued for before the said Provost and Bailies of *Paisley*; and that all such Actions or Suits for or in regard to Property of any Description outwith the said Burgh, or which shall be at the Instance of the said Provost and Bailies as representing the Community of the said Burgh of *Paisley*, shall be brought and sued for before the said Sheriff Depute of the Shire of *Renfrew* or any of his Substitutes; and the Sentences of such Judges in such Actions or Suits shall be final and conclusive, and shall not be subject to Review of any Court whatever; any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Where
Actions are to
be tried.

LV. And

Application
of Penalties.

LV. And be it further enacted, That all the Damages, Forfeitures, and Penalties to be recovered under the Authority of this Act, in so far as relates to the Public Highways, Roads, or other Places without the said Burgh of *Paisley* and Suburbs thereof, and Places adjacent thereto, over which the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty extends, shall be applied in Aid of the Funds under the Management of the Trustees by whom the same are recovered; and all the Damages, Forfeitures, and Penalties which may be recovered for Neglect of Notice or Injury done to the Pavements, Streets, or other Places without the Territories of the said Burgh of *Paisley* (excepting private Property) over which the said recited Act of the Forty-sixth Year of the Reign of His late Majesty extends, shall be applied towards the Purposes of that Act; and all the Damages, Forfeitures, and Penalties which may be recovered for Neglect of Notice or Injury done to the Pavements, Streets, or other Places within the Territories of the said Burgh of *Paisley* (excepting always private Property as aforesaid) shall be applied towards the Funds for paving and repairing the Streets of the said Burgh of *Paisley*; and all the Damages, Forfeitures, and Penalties which shall be recovered under the Authority of this Act, by any Individual or Individuals, for Injury done to his, her, or their private Property, shall be applied to the Benefit of such Individual or Individuals; and all the Forfeitures and Penalties to be recovered under the Authority of this Act, by the said Company, after deducting the Expence incurred in prosecuting and recovering the same, shall be applied towards the Purposes of this Act.

General
Appeal.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons shall think him, her, or themselves aggrieved by any thing done in pursuance of this Act, and for which no particular Remedy or Method of Relief hath been already directed and appointed, it shall and may be lawful for him, her, or them to appeal to the said Sheriff Depute, or any of his Substitutes, who are hereby authorized and required to take Cognizance thereof, and to hear and determine the Complaint or Complaints of any Person or Persons so aggrieved; but the Person or Persons so appealing shall and they are hereby directed to give Notice in Writing, to the Defender or Defenders, of such their Intention of bringing or prosecuting any Appeal, Fourteen Days before the Day which the said Sheriffs shall fix for the Hearing thereof; and in case such Appeal shall be disallowed, the Complainer shall pay such Costs and Charges as the Judge shall direct in that Behalf, and the Determination of the said Sheriffs in such Appeal shall be final, without being subject to Advocation, Suspension, or Reduction.

How Notices
may be
served on the
Company.

LVII. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases where it may be requisite and necessary for any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, to serve any Notice or Notices, Citation or Summons, or other legal Proceedings upon the said Company of Proprietors, the Service thereof upon any Two Members of the said Committee of Management for the Time personally, or on the Clerk of the said Company personally, or at the Office or Place of Business of the said Company, shall be good and sufficient Service of the same on the said Company of Proprietors.

LVIII. And

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to take away, abridge, or diminish any Rights, Privileges, Jurisdictions, and Powers, which now belong to or are enjoyed by the Provost and Bailies, Treasurers, and Council of the said Burgh of *Paisley*, in virtue of former Acts of Parliament, Royal Charters, immemorial Usage, or otherways.

Preservation
of Rights of
Provost, &c.
of Paisley;

LIX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to defeat, abridge, alter, obstruct, or in any Manner of way interfere with the Powers and Authorities of the Commissioners for paving or lighting the said Burgh of *Paisley*, and the Suburbs thereof, 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 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 of way interfere with the Rights of any Person or Persons, to make, enlarge, repair, or amend any Vault under any Street within the Town and Burgh or Suburbs thereof, or Places adjacent thereto: Provided also, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to prevent any Person or Persons from proceeding against the said Company of Proprietors, or against any of their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Work of the said Company of Proprietors, 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 of Proprietors, or any of their Deputies, Agents, Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by reason of any such Works or Method of Light, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of lighting, or the Carelessness or Want of Skill of the Persons who may be employed therein.

and Com-
missioners of
Police, &c.

LX. And be it further enacted, That all and every the Pipes or other Conduits to be laid or used for the Conveyance of Gas, in, under, through, along, across, or round any Street, Square, Market Place, Passage, Road, or other Place in the Burgh of *Paisley*, and the Abbey Parish of *Paisley* aforesaid, shall be so laid at the greatest practicable Distance, and whenever the Width of the Carriageway in such Street or Place will allow thereof, at the Distance of Two Feet at least from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe already laid down for the Conveyance of Water, in, under, through, along, across, or round any of the said Streets, Squares, Market Places, Passages, Roads, or other Places aforesaid (unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Pipes across any of the Water Pipes, in which Cases the said Gas Pipes shall be laid over and above the said Water Pipes at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith a right Angle); and that in such Cases the said Gas Pipes so crossing the said Water Pipes shall be at least Six Feet in Length, so that no Joint of any of the said Gas Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of the said Water Pipes than Two Feet at least, and that in laying down the said Gas Pipes, the said Gas Light Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall in no case join Four or more Gas Pipes together, previous to their being laid in the Trench, but shall lay each Pipe as near as may be in its Place in the Trench, and shall in such Trench properly

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form the Jointing with the other Pipes to be added thereto, with proper and sufficient Materials, and shall also make and keep all and every such Pipes, and all Pipes connected or communicating therewith, and all the Screws, Joints, Inlets, Apertures, or Openings therein respectively airtight, and in all and every respect prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom.

Public Act.

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

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