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## *Cap. lxxiii.*

An Act for lighting with Gas the Town of *Woolwich*  
in the County of *Kent*. [30th *May* 1823.]

**W**HEREAS the Town of *Woolwich* in the County of *Kent* is populous, and the lighting the Streets and public Roads, Ways, Passages, Lanes, and Places therein, and the Suburbs and Vicinity thereof with Gas, would be of advantage to the Inhabitants thereof, and to the Public at large: And whereas Works have been erected in the said Town, in order to light the same, and the said Town is now partially lighted with Gas: And whereas certain Persons have already expended a considerable Sum in the Erection of the Works and laying down Mains and Pipes there for the Conveyance of Gas, and further Sums will be required to complete the same, and for the providing Coal and other Materials for better lighting of the said Town and the Suburbs and Vicinity thereof, and the Payment of the Expences of conducting the said Works for the Purposes aforesaid: And whereas many other Persons are desirous of joining the said Parties, and becoming Sharers in the said Undertaking, and contributing Sums of Money in aid of the Completion and carrying on of the same: But inasmuch as such Undertaking and Arrangement cannot be effectually carried 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 *Samuel Hardy*, *Frederick Hardy*, *Joseph Hedley*, *Francis William Vant*, *Joseph Wickenden*, and all and every such other Person or Persons as shall from Time to Time

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become Proprietors of Shares in the Undertaking hereby established, as herein-after is mentioned, and their respective Successors, Executors, Administrators and Assigns, shall be and they are hereby united into a Company, and declared to be one Body Politic and Corporate, by the Name of the 'Town of *Woolwich* Gas Light Company,' and by that Name shall have perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and by that Name shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded at Law or in Equity, and shall and may prefer and prosecute any Bill or Bills of Indictment against any Person or Persons who shall commit any Felony, Misdemeanor, or other Offence indictable by the Laws of this Realm, and shall by that Name be authorized and empowered to purchase Lands and Hereditaments for the Purposes of the said Gas Works, not exceeding Three Statute Acres, without being subject to the Penalties of the Statutes of Mortmain; and that the said Company shall be established for the Purpose of making or producing Gas, Inflammable Air, Coke, Oil, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, and Essential Oil, from Coal or other Materials, and of supplying the said Town of *Woolwich*, and the Suburbs and Vicinity thereof and Parts adjacent, with Gas or Inflammable Air, and of selling and disposing of the Coke and other Products of the Manufactory of the said Company, in such Way and Manner as the said Company or their Committee of Management may from Time to Time think proper.

Power to  
Company to  
contract for  
the lighting  
the Streets  
and Houses.

II. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall have full Power to contract with any Commissioners, Trustees, Bodies Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Corporations Aggregate or Sole, or Person or Persons whomsoever, who shall or may be desirous or willing to contract or agree with the said Company for the lighting of the said Town, or any Part or Parts thereof, or any public or private Ways or Roads, Streets, Lanes, Buildings, Houses, Shops, Manufactories, Warehouses, or Premises within the Town or the Suburbs or Vicinity thereof and Parts adjacent.

Power to  
contract for  
the Purchase  
of Lands and  
Buildings.

III. And be it further enacted, That for the Purposes of this Act it shall be lawful to and for the said Company, or their Committee of Management, to be chosen as herein-after is mentioned, and they are hereby empowered to treat, contract, and agree for the absolute Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments within the said Town, or the Suburbs or Vicinity thereof or Parts adjacent, and the Freehold and Inheritance thereof, or any Estate or Interest therein, with any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, or any Tenant or Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, or with any Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, Feoffees in Trust, or other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, or other Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also with all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, or with any Persons whomsoever who shall be willing to sell the same, or his, her, or their Right and Interest in the same, for the Uses and Purposes of this Act, provided that the Quantity of Land to be purchased as

aforesaid

aforesaid shall not exceed Three Statute Acres; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same respectively to the Person or Persons entitled thereto, or into the Bank of *England* in manner directed by this Act (as the Case may be), the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so to be purchased as aforesaid respectively, shall absolutely vest in the said Town of *Woolwich* Gas Light Company, and may be taken and used by them for the Purposes of this Act.

IV. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute or determinable on any Life or Lives, and all Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees for Lunatics and Idiots, and other Trustees whomsoever, not only for and on behalf of themselves, their Heirs and Successors, but also for and on behalf of their Cestuique Trusts respectively, whether Infants or Issue unborn, Lunatics, Idiots, or Femes Covert, or other Person or Persons under any Disability of acting for himself, herself, or themselves, and also to and for all Femes Covert who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in their own Right, and to and for all and every Person and Persons whomsoever, who are or shall be seised, possessed of, or interested in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Part thereof, which the said Company are by this Act enabled to purchase for the Uses and Purposes thereof, to treat, contract, and agree with the said Company, or their Committee of Management, for the Sale thereof, or of any Part thereof, and to sell and convey all or any Part thereof, and all Estate, Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of, in, and to the same, to the said Company for the Purposes of this Act; and all Contracts, Bargains, Sales, and Conveyances which shall be so made by virtue and in pursuance of this Act, shall, without Fine or Recovery, or other Conveyances or Assurances in the Law whatsoever, and without Enrolment, be good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, not only to convey the Estate and Interest of the Person and Persons conveying, but also to convey all Right, Estate, Interest, Use, Property, Possibility, Claim and Demand whatsoever of their said several Cestuique Trusts, and of all Persons whomsoever claiming or to claim by, from, or under him, her, or them, or claiming or to claim in Remainder or Reversion expectant on any such particular Estate, or by way of executory Devisé or springing Use, and the same shall be deemed and considered to bar all Dower and Dowers of any such Person or Persons, and all Estates Tail, and other Estates in Possession, Reversion, Remainder, or Expectancy, and the Issue and Issues of any Person or Persons claiming under them, as effectually as Fines or Common Recoveries would do if levied or suffered by the proper Parties in due Form of Law; any Law, Statute, or Usage, or any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all Tenants for Life or in Fee Tail, General or Special, or for any Term or Terms of Years absolute, or determinable on any Life or Lives, and Feoffees in Trust, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, Trustees, and all and every other Person and Persons, is, are, and shall be indemnified for what he, she, or they shall do by virtue and in pursuance of this Act.

Bodies Politic and other Persons empowered to sell.

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of Purchase  
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V. And be it further enacted, That if any Money shall be contracted to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments purchased, taken, or used by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, which shall belong to any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate or Ecclesiastic, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or Person or Persons under any Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, such Money shall, in case the same shall amount to or exceed the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, with all convenient Speed be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, to be placed to his Account *ex-parte* 'The *Woolwich* Gas Light Company,' to the Intent that such Money shall be applied, under the Direction and with the Approbation of the said Court, to be signified by an Order made upon a Petition to be preferred in a summary Way by the Person or Persons who would have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the Purchase of Land Tax, or towards the Discharge of any Debt or Debts, or such other Incumbrances, or Part thereof, as the said Court shall authorize to be paid, affecting the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or affecting other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, standing and being settled therewith to the same or the like Uses, Intents, or Purposes; or where such Money shall not be so applied, then the same shall be laid out and invested, under and with the like Direction and Approbation of the said Court, in the Purchase of other Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, which shall be conveyed and settled to, for, and upon such and the like Uses, Trusts, Intents, and Purposes, and in the same Manner as the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments which shall be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, stood and were settled and limited, or such of them as at the Time of making such Conveyance and Settlement, shall be existing undetermined, and capable of taking effect; and in the meantime and until such Purchase shall be made, the said Money shall, by Order of the said Court of Chancery, upon Application made thereto as aforesaid, be invested by the said Accountant General in his Name, in the Purchase of Three Pounds *per Centum* Consolidated or Three Pounds *per Centum* Reduced Bank Annuities; and in the meantime, and until the said Bank Annuities shall be ordered by the said Court to be sold for the Purposes aforesaid, the Dividends and annual Produce of the said Consolidated or Reduced Bank Annuities shall from Time to Time be paid, by Order of the said Court, to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the said Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments so hereby directed to be purchas'd, in case such Purchase or Settlement thereof were then actually made.

