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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

Cap. xxxvi.

An Act for regulating legal Proceedings by or against "*Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company,*" and for granting certain Powers thereto.

[8th June 1847.]

WHEREAS by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of *Great Britain*, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Twenty-fifth Day of *November* in the First Year of the Reign of Her present Majesty Queen *Victoria*, Her said Majesty did grant unto *Richard Tappin Claridge* Esquire, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the sole Privilege that the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, or such others as he or they should agree with, and no others, during the Term of Fourteen Years from the Date of the said Letters Patent, should make, use, exercise, and vend within *England* and *Wales* and the Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed* an Invention therein named of a Mastic, Cement, or Composition applicable to paving and road-making, covering Buildings, and various Purposes to which Cement, Mastic, Lead, Zinc, or Composition are employed: And whereas by other Letters Patent, under the Seal appointed by the Act of Union to be used in place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, sealed at *Edinburgh* the Twenty-seventh

Letters Patent for England recited.

Letters Patent for Scotland recited.

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Licence to
use English
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Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, Her said Majesty did grant unto the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, the sole Privilege that the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, and no others without Licence from him or them, during the Term of Fourteen Years from the Date of the said Letters Patent should make, use, exercise, and vend within *Scotland* the said Invention: And whereas by other Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of that Part of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* called *Ireland*, bearing Date at *Dublin* the Twenty-third Day of *April* in the First Year of the Reign of Her said Majesty, Her said Majesty did grant unto the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* the sole Privilege that he, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, or such others as he or they should agree with, and no others, during the Term of Fourteen Years from the Date of the said Letters Patent should make, use, exercise, and vend within *Ireland* the said Invention: And whereas the several Specifications required by the said several Letters Patent were respectively duly enrolled: And whereas the said several firstly and secondly herein-before recited Letters Patent respectively contain a Proviso for making void the same respectively if at any Time thereafter the same should respectively become vested in or in Trust for more than the Number of Twelve Persons or their Representatives at any one Time, as Partners dividing or entitled to divide the Benefits or Profits to be obtained by reason of the said Letters Patent respectively: And whereas in the Month of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight a Number of Persons formed themselves into an Association for the Purpose of manufacturing and laying down in *Great Britain* and *Ireland* and the *British* Colonies and Possessions the said Mastic, Cement, or Composition, and for all other Purposes to which the Invention which is so protected by the said Letters Patent might be found applicable, by and under the Name, Style, or Title of "*Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company*," and the said Company has sometimes been called or known by the Name of "*The Seyssel Asphalte Company, 'Claridge's Patent'*:" And whereas by an Indenture bearing Date the Second Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and made or expressed to be made between the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* of the one Part, and *John Wright, Edward Blount, John Shewell, George Barret Lennard, Henry Walker Wood, Charles Bourjot, Samuel Ryland Phipson, Felix Spiers, and Edward Henry Darell* of the other Part, for the Considerations therein mentioned the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* did grant unto the said Persons Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, full and free Liberty, Licence, and Authority to make, use, exercise, and vend the said Invention in *England* and *Wales* and the Town of *Berwick-upon-Tweed* during all the Remainder of the said Term granted by the said firstly herein-before recited Letters Patent; and by the said Indenture the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* did, for himself, his Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, covenant and agree with and to the said Persons Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, that if at any Time thereafter, within the Term of Years granted by the said firstly herein-before recited Letters Patent, any
Improvement