Application  
of Money  
when less  
than 200*l.*  
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ing 20*l.*

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That if any Money so to be paid for any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes aforesaid, and belonging to any Body Politic, Corporate, Collegiate, or Ecclesiastic, Tenant for Life or in Tail, or for Years, Trustee, Feme Covert, Infant, Lunatic, or any Person or Persons under Disability or Incapacity as aforesaid, shall be less than the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, and shall exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall, at the Option of the Person or Persons for the Time being entitled to the Rents and Profits of the

the Hereditaments so purchased, taken, or used, or of his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, in Cases of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, to be signified in Writing under their respective Hands, be paid into the Bank, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery, and be placed to his Account as aforesaid, in order to be applied in manner herein-before directed; or otherwise the same shall be paid, at the like Option, to Two Trustees, to be nominated by the Person or Person making such Option, and approved of by Three or more of the Committee of Management of the said Company (such Nomination and Approbation to be signified by Writing under the Hands of the nominating and approving Parties) in order that such Principal Money, and the Dividends to arise thereon, or the Interest thereof, may be applied in manner herein-before directed, so far as the Case shall be applicable, without obtaining, or being required to obtain, the Direction or Approbation of the said High Court of Chancery.

VII. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where such Money so contracted and agreed to be paid, as last before mentioned, shall not exceed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, then and in all such Cases the same shall belong absolutely and be paid to the Person or Persons who would for the Time being have been entitled to the Rents and Profits of the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so to be purchased, taken, or used for the Purposes of this Act, in such Manner as the said Committee of Management, or any Three or more of them, shall think fit; or in case of Infancy, Idiocy, or Lunacy, then to his, her, or their Guardian or Guardians, Committee or Committees, to and for the Use and Benefit of such Person or Persons so entitled respectively.

Application  
of Money  
not exceeding  
20*l.*

VIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That where any Question shall arise touching the Title of any Person to any Money to be paid into the Bank of *England*, in the Name and with the Privity of the said Accountant General of the High Court of Chancery in pursuance of this Act, for the Purchase of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or of any Estate, Right, or Interest in any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments so purchased in pursuance of this Act, or to any Bank Annuities to be purchased with any such Monies, or to the Dividends or Interest of any such Bank Annuities, the Person or Persons who shall have been in Possession of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments at the Time of such Purchase, and all Persons claiming under such Person or Persons, or under the Possession of such Person or Persons, shall be deemed and taken to have been lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments according to such Possession, until the contrary shall be shown to the Satisfaction of the said Court of Chancery, and the Dividends or Interest of the Bank Annuities to be purchased with such Money, and also the Capital of such Bank Annuities, shall be paid, applied, and disposed of accordingly, unless it shall be made appear to the said Court that such Possession was a wrongful Possession, and that some other Person or Persons was or were lawfully entitled to such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or to some Estate or Interest therein.

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titled thereto,  
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trary shall be  
shown.

IX. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That where by reason of any Disability or Incapacity of the Person or Persons, or Corporation, en-

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Expences of  
Purchase  
Money to be  
titled

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Court.

titled to any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be purchased under the Authority of this Act, the Purchase Money for the same shall be required to be paid into the Bank of *England*, and to be applied in the Purchase of other Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments to be settled to the like Uses in pursuance of this Act, it shall be lawful for the said Court of Chancery to order the Expences of all Purchases from Time to Time to be made in pursuance of this Act, or so much of the Expences as the said Court shall deem reasonable, to be paid by the said Company, who shall from Time to Time pay such Sums of Money for such Purposes as the said Court shall direct.

Upon Pay-  
ment of the  
Purchase  
Money, Pre-  
mises to be  
vested in the  
Company.

X. And be it further enacted, That upon Payment of the Money to be so contracted or agreed to be paid for the Purchase of any such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or any Estate, Right, or Interest therein, to the Party or Parties, or Person or Persons respectively entitled to such Monies, or their Agents, or upon Payment thereof into the Bank of *England*, in manner herein directed (as the Case may be), all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Use, Trust, Property, Claim, and Demand in Law or in Equity, of the Party or Parties, and Person or Persons respectively to whom or for whose Use or Benefit the same shall be paid into or out of such Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall vest in the said Company and their Successors for ever, for effecting the Uses and Purposes of this Act.

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

Form of  
Conveyance.

‘ I [*or we, as the Case may be*] of \_\_\_\_\_ in Consideration of  
‘ the Sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to me [*or us*] paid by the Town  
‘ of *Woolwich* Gas Light Company, established under an Act passed in the  
‘ Fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, intituled *An Act*  
‘ [*here insert the Title of this Act*], do hereby grant and release, [*or assign,*  
‘ *as the Case may be*] to the said Company of Proprietors and their Suc-  
‘ cessors, all [*here describe the Premises to be conveyed*], and all my [*or*  
‘ our] Right, Title, and Interest in and to the same, and every Part thereof;  
‘ to hold to the said Company of Proprietors, and their Successors and  
‘ Assigns, for ever [*or as the Case may be*] during all the Remainder of  
‘ my [*or our*] Term, Estate, or Interest in the said Premises. In witness  
‘ whereof, I [*or we*] have hereunto set my Hand and Seal [*or our Hands*  
‘ and Seals, *or our Common Seal, as the Case may be*] this  
‘ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_ .’

Resale of  
Land not  
wanted.

XII. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Company to sell and dispose of, and by Indenture or Indentures under their Common Seal to grant and convey all or any Part or Parts of the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, which may have been so purchased or acquired, and which shall not be wanted for the Purposes of the said Company; and upon Payment of the Purchase Money for the same, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer for the Time being to the said Company to sign and give a Receipt or Receipts for the Money for which the same shall be sold, which Receipt or Receipts shall be a sufficient Discharge or Discharges to any Person or Persons for the Money which shall be therein  
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and thereby expressed or acknowledged to be received, and such Person or Persons having paid the same, shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for any Loss, Misapplication, or Nonapplication of such Purchase Money, or any Part thereof.

XIII. And whereas the said Company of Proprietors are enabled to purchase Three Statute Acres of Land by virtue of this Act, for the Purposes thereof, and all Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, and all other Persons whomsoever, are empowered to sell such Quantity or Number of Acres to the said Company: And whereas it is expedient to restrain the said Company from selling any such Lands so purchased from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, and again purchasing other Lands from the same, or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, in lieu or stead of the Lands so sold; be it therefore enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to purchase from any Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, and Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, more than such Three Statute Acres; and in case the said Company shall afterwards sell the Whole or any Part of such Three Statute Acres so purchased, it shall not be lawful for the said Company to purchase of or for the same, or any other Body or Bodies Politic, Corporate, or Collegiate, Corporations Aggregate or Sole, Trustees or Feoffees in Trust for charitable or other Purposes, Executors, Administrators, Husbands, Guardians, Committees, or other Trustees for or in behalf of Infants, Lunatics, Idiots, Femes Covert, Cestuique Trust, Tenants for Life or in Tail, Persons to whom or for whose Benefit Lands are limited in strict Settlement, and other Persons being under legal Disability or Incapacity, to sell to the said Company any other Lands in lieu or instead of those Three Statute Acres, or any Part thereof, so sold or disposed of by the said Company.

Restraining the Company from purchasing more than Three Acres of Land from incapacitated Persons, &c.

XIV. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company hereby established, and their Successors, and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered, by their Servants, Agents, Workmen, and others, from Time to Time, to make and erect such Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, and other Buildings, Cisterns, Engines, Machines, and other Apparatus, Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, Reservoirs, and other

Power to break up the Pavements and lay Pipes, &c.

Works

Works and Devices, on the Lands taken or to be purchased or acquired by them by virtue of the Powers herein-before contained, and (with the Permission or Consent of the Owners and Occupiers, but not otherwise) and with the Consent of the Surveyor of the Highways for the Time being of the Parish or Place, or Person or Persons authorized by Law to repair, controul, or manage such Highways, and under their Inspection, to erect and fix Pipes against any Walls, or in Posts or Pillars in the Streets, and to break up the Soil, Pitchings, and Pavements of any of the Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages within the said Town, and to dig and sink Trenches and Drains, and to lay Mains or Pipes, and put Stopcocks, Syphons, Plugs, or Branches from such Pipes, in, under, across, and along the Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages, and from Time to Time to alter the Position of and to repair, relay, and maintain such Pipes, Stopcocks, Syphons, and Plugs or Branches; and also with the Consent and Permission of the Owners and Occupiers, to carry, fit up, and furnish any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks or Branches, or other necessary Apparatus, from any Main or Pipe laid in any Street, Road, or Highway, Lane, or Passage, by virtue of this Act, into or through any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, for the Purpose of lighting any public or private Lamp from any of such Mains or Pipes, and to erect, fix, and set up any Machine or other Apparatus necessary or requisite for securing to any Dwelling House or Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, a proper and competent Supply of Gas, or for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply; and also to alter or amend any bad or imperfect Work which shall have been so placed, which shall be injured or damaged, and to do all such Acts, Matters, and Things as shall from Time to Time be or become necessary and convenient for completing, amending, repairing, improving, supplying; and using the same, provided a proper Compensation be made for any Damage which may be done thereby: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall authorize or empower the said Company, or any of their Servants, Agents, Workmen, or others, to enter into, or to carry or lay any Pipe or Pipes in, over, or upon any private Lands, Grounds, or Premises, or to continue the same, without the Consent in Writing of the Owners and Occupiers thereof respectively.