Improvement or Improvements in the Process of making the said Mastic, Cement, or Composition should be discovered or made by the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, he the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* would communicate such Improvement or Improvements to the said several Persons Parties thereto of the Second Part, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, so soon as it should appear that the same could be applied to the Process aforesaid; and if they or he should approve of the same, then that he the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* should grant to them or him Licence and Authority to use and practise the same for the Residue then to be unexpired of the Term thereby granted: And whereas by Two several other Indentures respectively bearing Date the Twenty-sixth Day of *November* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and respectively made or expressed to be made between the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* of the one Part, and the several Persons who were Parties to the lastly herein-before recited Indenture of the Second Part of the other Part, the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, for the Considerations therein respectively mentioned, did grant unto the said Persons Parties thereto respectively of the Second Part, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, full Licence and Authority to make, use, exercise, and vend the said Invention in *Scotland* and *Ireland* during all the Remainders of the respective Terms respectively granted by the secondly and thirdly herein-before recited Letters Patent; and in each of the same Indentures is contained a Covenant on the Part of the said *Richard Tappin Claridge* to grant to the said several Persons Parties thereto respectively of the Second Part, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, a Licence and Authority to use and practise any Improvement or Improvements which should be so discovered and approved of as aforesaid for the Residues of the respective Terms thereby respectively granted: And whereas the said several Persons Parties to the Three several herein-before recited Indentures of the Second Part, by a Deed Poll or Instrument in Writing under their respective Hands and Seals, bearing Date the Sixth Day of *March* One thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, did declare that the said Three several herein-before recited Licences were granted to them as Trustees for and on behalf of the said Company, and that they, their Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, would stand possessed of all the Profits and Benefit to be derived under or by virtue of such Licences in trust for the said Company: And whereas since the Establishment of the said Company several extensive Works of great public Advantage and Importance have been executed by the Company in various Parts of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and several Contracts have been entered into in conformity with the Objects and Purposes of the said Company: And whereas Difficulties have arisen and may hereafter arise in legal Proceedings by or against the said Company, since by Law all the Members for the Time being of the said Company must be named in such Proceedings: And whereas it is expedient that the said Company should be rendered capable of suing and being sued in the Name of some One Individual: And whereas it is expedient that the said Company should have such Powers of taking or purchasing the several herein-before recited Letters Patent or any of them, or to take exclusive Licences for the Use of the same respectively, with such other Powers

Licences
to use Scotch
and Irish
Patents
recited.

Declaration
of Trust ex-
ecuted by
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Power for
Company to
take or pur-
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as are herein-after contained: May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall be lawful for the Company to take or purchase from, and for the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, or such other Persons who under and by virtue of the said Three several herein-before recited Indentures are now authorized to use and exercise the same, to grant and assign unto the Company, or to any Person as Trustee for the Company, at such Price and upon such Terms and in such Manner in all respects as shall be thought fit, any exclusive or other Licence or Authority to make, use, exercise, and vend the said Invention within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or any Part thereof; and every such Licence or Authority so to be taken or purchased by the said Company as aforesaid shall be good and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, and shall not render void or voidable the said several Letters Patent or any of them, any Proviso, Clause, or Restriction contained therein respectively to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and after any Grant or Assignment of any such Licence or Authority shall have been made by the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, or such other Persons as aforesaid, such Licence or Authority shall not be rendered void or voidable, or be in anywise affected, by or by reason of any Act, Deed, Matter, or Thing whatsoever thereafter to be made, done, or executed by the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, whereby the said several Letters Patent or any of them shall be or become void or voidable.

Company
may take or
purchase
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any of them.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company at any Time after the passing of this Act to take or purchase, and for the said *Richard Tappin Claridge*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to sell and assign unto the Company, or to any Person as Trustee for the Company, at such Price and upon such Terms in all respects as shall be thought fit, the said several herein-before recited Letters Patent or any of them, and all Benefit, Rights, Privileges, and Advantages of the same or any of them; and any such Sale and Assignment of the said Letters Patent or of any of them shall not render void or voidable the same, any Proviso, Clause, or Restriction contained therein to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and after any such Assignment as aforesaid of the said several Letters Patent or any of them the same or such of them as shall have been so assigned shall be and the same are hereby declared to be fully and absolutely vested in or for the Benefit of the Company.

Company
may grant
Licences.

III. And be it enacted, That after any such Grant or Assignment of the said several Letters Patent or any of them, or of any such Licence as aforesaid, shall have been made to the Company or to any Person as a Trustee for the Company, it shall be lawful for the Company or such Trustee to grant any Licence to any Person to make, use, exercise, or vend the said Invention either generally or within certain limited Districts, upon such Terms and under such Restrictions and upon such Conditions as the Company shall think fit.

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IV. And be it enacted, That in all Actions, Suits, and other legal Proceedings, other than Proceedings of a criminal Nature, and in all Proceedings in Lunacy, Bankruptcy, or Insolvency, whether by way of or under or arising out of any Petition, Fiat, or in *Scotland* Sequestration, or otherwise, to be herein-after instituted or prosecuted by or on behalf of the said Company, either alone or jointly with any other necessary Parties, it shall be sufficient to state and to proceed or act in the Name of the Secretary or one of the Directors for the Time being of the Company, as the nominal Plaintiff or Agent representing the Company in such Proceedings, and that in all Actions, Suits, and other legal Proceedings to be hereafter instituted or prosecuted against the Company, either alone or jointly with any other necessary Parties, it shall be sufficient to state the Name of the Secretary or some one of the Directors for the Time being of the Company, or in the event of there being no Secretary or Director of the Company, then to state the Name of some one of the Shareholders, as the nominal Defendant representing the Company in such Proceedings: Provided always, that any Party suing the Company may, if he think fit, join any Shareholder of the Company together with such nominal Party as Defendants in Equity for the Purpose of Discovery or in case of Fraud.

Company may sue and be sued in the Name of the Secretary or one Director.

V. And be it enacted, That the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any such nominal Party shall not abate or prejudice any such Action, Suit, or other Proceeding against or by or on behalf of the Company, but the same may be continued, prosecuted, and carried on in the Name of any other Secretary or Director of the Company, or in the event of there being no Secretary or Director, then in the Name of any Shareholder of the Company.

Death of Officer not to abate Suit.

VI. And be it enacted, That no Action or Suit by or against the Company shall be in any wise affected by reason of the Plaintiff or Defendant therein being a Shareholder or former Shareholder of the Company, but any such Shareholder, either alone or jointly with another Person as against the Company, or the Company as against any such Shareholder, either alone or jointly with any other Person, shall have the same Action and Remedy in respect of any Cause of Action or Suit whatever which such Shareholder or Company might have had if such Cause of Action or Suit had arisen with a Stranger.

Actions by or against Shareholders.

VII. And be it enacted, That the Proceedings in any Action or Suit by or against such nominal Party, in which the Merits in respect of the Demand thereby sought to be enforced shall have been tried and determined, may be pleaded in bar of any other Action, Suit, or Proceeding for the same Demand by or against the Company or any other such nominal Party as aforesaid.

Plea in bar of former Suit.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the Secretary of the Company shall not, by reason of his being such nominal Party in any Action or other Proceeding instituted or prosecuted under the Authority of this Act, be incapacitated from being a Witness in any such Action or Proceeding, if in other respects admissible.

Officer suing not incapacitated as a Witness.

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of Officer
suing not to
abate Suit.

IX. And be it enacted, That the Bankruptcy, Insolvency, or stopping Payment of any such nominal Party, or of any Shareholder of the Company in his individual Capacity, shall not be construed to be the Bankruptcy, Insolvency, or stopping Payment of the Company, nor shall in any way abate or prejudice any such Action, Suit, or other Proceeding as aforesaid, and notwithstanding such Bankruptcy, Insolvency, or stopping Payment, such Action, Suit, or other Proceeding may be continued in the Name of such nominal Party, and the Property and Effects of the Company shall in all respects be liable in the same Manner as if such Bankruptcy, Insolvency, or stopping Payment had not taken place.

Judgment or
Decree to be
as effectual
as if in the
Name of all
the Share-
holders.

X. And be it enacted, That every Judgment, Decree, or Order of any Court of Justice in any Proceeding at the Suit or Instance of any such nominal Party shall have the same Effect as if such Judgment, Decree, or Order had been made or pronounced in a Proceeding at the Instance of every individual Shareholder of the Company by Name.

Decree or
Judgment to
be enforced
against Com-
pany and
Share-
holders.