Owners to remove Pipes, if Company neglect so to do.

XV. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That if at any Time hereafter any such Owner or Occupier shall be desirous that any Pipe or Pipes which may have been laid with any such Consent as aforesaid, into or through his, her, or their Dwelling House or Premises should be removed and discontinued, and shall give or cause Notice thereof to be given to the said Company of Proprietors, and the said Company of Proprietors shall neglect to remove and discontinue such Pipe or Pipes, within Fourteen Days after receiving such Notice, it shall be lawful for the Person or Persons into or through or against whose Dwelling House or Premises such Pipe or Pipes shall be laid, and he, she, and they are hereby authorized to remove and discontinue the same.

Company not to make any Drains, &c. without Consent of the Occupiers, &c.

XVI. Provided also, and be it further enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, or their Successors, to sink or make any such Cuts, Drains, Sewers, Watercourses, and Reservoirs, in any Situation or Direction where the same can, shall, or may interfere with any present or future public



public or private Drain, Sewer, or Well, nor to carry or lay any Pipes, Cocks, or Branches from any Main or Pipe, into or against any Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, or to continue the same when so laid or carried, without the Consent in Writing of the Owner and Occupiers for the Time being of every such Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid: Provided also, that all public Streets, Highways, Roads, Lanes, and Passages, shall only be broken up with the Consent of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons having the Controul of the said Streets, Highways, Roads, Ways, Lanes, and Passages, and that all private Roads or Ways shall only be broken up with the Consent of the Occupier or Occupiers, and Owner or Owners of the Soil thereof respectively.

XVII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to authorize or empower the said Company, or any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to break, take up, or disturb the Soil or Pavement in or of any Street, Road, Highway, Lane, or Passage within the Limits of this Act, without the Consent in Writing of the Commissioners, Trustees, or other Persons in whom the Superintendence, Property, or Controul of any such Street, Road, Highway, Lane, or Passage, is by Authority of Parliament, or otherwise howsoever, vested, under the Hand or Hands of their proper Officer or Officers.

To be subject to all Acts of Parliament relating to Roads.

XVIII. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the said Company and their Successors shall at their own Expence, on the Expiration or Determination of the Tenancy or Tenancies of any Occupier or Occupiers giving Consent as aforesaid, or within Fourteen Days after the Expiration or Determination of such Tenancy or Tenancies, upon receiving Notice in Writing for that Purpose, for and on Behalf of the Owner or Owners, or the succeeding Occupier or Occupiers of any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, remove, take, and carry away, or cause to be removed, taken, and carried away, any Pipe or Pipes, Cocks, or Branches from any Main or Pipe which shall have been introduced or laid by the said Company of Proprietors and their Successors in any such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings as aforesaid, pursuant to the Power for that Purpose herein-before contained, and repair and make good such Dwelling House or Dwelling Houses, Manufactories, public or private Buildings, where the same shall have been so introduced, any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in anywise notwithstanding; and in default thereof it shall and may be lawful to and for such Owner or Owners, or such new Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require, or any other Person or Persons acting under their, his, or her respective Authorities or Authority, to cause such Pipes, Cocks, or Branches to be removed, taken, and carried away, and the reasonable Costs and Charges for so doing the same shall be immediately paid by the said Company and their Successors, or their Treasurer for the Time being, to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require; provided nevertheless, that if such reasonable Costs and Charges be not paid within Seven Days next after Demand shall be made by such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness before

Company to remove Pipes, &c. when Tenants quit, if required.

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One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*), all such reasonable Costs and Charges shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace of the said County, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs and Charges shall be paid to such Owner or Owners, Occupier or Occupiers, as the Case may require.

Company,  
&c. in laying  
Pipes, to  
make good  
the Pavement.

XIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Company in laying or repairing any such Mains, Pipes, Plugs, Cocks, Syphons, Branches, or other Apparatus, shall do as little Damage as may be, and shall forthwith fill in the Trenches and make good the Pavements and Roads, and carry away the Rubbish occasioned thereby, and repair any Damage arising from any Drains, Sewers, or Cuts which may be made for the Purposes of this Act, without any Delay, and shall in the meantime fence or guard the Place or Places where any Ground shall be opened, and cause a Light or Lights to be fixed and remain during the Night, in such manner as to prevent Accidents to Passengers, Cattle, and Carriages: Provided always, that if there shall be any wilful or negligent Delay in filling in any such Ground, or removing Rubbish, or making good any such Pavements or Roads, or in case the said Trenches or any of them, or any Part or Parts thereof, shall not during such Time be properly guarded and fenced, or such Light or Lights be placed out and maintained as aforesaid, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful for the Surveyor or Surveyors of the Street or Place wherein such Negligence or Delay shall happen, or any other Person under his or their Authority, to fill in such Ground and remove such Rubbish, and to repair and make good the Pavement of any Street, Highway, Road, Lane, or Passage or Place so broken up, and properly to guard and fence every such Trench, and to place and maintain every such Light and Lights during the Night, as to him shall appear necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, and the reasonable Costs and Charges thereof shall be paid by the said Company or their Treasurer, to the said Surveyor; and in default of Payment thereof for Seven Days next after Demand shall be made by such Surveyor or other Person acting under his Authority (Proof of such Demand being made by the Oath of One credible Witness, before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*), all such reasonable Costs and Charges, together with any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds by way of Penalty, shall and may be levied and recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, together with the Charges of such Distress and Sale, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any such Justice or Justices of the Peace, which Warrant such Justice or Justices is or are hereby empowered to grant, and such Costs, Charges, and Penalty shall be paid to such Surveyor or Person acting under his Authority, and applied in the Repair of the public Highways within the Parish.

No Pipes of  
Communication  
to be  
laid without  
Consent of

XX. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no Person shall lay or cause to be laid any Iron, Leaden, or other Pipe or Tube to communicate with any Pipe, belonging to the said Company, without the Consent of the said Company, under their Common Seal, first had and obtained,

obtained, nor use Burners of larger Dimensions than he, she, or they the Company respectively shall contract or pay for, or supply any Inhabitant or other Person with any Part of such Gas, on Pain of forfeiting and paying to the said Company any Sum not exceeding Forty Shillings for every Day such Pipe shall so remain, or such Excess be so committed, or such Supply furnished; every such Penalty to be recovered by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal or Hands and Seals of any Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, and which Warrant such Justice or Justices is and are hereby required and empowered to grant; and the Surplus after such Penalty or Forfeiture, and the Costs and Charges of such Distress and Sale are deducted, shall be returned upon Demand to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found or such Forfeiture shall not be forthwith paid, it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to cause such Offender or Offenders to be committed to the Common Gaol of the County of *Kent*, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for such Time as such Justice or Justices shall direct, not exceeding Six Calendar Months, unless such Forfeiture and all reasonable Charges shall be sooner paid and satisfied; and it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors, if they shall so think fit, also to take off the Gas from the House and Premises of the Person so offending, notwithstanding any Contract or Agreement which may have been previously entered into.

XXI. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall wilfully or maliciously remove, take away, destroy, damage, or injure any Pipe, Post, Plug, Lamp, or other Apparatus, Matter, or Thing belonging to the said Company, or any Part thereof respectively, or shall wilfully or maliciously extinguish or put out any One or more of the public Lamps or Lights, or wilfully or maliciously waste any of the inflammable Air or Gas supplied by the said Company, every Person so offending in any of the respective Premises, and being thereof lawfully convicted on the Oath of One credible Witness before One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, shall for each separate and distinct Act or Offence forfeit and pay to the aforesaid Company any Sum not exceeding the Sum of Ten Pounds, and Three Times the Amount of the Damage to be ascertained by such Justice or Justices to be done; such Penalty and Damage, together with reasonable Costs, to be levied by Warrant of such Justice or Justices, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Offender, returning the Overplus (if any) on Demand, to the Owner of such Goods and Chattels; or if it shall appear to the said Justice or Justices, either by Confession or otherwise, that the Offender or Offenders hath not any Goods or Chattels sufficient to levy such Forfeiture or Damage aforesaid, such Offender shall and may be committed to the Common Gaol of the County of *Kent*, there to remain for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months, or until such Forfeiture, Damages, and Costs shall be paid or tendered to the Keeper of the Common Gaol or House of Correction for the Use of the said Company.