XI. And be it enacted, That every Judgment, Decree, or Order of any Court of Justice in any Proceeding against any such nominal Party as aforesaid may be lawfully executed against and shall have the like Effect on the Estate, Funds, and Property of the Company, and upon the Person, Estate, Funds, and Property of every Shareholder thereof, as if every individual Shareholder had been by Name a Party to such Proceeding.

Execution
against
former
Share-
holders.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Plaintiff to cause Execution upon any Judgment, Decree, or Order obtained by him in any such Action or Suit against any such nominal Party as aforesaid to be issued against all or any of the Shareholders for the Time being of the Company; and if such Execution shall be ineffectual to obtain Satisfaction of the Sums sought to be recovered thereby, then it shall be lawful for him to cause Execution to be issued against any Person who was a Shareholder of the Company at the Time the Contract was entered into upon which such Action or Suit shall have been instituted; but no such Execution against any Person having ceased to be a Shareholder shall be issued without Leave first granted by the Court in which such Judgment, Decree, or Order shall have been obtained upon Motion in open Court, and after Notice of such Motion given to the Person sought to be charged: Provided always, that no Person, having ceased to be a Shareholder of the Company, shall be liable for the Payment of any Debt for which any such Judgment, Decree, or Order shall have been so obtained for which he would not have been liable as a Partner, in case a Suit had been originally brought against him for the same, nor shall this Act be deemed to enable any Party to a Suit to recover from any individual Shareholder of the Company, or any other Person whomsoever, any other or greater Sum than might have been recovered if this Act had not been passed.

Extent of
Liability of
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XIII. And be it enacted, That every Person against whom any such Execution shall have been issued shall be reimbursed out of the Funds

Funds or Property of the Company for all Monies paid and for all Damages, Costs, and Expences incurred by him by reason of such Execution, or of the Action or Suit in which the same shall have issued, or, in default of such Reimbursement, by Contribution from the other Shareholders of the Company. Shareholders.

XIV. And be it enacted, That if any such Execution be issued against any present or former Shareholder of the Company, and if within Fourteen Days next after the levying of such Execution he be not reimbursed on Demand out of the Funds or Property of the Company all such Monies, Damages, Costs, and Expences as he shall have paid or incurred in consequence of such Execution, it shall be lawful for such Shareholder, or his Executors or Administrators, to sue out new or further Execution against the Estates, Funds, and Property of the Company upon the Judgment or Decree on which Execution may have been issued against him, and thereby raise and pay what he may have been compelled to pay by means of such original Execution, together with Interest thereon, and his Cost, Damages, and Expences in that Behalf sustained, the Amount whereof shall be ascertained and certified by One of the Masters or other Officers of the Court out of which such Execution shall issue. Shareholders paying under Execution to recover against the Company.

XV. And be it enacted, That if such Shareholder be not by the Means aforesaid fully paid all such Monies, with Interest, Damages, Costs, and Expences as he shall have paid or incurred by reason of any such Execution, it shall be lawful for him, his Executors or Administrators, to divide the Amount thereof, or so much thereof as he shall not have been reimbursed, into as many equal Parts as there shall then be Shares in the Capital of the Company (not including Shares then under Forfeiture); and every Shareholder for the Time being of the Company, and the Executors or Administrators of every deceased Shareholder, shall, in proportion to the Number of Shares which they may hold in the Company, pay One or more of such Parts upon Demand to the Shareholder against whom such Execution shall have been issued, or to his Executors or Administrators; and upon Neglect or Refusal so to pay, it shall be lawful for such Shareholder, his Executors or Administrators, to sue for and recover the same against the Shareholder or the Executors or Administrators of any Shareholder who shall so neglect or refuse as aforesaid in any of Her Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, or in any other Court having Jurisdiction in respect of such Demand. Contribution to be recovered from other Shareholders.

XVI. And be it enacted, That if the Shareholder or former Shareholder against whom any such Execution shall have issued, his Executors or Administrators, shall by reason of the Bankruptcy or Insolvency of any Shareholder, or from any other Cause, but without any Neglect or wilful Default on his own Part, be prevented from recovering any Proportion of the Monies, Costs, or Expences which he shall have so paid, it shall be lawful for him, his Executors or Administrators, again to divide the Amount of all such Monies, Costs, and Expences as shall not have been recovered by him or them into as many equal Parts as there shall then be Shares in the Capital of the Company (not including the Shares then under Forfeiture), except the Shares Further Remedy in case of Bankruptcy &c. of Shareholders.

Shares in respect of which such Default shall have happened; and every Shareholder for the Time being of the Company, and the Executors or Administrators of every deceased Shareholder, except as aforesaid, shall rateably, according to the Number of Shares which they shall hold in the Company, upon Demand pay one or more such last-mentioned Parts to the Shareholder against whom such Execution shall have issued, his Executors or Administrators; and in default of Payment he or they shall have the same Remedies in all respects for the Recovery thereof as under the Provisions herein-before mentioned and given in respect of the original Proportions of such Monies, Damages, Costs, and Expences; and in the event of any Proportion of the said Monies, Damages, Costs, and Expences remaining unpaid by reason of any such Bankruptcy, Insolvency, or other Cause as aforesaid, such Shareholder, his Executors or Administrators, shall in like Manner from Time to Time, and by way of accumulative Remedy, have (*mutatis mutandis*) the same Powers of again dividing and enforcing Payment of the Amount of such Proportion until he or they shall in the end, if a former Shareholder, be fully reimbursed the whole of the said Monies, Costs, and Expences, and if a then Shareholder, the whole, excepting the Portions appertaining to the Shares held by him.

Remedy for Shareholders who may be sued otherwise than under the Powers given by this Act.

XVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That in case any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding in respect of any Demand against the Company shall be instituted or prosecuted against any Shareholder or former Shareholder of the Company in any other Manner than under the Powers and Authorities herein-before given, and in case such Shareholder shall by virtue of any Judgment or Decree in such Action, Suit, or other Proceeding, or under any Execution to be issued in respect thereof, or otherwise, pay any Sum of Money, Damages, Costs, or Expences, he shall in respect of such last-mentioned Payment be entitled to all such Indemnities, Rights, Powers, and Remedies in all respects for reimbursing himself or for enforcing Contribution, according as the Case may be, in respect of all Monies, Damages, Costs, or Expences so paid by him as aforesaid as are herein-before given in Cases where Execution shall have issued upon any Judgment or Decree obtained in any Action, Suit, or other Proceeding instituted or prosecuted under the Powers given by this Act.

Criminal Proceedings in the Name of the Company.

XVIII. And with regard to Proceedings of a criminal Nature to be instituted by the Company, be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the Company, by the Secretary or One of the Directors for the Time being of the Company, to prefer and prosecute any Indictment or other criminal Proceedings against any Person for any Offence already committed or that shall hereafter be committed against the Company; and in any such Proceeding, if the same be for stealing or embezzling the Property of the Company, whether vested in them or in any Person in trust for them, it shall be sufficient to state in the Indictment or Information that such Property (whether Money, Goods, Chattels, Effects, Bills, Notes, or other Property) is the Property of "*Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company*;" or if such Proceeding be for Fraud or Forgery or other Crime or Offence committed against or with Intent to injure or defraud the Company, then it shall be sufficient

cient to state that the Offence was committed against or with Intent to injure or defraud "Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company;" and thereupon the Offender, whether he be or have been a Shareholder of the said Company or not, may be lawfully convicted of any such Crime or Offence.

XIX. And be it enacted, That within Twelve Months after the passing of this Act the Company shall cause to be enrolled in the High Court of Chancery a Memorial of the Names, Residences, and Descriptions of the Directors and Secretary for the Time being of the Company, and of the Shareholders thereof, so far as the same shall be known to the Company; and when any new Director or Secretary shall be appointed the Company shall, within Three Months from the happening of such Event, cause to be in like Manner enrolled a Memorial of the Name, Residence, and Description of every such new Director or Secretary, specifying in whose Places they shall respectively have been appointed; and when any Persons shall cease to be Shareholders of the Company, or when any other Persons shall be admitted as Shareholders of the Company, the Company shall, within Three Months from the happening of such Event, cause to be enrolled in like Manner a Memorial of the Name, Residence, and Description of every Person so ceasing to be a Shareholder of the Company and of every Person so admitted to be a Member thereof.