Penalty for wilfully damaging Pipes, &c.

XXII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall carelessly or accidentally break, destroy, throw down, damage, or injure any Lamp or Lamps hung out, set up, or belonging to the said Company, or

Satisfaction for accidental Damage of Lamps, &c.

or any Pipe, Pedestal, Post, Plug, or other Apparatus, Matter or Thing belonging thereto or to the said Company, or shall not, upon Demand by the said Company or their Clerk or Superintendent, or other Person or Persons authorized by them, make Satisfaction for the Damage done, then and in every such Case it shall and may be lawful to and for any One or more Justice or Justices of the Peace for the County, Town, or Place wherein the Offence shall arise, and he or they is and are hereby required, upon Complaint to him or them made, to summon before him the Party or Parties against whom such Complaint shall be preferred, and upon hearing the Allegations and Proofs on both Sides, or on Nonappearance of the Party or Parties so complained against, to proceed *ex parte*, and to award such Sum or Sums of Money by way of Satisfaction to the said Company, or to such other Person or Persons (as the Case may be and require), for such Damages, as such Justice or Justices shall think reasonable; and in case of Neglect or Refusal to pay any Sum or Sums so awarded within Seven Days after Demand, it shall and may be lawful to and for such Justice or Justices or any one of them, and he and they is and are hereby required to cause the same to be raised and levied in such and the like Manner as any Fine, Penalty, or Forfeiture is by this Act directed to be raised and levied.

Penalty for interrupting Company's Workmen.

XXIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person shall hinder or interrupt any Workmen or Servants of the said Company in doing or performing any of the Works, or in exercise of any of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted, or shall in anywise cause or procure such Interruption or Hindrance to take place, and shall be thereof convicted before any Justice or Justices acting in and for the County wherein the Offence shall arise, either on Evidence or by Confession, every Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the said Company any Sum to be adjudged by such Justice or Justices, not exceeding Forty Shillings, and such Sum so adjudged shall be recovered in like manner as any Penalty or Forfeiture can or may by virtue of this Act be recovered, or the said Company may at their own Option sue for Damages sustained by them for such Hindrance or Interruption.

Gas to be supplied cheaper than Oil Light.

XXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the said Company shall at any Time hereafter contract with any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, for lighting any of the public Lamps in any of the public Ways, Roads, Streets, or Lanes within the said Town or the Suburbs or Vicinity thereof, the said Company shall and they are hereby directed and required to supply such public Lamps which they shall so contract to light, with Gas of such Quality as shall at all Times afford a cheaper and better Light than could be obtained from Oil Lamps; and whenever the said Company shall fail so to do, the Power and Authority hereby given to the said Company further to break up the Soil or Pavement of any such public Street, Highway, Road, Way, Lane, Passage, or other public Place in the said Town or the Suburbs or Vicinity thereof, where such public Lamps shall be situated, shall from thenceforth during such Refusal cease and determine; and every Contract or Agreement which shall be entered into for lighting with Gas such public Lamps by the said Company, shall contain a Clause or Covenant providing that it shall be obligatory on the said Company that

that such public Lamps shall at all Times be better and cheaper lighted by the said Company than could be done by Oil Lamps.

XXV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That the Branch or Service Pipes which shall be put down by the said Company for lighting the Streets, Lanes, Passages, and other public Places of the said Town, under any Contract or Agreement with any Trustees or Commissioners respectively, shall be kept fully charged with Gas, and the Stopcocks shall be so formed and 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 fully charged with Gas.

XXVI. And be it further enacted, That whenever any Gas shall be found to escape from any of the Pipes already laid down, or which shall be laid down or set up by the said Company in pursuance of this Act, the said Company shall at their own Expence, immediately after receiving Notice by Parol or in Writing of any such Escape of Gas, from any Person or Persons whomsoever, stop and prevent such Gas from escaping; and in case the said Company shall not, within Twenty-four Hours next after such Notice by Parol or in Writing being given of any such Escape of Gas, effectually stop up and prevent the 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 giving any such Notice, during which the Gas shall be suffered to escape as aforesaid; which Penalty shall from Time to Time be recovered and levied, with all reasonable Charges, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the said Company, in the same Manner as other Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act imposed are directed to be recovered and levied.

For preventing the Escape of Gas.

XXVII. And be it further enacted, That in case any Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, Commissioners or Trustees, who shall contract with the said Company, or agree to take, or shall use or enjoy the Benefit of the said Gas in their private Dwelling Houses, Shops, Inns, Taverns, or other public or private Buildings or Manufactories, Grounds, or Premises, shall refuse or neglect, for the Space of Seven Days after Demand, to pay the Sum or Sums of Money then due for the same to the said Company, it shall be lawful for the said Company or their Clerk or Superintendent, or any Person or Persons acting by or under their Authority, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any One of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, (which Warrant such Justice is hereby empowered and required to grant upon Confession or upon Proof of such Demand by the Oath of One credible Witness), to levy the said Sum or Sums of Money, in respect whereof such Refusal or Neglect shall happen, by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing to pay the same, rendering the Overplus (if any) to such Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting, after the necessary Costs and Charges of making such Distress and Sale shall be first deducted: Provided always, that if at the Time of such Distress being made, any Rent shall be then due and in arrear to the Landlord of the Premises in which such Goods and Chattels shall be distrained, or any Part thereof, such Landlord shall have and

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be entitled to receive such or so much of the said Rent in arrear as the said Landlord would be legally entitled to receive in the Case of an Execution issued and levied under any Judgment entered up against the Tenant or Tenants, Occupier or Occupiers of the said Premises, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*.

Capital Stock  
to be 12,000*l*.

XXVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company to raise and contribute amongst themselves a Sum of Money, by way of Capital or Joint Stock, to be applied and used in establishing and carrying on the said Undertaking and the Purposes aforesaid, not exceeding in the whole the Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds; and that the said Company shall not be authorized to exercise the Powers granted by this Act, until the said Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds shall have been subscribed for that Purpose.

Stock to be  
divided into  
Shares of  
50*l*. each.

XXIX. And be it further enacted, That the said Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds, to be subscribed under the Powers of this Act, shall be divided into Shares of Fifty Pounds each; and that every Proprietor of a Share or Shares shall be entitled to and interested in the Capital Stock and Effects of the said Company, and the Profits and Advantages attending the same, according to the Number of Shares he or she shall hold; and that all Shares in the said Undertaking, and in the net Profits and Advantages thereof, shall be deemed Personal Estate, and not of the Nature of Real Property, and shall be transmissible accordingly.

Power to  
raise a fur-  
ther Capital  
of 3,000*l*.

XXX. And be it further enacted, That in case the aforesaid Sum of Twelve thousand Pounds shall be found insufficient for the Purposes of this Act, and carrying on the aforesaid Undertaking, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to raise and contribute amongst themselves, in such Shares and Proportions as they shall think proper, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, any further or other Sum of Money not exceeding the Sum of Three thousand Pounds; and every Subscriber towards raising such further Sum of Money shall be a Proprietor in the said Undertaking, and shall have a like Vote by himself or herself, or by Proxy, in respect of his or her Shares in the said additional Sum so to be raised, and be liable to such Forfeitures, and stand interested in all the Profits and Advantages of the said Undertaking, in proportion to the Sum he, she, or they shall subscribe to the said Undertaking, as extensively to all Intents and Purposes as if such further or other Sum, hereby allowed to be subscribed for or raised, had been originally Part of the said Capital of Twelve thousand Pounds; any thing herein-before contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

Lands, &c.  
of Company  
answerable  
for their  
Debts.

XXXI. And be it further enacted, That the Lands and Hereditaments, Manufactories, Gasometers, Machinery, Apparatus, and Works; Goods, Chattels, and Effects of the said Company and their Successors, shall be subject and answerable for the just Debts, Liabilities, Engagements, and Demands of the Creditors of and Contractors of the said Company.

To compel  
Payment of  
Subscrip-  
tions.

XXXII. And be it further enacted, That the several Persons who shall subscribe for or towards the said Undertaking, or who shall at any Time hereafter have or hold any Share or Shares in the same, shall and they

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

XXXIII. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of the said Company, as soon as a Clerk is chosen, shall cause the Names and Designations of the several Persons who shall have subscribed for, or may at any Time hereafter become entitled to a Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, with the Number of such Share or Shares, and also the proper Number by which every Share shall be distinguished, to be fairly and distinctly entered in a Book to be kept for that Purpose; and after such Entry, shall cause the same to be signed by the Chairman of the Committee of Management, and the Committee of Management shall cause a Certificate under the Common Seal of the said Company to be prepared and delivered to every Proprietor upon Demand, specifying the Share or Shares to which he or she is entitled in the said Undertaking; and such Certificate shall be admitted in all Courts whatsoever as Evidence of the Title of such Proprietor, his or her Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the Share or Shares therein specified, but the Want of such Certificate shall not hinder or prevent the Owner from selling or disposing of such Share or Shares.

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

XXXIV. And be it further enacted, That within Three Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, or as soon after as conveniently may be, a General Assembly or Meeting of the Proprietors of Shares shall be holden in the Town of *Woolwich* aforesaid, between the Hours of Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon and One of the Clock in the Afternoon, of which General Assembly or Meeting Six Days Notice shall be given by some One of the Proprietors of the said Undertaking, once in some One Newspaper printed or circulated in the County of *Kent*, and such General Assembly shall then and there proceed in the Execution of this Act, and shall or may adjourn to or shall assemble at the same or such other Times and Places as shall be appointed in manner herein-after mentioned; at which General Assembly or Meeting, or at any Adjournment thereof, a Treasurer or Treasurers, and a Committee of Management consisting of Five Proprietors, to be possessed of Four Shares each at the least, to continue until the Meeting which shall be held in *June* in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, or until others or another shall be appointed in their or any of their Stead, shall be elected and chosen; and that after the said Committee shall have been elected,

First Meeting of Proprietors.

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One of the Members thereof shall be chosen the Chairman, and another Member thereof the Deputy Chairman; and such General Assembly or Meeting may be adjourned to such other Time and Place as the Proprietors of the Majority of Shares then present shall think fit.

General Assemblies to be holden.

XXXV. And be it further enacted, That the said Company shall, in the Months of *June* and *December* in each and every Year, hold a General Assembly or Meeting of the said Proprietors, of which General Assembly or Meeting Seven Days Notice shall be given in some One Newspaper printed or circulated in the said County of *Kent*; and at every General Assembly or Meeting to be holden in the Month of *June*, or some Adjournment thereof, the Committee of Management for the Year ensuing, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman thereof to be elected as aforesaid, shall from Time to Time be elected and chosen; provided that nothing herein contained shall render any One of the Committee whose Office shall have expired ineligible to be immediately re-elected upon such Committee of Management, if otherwise duly qualified; provided also, that no Person shall be qualified to be elected, or to serve or act as a Member of the said Committee, who shall hold or derive any Place of Profit under the said Company, or deal or be interested in any Article, Matter, or Thing used or manufactured by the said Company, or concerned or interested in any Contract or Contracts for supplying the same or any of them, or shall not have possessed Four Shares in the said Undertaking for Three Calendar Months at the least.

Power to make Bye Laws, &c.

XXXVI. And be it further enacted, That at any of such General Assemblies or Meetings the said Company shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make such Rules, Orders, Bye Laws, and Regulations, from Time to Time, as to them shall seem meet and proper for the good Government of the said Undertaking, and for regulating the Proceedings of the said Committee of Management, and the Duties and Conduct of all Officers, Workmen, and Servants to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, and for the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking in all Respects whatsoever, and from Time to Time to alter or repeal such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws, or any of them, and to make new or other Orders, and impose such reasonable Fines and Forfeitures upon all Officers, Workmen, and Servants of the said Company, and other Persons to be employed in and about the Affairs and Business of the said Company, or in the Superintendence and Management of the said Undertaking, not exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings for any one Offence, as to the said Company at a General Assembly or Meeting shall seem meet and expedient; and all Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws so made as aforesaid, being reduced into Writing, and the Common Seal of the said Company thereto affixed, shall be binding upon all such Persons, and shall be sufficient Authority in any Court of Law or Equity to justify all Persons who shall act under the same; provided nevertheless, that such Rules, Orders, and Bye Laws be not repugnant to the Laws or Statutes of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *England*, or to any of the express Directions or Provisions of this Act; provided also, that Copies of all such Bye Laws shall be affixed and continued in the Office of the said Company: Provided always, that in case at any Assembly of the said Proprietors the Number of Votes, including the Vote of the Chairman,



man, shall be equal, then and in every such Case the Chairman for the Time being shall have an additional or casting Vote.

XXXVII. And be it further enacted, That no Member of the said Company shall be entitled to be present or to vote at any General or Special Meeting, or Adjournment thereof, unless he shall have subscribed for at least One Share in the Joint Stock of the said Company; and that the Members of the Company shall have One Vote at such General or Special Meeting for every Share he or she shall possess in the said Undertaking; but no Member shall be entitled to more than Twenty Votes, or to vote in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Instalment or Call to be made or called for as herein-after is mentioned, until such Instalment or Call shall have been paid; and that no Person or Persons shall vote at any General or Special Meeting upon any Question or Questions relating to the Concerns of the said Undertaking, in which such Person or Persons shall be in anywise interested other than as a Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, in the said Undertaking.

Proprietors to vote according to the Number of their Shares.

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

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

XXXIX. And be it further enacted, That any Female, Infant, or other Proprietor of any Share or Shares in the said Company's Stock, entitled to vote in respect of such Shares at any General or Special Assembly or Meeting of the said Company, shall have full Power and Authority to give his or her Vote or Votes at such General or Special Meetings as aforesaid, either in Person or by Proxy, every such Proxy being a Proprietor in the said Undertaking; and the Appointment of such Proxies may be made in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say),

Empowering Female, Infant, or other Proprietors of Shares, to vote by Proxy.

‘ I *A. B.* of *Woolwich* Gas Light Company, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint *C. D.* of *Woolwich* to be my Proxy, in my Name and in my Stead to vote or give my Assent to or Dissent from any Business, Matter, or Thing relating to the said Undertaking, that shall be mentioned or proposed at the General or Special Assembly of the said Company, to be holden on the *Day of* or any Adjournment thereof, if I shall not be present, in such Manner as he the said *C. D.* shall think proper, according to his Opinion and Judgment, for the Benefit

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' neft of the said Undertaking; or any thing relating thereto. In witness  
' whereof I have hereunto set my Hand, the Day of .'

Power to  
General  
Meeting to  
appoint a  
Treasurer or  
Treasurers.

XL. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting of the said Company, to nominate and appoint, under the Common Seal of the said Company, any Person or Persons to be Treasurer or Treasurers, and from Time to Time to remove any such Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Company, and to nominate, elect, and appoint another Person or other Persons in his or their Room or Stead.

Notices of  
Meetings to  
be given by  
the Clerk of  
Company.

XLI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Notices herein directed to be given of any General or Special Meetings or Adjournments respectively, or to any of the said Proprietors upon any particular Occasion, and not herein otherwise provided for, shall be given to the said several Proprietors respectively, by Advertisement to be inserted once in some one Newspaper printed or circulated in the said County of *Kent*, or by Letters from the Clerk of the said Company, to be sent by the Post, if they shall live out of the Town of *Woolwich*, or the Suburbs thereof, to each and every Proprietor entitled to vote at such Meeting respectively, or to the individual Proprietors entitled to such Notice (as the Case may be), and such Notices, when so published or given, shall be deemed and considered the same as personal Notices.

Meetings of  
Committee  
and Regula-  
tions for their  
Proceedings.

XLII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management to be from Time to Time appointed as aforesaid, or any Three or more of them, shall hold their Meetings at such Time and at such Place within the Town of *Woolwich*, or the Suburbs or Vicinity thereof, as they shall from Time to Time think proper; and that all Questions, Matters, and Things which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered by the said Committee of Management at any of their Meetings, shall be decided and determined by the Majority in Number of Members present; and in case of an equal Number of Votes, including the Vote of the Chairman for the Time being, such Chairman shall have an additional or casting Vote; and if on the Day appointed for any Meeting of the said Committee Three Members qualified to vote shall not attend, then and in such Case the Meeting shall be adjourned till the next Day, if not a *Sunday*, and if the next Day should be a *Sunday*, then to the *Monday* following, by the Member or Members then present, or if none be present, then by the Clerk of the said Company, or such other Person as shall attend in his Place; and that any Three or more Members of the Committee may at any Time when they shall think fit call a Meeting of the Committee, by causing Four Days Notice in Writing, signed by such Members, to be sent by the Post, or otherwise, to the Residence or Address of every other Member of such Committee, and also renew the Meetings of the Committee, although they may have been discontinued for want of Adjournment, or to institute a new Meeting, independent of any Meeting appointed by Adjournment.

Power of  
Committee of  
Management.

XLIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have the Custody of the Common Seal of the said Company, and appoint the Time and Place for holding General Assemblies or Meetings, and direct the Affairs and Business of the said Undertaking, as well in issuing, receiving, and laying out and disposing of all

all Sums of Money to be issued or received, laid out, or disposed of for the Purposes of the said Company, as in contracting for and purchasing Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Materials, Goods, and Chattels for the Use of the said Undertaking, and entering into Agreements or Contracts for supplying with Gas the said Town and the Suburbs and Vicinity thereof, or Parts adjacent, or any Part thereof as aforesaid, or the Houses, Shops, or Buildings therein, and in selling and disposing of all Articles produced as aforesaid, and making, enforcing, and rescinding, compounding and compromising all Contracts and Bargains touching or in anywise concerning the same, subject to such Orders, Bye-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, as shall at any Time be duly made by the said Company in Restraint, Controul, or Regulation of the Powers and Authorities by this Act granted; and the said Committee of Management shall and may appoint a Clerk, Officers, Servants, Workmen, and Tradesmen of the said Company, and from Time to Time dismiss, remove, or suspend them, as they shall think fit; and shall be at Liberty at any Time to call any Special General Meetings of the said Company for any Purpose they may think proper, and shall and they are hereby required to take such Security to the said Company of Proprietors from the Treasurer or Treasurers, Clerk, or other Officer or Officers, or other Person, for the faithful Execution of their respective Duties, as they shall think proper and adequate to the Trust.

XLIV. And be it further enacted, That when and so often as any Member of the Committee of Management to be elected by virtue of this Act shall die or become disqualified, or shall for the Space of Two Calendar Months refuse or neglect to attend the Meetings of the said Committee, it shall be lawful for the said Company, at any General Meeting to be held pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to elect some other Proprietor qualified as herein-before mentioned, to be a Member of the said Committee in his Stead; and every such Proprietor so elected shall continue in Office as a Member of the said Committee, so long as the Person in whose Place or Stead he was elected would have been entitled to have continued, if such Death, Disqualification, Refusal, or Neglect had not happened.

For supplying Vacancies in Committee of Management.

XLV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the said Company of Proprietors to appoint the Person or Persons who may be appointed their Clerk or Clerks in the Execution of this Act, or the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, the Treasurer or Treasurers for the Purposes of this Act, or to appoint the Person or Persons who may be appointed Treasurer or Treasurers, or the Partner or Partners of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, the Clerk or Clerks to the said Company; and if any Person shall accept both the Offices of Clerk and Treasurer for the Purposes of this Act, or if any Person being the Partner of any such Clerk or Clerks, or the Clerk or Clerks, or other Person or Persons in the Service or Employ of any such Clerk or Clerks, shall accept the Office of Treasurer, or being the Partner of any such Treasurer or Treasurers, shall accept the Office of Clerk in the Execution of this Act, or if any such Treasurer shall hold or accept any Place or Office of Profit or Trust under this Act other than that of Treasurer, every such Person so offending shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons who shall sue for the same, to be

Clerk and Treasurer not to be the same Person.

be recovered, with full Costs of Suit, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Suit, or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, or Wager of Law, nor more than One Imparlance shall be allowed.

Treasurer not to issue Money without an Order signed by Three of the Committee.

XLVI. And be it further enacted, That the Treasurer or Treasurers, or other Officer or Officers to be appointed by the said Company, shall not issue any Sum or Sums of Money on account of the said Company, without an Order or Orders in Writing signed by Three or more Members of the said Committee of Management; and that the Receipts of such Treasurer or Treasurers for all Monies payable to him or them on account of the said Company, shall be effectual Discharges for the same.

Proceedings to be entered in Books.

XLVII. And be it further enacted, That all Orders and Proceedings of the said Company of Proprietors, and of the Committee of Management, shall be entered in a Book or Books to be kept for that Purpose, and shall be signed by the Chairman for the Time being; and such Orders and Proceedings, so entered and signed by the Chairman for the Time being of each respective Meeting, shall be deemed and taken to be original Orders and Proceedings, and shall be allowed to be read in Evidence in all Courts and Places whatsoever.

Committee of Management may make Calls on Subscribers.

XLVIII. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Management for the Time being shall have full Power at any Time or Times to make such Call or Calls upon the several Subscribers and Proprietors of the said Undertaking, or their respective Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, for the Amount of the Subscription for their respective Shares, either in One Payment or by Instalments, as such Committee shall deem requisite or necessary for the Purposes of the said Undertaking; and every Order for a Call shall be signed by Three of the said Committee of Management for the Time being at least, present at some Meeting of the said Committee; and the Sum or several Sums of Money so to be called for shall be paid into the Hands of the Treasurer or Treasurers to the said Company for the Time being, at such Time and Place as shall be appointed by such Committee, of which Time and Place Twenty-one Days previous Notice shall be given in such Manner as the said Committee shall direct or appoint in that Behalf.

In Default of Payment on Calls Shares to be forfeited:

XLIX. And be it further enacted, That if any Subscriber, Person or Persons, or Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, or Assigns, shall neglect or refuse to pay his, her, or their Part or Portion of the Money to be called for by the Committee of Management as aforesaid, by the Time appointed for Payment thereof, together with Interest from the appointed Time of Payment, then and in such Case such Person or Persons so neglecting or refusing shall (whether or not the same shall then have been sued for in any Court of Law or Equity) absolutely forfeit all his, her, or their Share, Part, and Interest in the said Undertaking and Capital Stock, and all Profit and Advantage thereof, and all Money theretofore advanced by him, her, or them on account thereof, to and for the Use and Benefit of the said Company, unless otherwise determined by a Special General Meeting; and all Shares which shall and may be so forfeited shall or may be sold at a public Sale for the most Money that  
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can be gotten for the same, and the Produce thereof shall go to and make Part of the Capital or Joint Stock of the Company; but that no Advantage shall be taken of such Forfeiture of any Share in the said Undertaking as aforesaid, until after Twenty-one Days Notice shall have been given by the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the said Company, or Three of the Committee of Management, to the Owner or Owners thereof, by Notice in Writing left at his, her, or their usual or last Place of Abode, if they shall reside in the Town of *Woolwich*, or the Suburbs thereof, and if not, then by Letter sent by the Post; and every such Forfeiture so to be declared shall be an absolute Indemnification and Discharge to and for the Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns so forfeiting, against all Actions, Suits, and Prosecutions, for any Breach of Contract or other Agreement between such Subscriber or Subscribers, Proprietor or Proprietors, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns.

L. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That in case the Money produced by the Sale of any Share or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay all such Arrears of Call as aforesaid, and legal Interest thereon, and the Expences attending such Sale or Sales, the Surplus of such Money shall be paid on Demand to the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged; provided also, that the said Company or their Committee shall not by virtue of this Act sell or transfer, or direct to be sold or transferred, any more of such Shares of such Defaulter or Defaulters than shall be sufficient, as near as may be, at the Time of such Call, to pay the Arrears due from such Defaulter or Defaulters for or on account of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences attending the same; and from and after Payment of all and every of such Call or Calls, and the Interest and Expences as aforesaid, any Share or Shares vested in the said Company as aforesaid which shall remain in their Hands unsold, shall revert to and again become the Property of the Person or Persons to whom such Share or Shares shall have belonged immediately before such Forfeiture as aforesaid, in such Manner as if such Calls had been duly and regularly paid.

If the Purchase Money or Shares shall be more than sufficient to pay the Arrears of Calls, and Interest and Expences thereon, the Surplus to be paid to the Owner on Demand.

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

Shares may be transferred.

‘ I [or we,] of in Consideration of  
 ‘ paid to me, [or us] by of do hereby  
 ‘ bargain, sell; and transfer to the said Share [or Shares],  
 ‘ (as the Case may be) in the Town of *Woolwich* Gas Light Company;  
 ‘ Number [or Numbers] in the said Undertaking; to hold  
 ‘ to the said Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, subject  
 ‘ to the same Rules, Orders, and Restrictions, and on the same Condi-  
 ‘ tions as I [or we] held the same Share [or Shares] immediately before  
 ‘ the Execution hereof; and I, [or we,] the said do hereby  
 ‘ agree to take and accept the said Share [or Shares], subject to the said  
 ‘ Rules, Orders, Restrictions, and Conditions. As witness our Hands  
 ‘ and Seals, this Day of in the Year of our Lord  
 ‘ One thousand eight hundred and

Form of Transfer.

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Transfer to  
be registered.

And every such Transfer shall be produced to the Clerk of the said Company, and shall be registered by him in the Books of the said Company, for which the Sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence shall be paid by the Person requiring such Transfer to such Clerk, and no more; and the Registry thereof shall specify the Dates, Names of the Parties, and the Number of Shares transferred, and a Copy of such Register, signed by the said Clerk, shall be sufficient Evidence of such Transfer, and be received and admitted as such; and until such Transfer shall be registered in the Books of the said Company, no Purchaser or Purchasers of any Share, or his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, shall be deemed a Proprietor, or have any Part of the Profit of the said Undertaking, or in the Profits or Advantages thereof; nor shall receive any Interest or Dividends for or in respect of such Share or Shares so purchased, nor be entitled to any Vote at any Meeting or Meetings as a Member or Members of the said Undertaking, in respect of such Share or Shares, until the Expiration of Three Calendar Months after such Transfer shall have been registered.

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

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

Executors  
indemnified  
in paying  
Calls.

LIII. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons, Proprietor or Proprietors of any Share or Shares in the said Undertaking, shall die before Payment shall have been made by him, her, or them, of the full Sum to be called for or in respect thereof as aforesaid, without having made any sufficient Provisions by Will, or otherwise, how such Share or Shares shall be disposed of, and how the future Calls in respect thereof shall be answered, that then and in such case the Executors or Administrators of such Proprietor and Proprietors, and the Trustee or Trustees, Guardian or Guardians, of any Infant, or other Person or Persons entitled to the Estate and Effects of such Proprietor or Proprietors, shall be indemnified against such Infant, and all other Persons whomsoever, for paying any Money which shall be called for as aforesaid, in respect of the Share or Shares of such deceased Proprietor or Proprietors.

For ascer-  
taining the  
Proprietor-

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

or Bankrupt, go out of the Kingdom, or shall transfer his or her Right and Interest to some other Person, and no Register shall have been made of the Transfer thereof with the Clerk of the said Company, it may not be in the Power of the said Company, or any Officer acting for the said Company, to know who is or are the Owner or Proprietor, or Owners or Proprietors of such Share or Shares; be it therefore further enacted, That in all cases where the Right and Property in one or more Share or Shares in the said Undertaking shall pass from the original Subscriber or Subscribers, or Proprietor or Proprietors thereof, to any other Person or Persons, by any other legal Means than by a Transfer or Conveyance thereof, in the Form and Manner herein-before specified, an Affidavit shall be made and sworn to by a credible Person, before a Master or Master Extraordinary of His Majesty's High Court of Chancery, or one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Kent*, stating the Manner in which such Share or Shares hath or have passed to such Person or Persons, his, her, or their Executors, Administrators, Successors or Assigns; and that such Affidavit shall be delivered to the Clerk of the said Company, to the Intent that he may enter and register the Name or Names of every such other Proprietor or Proprietors in the Register Book or List of Subscribers and Proprietors in the said Undertaking, to be kept in the Office of the Clerk to the said Company.

ship of  
Shares in  
certain Cases.

LV. And be it further enacted, That at the General Assemblies or Meetings in the Months of *June* and *December* in each Year, or some Adjournment thereof, the Accounts of the said Company shall be from Time to Time settled, and such General Assembly or Half-yearly Meeting, or any Assembly or Meeting especially called for the Purpose, shall have full Power from Time to Time to call for and examine the Accounts of the said Company; and at every Half-yearly General Assembly or Meeting, or some Adjournment thereof, a Dividend or Dividends shall be made out of the Interests, Profits, or Advantages of the said Undertaking, unless such Meeting shall declare otherwise; and such Dividend shall be at and after the Rate of so much *per Centum* for every Share, upon all and every the Sum and Sums of Money paid to the said Company by the said Subscribers, their Successors, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, as such Meeting or Meetings shall think fit to appoint and determine; provided that no Dividend shall be made whereby the Capital of the said Company shall in any Degree be reduced or impaired, nor within Six Calendar Months after the passing of this Act; nor shall any Dividend be paid in respect of any Share or Shares after a Day appointed for Payment of any Call for Money in respect thereof, until such Call shall have been paid.

Accounts to  
be settled  
Half-yearly.

Meetings to  
declare Divi-  
dends.

LVI. And be it further enacted, That a Special Meeting may be called at any Time by the Committee of Management; and also that Five or more Members of the said Company, holding in the Aggregate Twenty Shares or upwards in the said Undertaking, may at any Time, by Writing under their Hands, left at the Office of the said Company, or given to any Member of the said Committee of Management, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, require the Committee of Management to call a Special General Meeting, so as such Requisition fully express the Objects for which such Special General Meeting is required to be called; and in case of Neglect or Refusal of the said Committee to call such Meeting for the

Committee  
of Manage-  
ment, and  
also Proprie-  
tors possessed  
of Twenty  
Shares, may  
call a Special  
General  
Meeting.

Space

Space of Five Days after such Notice given as aforesaid, the same may be called by the said Members, by giving Six Days Notice thereof in some One or more Newspaper or Newspapers printed or circulated in the said County of *Kent*.

Gas Pipes to be laid at a Distance from Water Pipes, in a particular Manner.

LVII. 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, or along any Street, Square, Market Place, Lane, or other Place in the Town of *Woolwich* aforesaid, or Places adjacent, 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 Three Feet at least from the nearest Part of any Water Pipe already laid down, or hereafter to be laid down, by or by the Order of the Company of Proprietors for the Time being of the *Kent* Water Works, for the Conveyance of Water in, under, through, or along any of the said Streets, Squares, Market Places, Lanes, or other Places in the Town of *Woolwich* aforesaid, or Places adjacent, unless in Cases where it shall be unavoidably necessary to lay the Gas Main Pipes across any of the Pipes of the said Company of Proprietors, in which Cases the said Gas Main Pipes shall be laid over or under the said Company's Water Pipes, as the Case may require, at the greatest practicable Distance therefrom, and shall form therewith an Angle; and that in such Cases the said Gas Main Pipes so crossing the said Company's Water Pipes shall be at least Six Feet in length, so that no Joint of any of the said Gas Main Pipes shall be nearer to any Part of the said Company's Water Pipes than Three Feet at least, where practicable; and that in laying down the said Gas Main Pipes, the said Gas Light and Coke Company, their Successors or Assigns, shall in no case join Three or more Gas Main 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 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 air-tight, and in all and every respect prevent the said Gas from escaping therefrom, and from any Part thereof, upon Pain of forfeiting for every such Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings.

Power to convey Washings.

LVIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Company, with the Consent of the Surveyor of the Highways for the Time being, to make Sewers or Cuts of such Breadth, Depth, and Dimensions, and in such Manner as they shall think expedient, under the Streets, Ways, Lanes, Avenues, and Places within the said Town or Places adjacent, for the Purpose of carrying off the Washings and other Waste Liquids which may arise in the Prosecution of the Works aforesaid, the said Company doing as little Damage as may be in making the said Sewers or Cuts, and immediately repairing at their Expence all such Damage, and afterwards maintaining such Sewers or Cuts in good and sufficient Repair: Provided always, that no such Washings or other Waste Liquids, or any other Matter or Thing produced in the manufacturing of such Gas, be conducted or conveyed into any River, Brook, navigable Canal or running Stream whatsoever.

LIX. And



LIX. And be it further enacted, That if the said Company of Proprietors 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 Things whatsoever, which shall arise or be produced in the Prosecution of the said Gas Works, or in the Manufacture or Process of making or procuring such Gas, into any River, Brook, or running Stream, Reservoir, Aqueduct, Feeder, Pond, 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, Waterway, Feeder, Pond, or Springhead, Well, Drain, Sewer or Ditch, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors so offending 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, together with full Costs of Suits, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, by Action of Debt or on the Case, or by Bill, Plaint, Suit or Information, wherein no Essoign, Protection, Privilege, Wager of Law, nor more than one Imparlance shall be allowed, and the whole thereof shall be paid to the Person or Persons who shall inform or sue for the same: Provided always, that no such Penalty or Forfeiture shall be recoverable unless the same be sued for within Twelve Calendar Months from the Time of 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 (and 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, Waterway, 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 by any Person or Persons to whom the same shall belong, or by any other Person or Persons whomsoever, to the said Company of Proprietors, and the said Company of Proprietors shall not, within Twenty-four Hours after such Notice shall have been given to them or him 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 other Annoyance, Nuisance, Injury, Damage, Act, or Thing from being done as aforesaid, then and in every such Case the said Company of Proprietors 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 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 in such and the like Manner as any other Penalty or Forfeiture is in and by this Act directed to be recovered and levied, and shall be paid to the Informer, or to the Person or Persons who, in the Judgment of the Justice or Justices before whom the Conviction shall take place, shall have sustained any Annoyance, Injury, or Damage by any such Act so done or committed.

Penalty for conveying Washings into any River, Stream, &c.

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

LX. And be it further enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall be summoned as a Witness or Witnesses to give Evidence before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, touching any Matter contained in any Information or Complaint for any Offence against this Act, either on Behalf of the Prosecutor, or on Behalf of the Person or Persons accused, or touching any Matter to be inquired into, or to be determined by virtue of this Act, and shall refuse or neglect to appear from Time to Time at the Time and Place to be for that Purpose appointed, without a reasonable Excuse for his, her, or their Refusal or Neglect of appearing, or appearing, shall refuse to be examined upon Oath, or, in case of a Quaker or Quakers, on solemn Affirmation, (which Oath or Affirmation such Justice or Justices is and are hereby authorized and required to administer), or to give Evidence before such Justice or Justices of the Peace, then and in every such Case every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds, provided a reasonable Sum shall have been paid or tendered to such Person for his or her Costs and Charges of Attendance as a Witness.

Proceedings to be commenced within Six Calendar Months.

LXI. And be it further enacted, That no Person or Persons, Body or Bodies Politic or Corporate, shall be subject or liable to the Payment of any of the Penalties or Forfeitures inflicted by virtue of this Act, to be recovered before any Justice or Justices of the Peace for any Offence or Offences against this Act, unless Information shall be given thereof within Six Calendar Months next after such Offence committed.

Recovery and Application of Penalties.

LXII. And be it further enacted, That all Penalties and Forfeitures for all and every the Offences in this Act mentioned, or by or under any Rule, Order, or Bye-law to be made in pursuance or by the Authority of this Act, in relation to which the Manner of convicting the Offenders, or of applying the Penalties, is not particularly mentioned or directed, shall be adjudged by and recovered before any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where the Offence shall have been committed, in a summary Way, and who is hereby authorized and empowered to convict the Offender or Offenders, upon Information by the Oath of any Person or Persons, or on the Confession of the Party offending (which Oath such Justices is hereby authorized to administer); and in Default of Payment of such Penalties or Forfeitures, the same shall be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods and Chattels, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of such Justice; and One Moiety of the Penalties and Forfeitures, when recovered, after rendering the Overplus (if any) on Demand, to the Party or Parties whose Goods and Chattels shall be so distrained, the reasonable Charge for such Distress and Sale being first deducted, shall, where not otherwise by this Act directed, be paid to the Informer, and the other Moiety thereof shall be paid to the Overseers of the Poor of the Parish wherein such Offence shall be committed, to be by them applied towards the Relief of the Poor of such Parish; and in case sufficient Distress cannot be found, and such Penalties, Forfeitures, and Fines shall not be forthwith paid upon Conviction, then it shall be lawful for such Justice or Justices to order the Offender or Offenders so convicted to be detained and kept in safe Custody until Return can conveniently be made to such Warrant of Distress, unless the Offender or Offenders shall give sufficient Security to the Satisfaction of such Justice or Justices, for his or their Appearance before any Justice or Justices, on such Day or Days as shall be appointed for the Return of such Warrant of Distress, such Day or Days not being more than Fourteen Days from the Time of taking any such

such Security, and which Security the said Justice or Justices is and are hereby empowered to take by way of Recognizance or otherwise; but if upon the Return of such Warrant it shall appear that no sufficient Distress can be had thereupon, then and in such Case it shall be lawful for such Justice, and he is hereby authorized and required, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, to commit such Offender or Offenders to the Common Gaol of the County of *Kent*, for any Time not exceeding Six Calendar Months.

LXIII. And for the more easy Conviction of Offenders against this Act, be it further enacted, That a Conviction in the Form or to the Effect following shall be good, without alleging more than the Substance of the Offence; (that is to say),

' to wit. }	<b>BE</b> it remembered, That on the	Day of	Form of Conviction.
	in the Year of our Lord		
	is [or are] convicted before me [or us, as the Case shall be]		
	of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the Town of <i>Woolwich</i> , [or County of <i>Kent</i> , as the Case may be]		
	by virtue of an Act passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of His Majesty King <i>George</i> the Fourth, intituled [here insert the Title of this Act] of having [specifying the Offence, and the Time and Place when and where the same was committed, as the Case may be] contrary to the said Act, and for which Offence I [or we, as the Case shall be] do adjudge the said		
	to have forfeited the Sum of		
	and	for Costs.	Given under my Hand and Seal [or our Hands and Seals, as the Case shall be] the Day and Year first above written.

LXIV. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That any Body or Bodies Corporate or Collegiate, or any Person or Persons whomsoever, thinking himself, herself, or themselves aggrieved by any Rule, Order, or Bye Law to be made by virtue of this Act, or any Alteration thereof, or by the Order or Determination of any Justice or Justices of the Peace in pursuance of this Act, may appeal to the Justices of the Peace at their next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the County of *Kent* (as the Case may be), the Person or Persons appealing having first given at least Ten Days Notice of such Appeal, and the Nature and Matter thereof, to the Person or Persons appealed against, or to the Clerk of the said Company as respecting the said Company, and forthwith after such Notice entering into a Recognizance before some Justice of the Peace for the said Town or County (as the Case may be), with Two sufficient Sureties conditioned to try such Appeal, and to abide the Order and Award of the said Court thereon; and the said Justices, upon due Proof of such Notice and Recognizance having been given and entered into, shall in a summary Way hear and determine such Complaint at such General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace, or if they think proper may adjourn the Hearing thereof to the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the said Town or County (as the Case may be), and if they see Cause may mitigate any Forfeiture or Fine, and may order any Money to be returned which shall have been levied in pursuance of such Order or Determination, and shall and may also award such further Satisfaction to be made to the Party injured, or such Costs to either of the Parties as they shall adjudge reasonable and proper; and all such Determinations of the said Justices at such General or Quarter Sessions

Appeal to be made to the Quarter Sessions.

Sessions shall be binding, final, and conclusive upon all Parties, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever.

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

LXV. And be it further enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be requisite or necessary for any Person or Persons, Party or Parties, to serve any Notice or Notices, Demand or Demands, upon the said Company, or any Summons, Writ or Writs, or other legal Proceedings, the Service thereof upon any Member of the said Committee of Management, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or upon the Clerk of the said Company, or at the Office of such Clerk, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or at the Office of the said Company, or in case the same respectively shall not be found or known, then Service upon any Agent or other Officer employed by the said Company, or left at his last or usual Place of Abode, or at the Manufactory of the said Company, shall be deemed sufficient Service of the same respectively on the said Company.

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

LXVI. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any Person or Persons from Proceeding by Indictment or otherwise against the said Company, or against any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, in respect of any Works of the said Company, or the Method which shall be employed by them for furnishing such Light as aforesaid as a Nuisance, or from bringing any Action against the said Company, or any of their Officers, Servants, or Workmen, for any Injury sustained by Reason of any such Works or Method of Lighting, whether such Injury shall proceed from the Nature of such Method of Lighting, or the Carelessness or the Want of Skill of the Persons employed therein, or otherwise howsoever, or from any other Cause, or in any other Manner whatsoever.

Expences of this Act how to be paid.

LXVII. And be it further enacted, That all the Costs, Charges, and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing of this Act, shall be paid and discharged out of the Monies to be subscribed by virtue of this Act, in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

General Saving of Rights.

LXVIII. Saving always to the King's most Excellent Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and to His Majesty's Board of Ordnance, and to the Trustees of the several Turnpike Roads leading unto, or from, or through the said Town of *Woolwich*, and also the Commissioners for executing an Act passed in the Forty-seventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Third, intituled *An Act for paving, cleansing, lighting, and watching the Town and Parish of Woolwich in the County of Kent, and removing and preventing Nuisances therein, for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor, for providing an additional Burial Ground, and for regulating the Market of the said Town and Parish*; all Rights, Privileges, and Franchises in such and the same Manner as if this Act had not been made or passed.

47 G. 3. sess. 2. c. 111.

Public Act.

LXIX. 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.