Memorial to be enrolled.

XX. And be it enacted, That all or any of the Particulars aforesaid may be contained in the same Memorial.

Several Matters in One Memorial.

XXI. And be it enacted, That the several Memorials aforesaid shall be in the Form or to the Effect expressed in the Schedule annexed to this Act, and shall be signed by the Secretary or One of the Directors of the Company, and shall be verified by a Declaration of such Secretary or Director before a Master of the High Court of Chancery, made pursuant to the Provisions of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled *An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament, intituled 'An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire Suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits,' and to make other Provisions for the Abolition of unnecessary Oaths;* and if any Declaration so made shall be false or untrue in any material Particular, the Person wilfully making such false Declaration shall be guilty of a Misdemeanor.

Form of Memorials.

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XXII. And be it enacted, That a true Copy of the Enrolment of every such Memorial as aforesaid shall be received in Evidence as Proof of the Contents of such Memorial, and Proof shall not be required that the Person by whom the Memorial shall purport to be verified was at the Time of such Verification the Secretary or One of the Directors of the Company.

Evidence of Memorials.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That until the First Memorial shall have been duly enrolled in manner by this Act directed, no Action or
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Memorial enrolled.

other Proceeding by the Company shall be commenced or prosecuted under the Authority of this Act.

Existing Liabilities to continue till new Memorials.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That until the Memorial by this Act required to be enrolled in the event of any Director, Secretary, or Shareholder of the Company ceasing to be such Director, Secretary, or Shareholder have been enrolled, the Persons whose Names shall appear in the then last enrolled Memorial, and their legal Representatives, shall be liable to all legal Proceedings under this Act as existing Shareholders of the Company, and shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the Funds or Property of the Company for all Losses sustained in consequence thereof.

Power for Directors to execute Powers of Attorney to recover Foreign Debts.

XXV. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Two or more of the Directors of the Company from Time to Time to sign or seal or in any Manner execute Powers of Attorney or other Instruments, thereby empowering any Person to apply for, recover, and receive, and to institute and carry on Actions, Suits, and Proceedings in or before any Court or Tribunal in any Foreign Country for the Purpose of recovering or compelling Payment or Delivery of any Sums of Money, Property, or Effects, now or hereafter to be belonging or owing to the Company, or to any Person on behalf thereof, and to act in relation to the Company with all such Powers and Authorities as may be necessary or expedient, which said Powers of Attorney and Instruments, and all Things done by virtue thereof, shall be binding on the Company.

Secretary or Director to vote in Choice of Assignees, &c.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That in all Proceedings on behalf of the Company under any Fiat, Sequestration, or Act of Insolvency the Secretary or Director acting on behalf of the Company shall have the same Powers, Rights, and Privileges as to voting in the Choice of Assignees, and as to signing Certificates in relation to any Debt proved on behalf of the Company, as any other Person being a Creditor of the Bankrupt or Insolvent in his own Right would have in respect of the Debt proved by him.

Secretary or Director to grant Releases to Witnesses.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That in all legal Proceedings under this Act or otherwise against or by or on behalf of the Company, and in all Arbitrations or other Proceedings arising out of any such legal Proceedings, it shall be lawful for the Secretary for the Time being of the Company, or any Director thereof, in his own Name on behalf of the Company to execute such general or other Releases as may be deemed necessary to qualify any Person to give Evidence as a Witness in any such Proceedings, and also to do any other Act which any Plaintiff or Defendant may do in any Action, Suit, Prosecution, Arbitration, or other Proceeding; and every such Release or Act shall be valid and effectual, and be binding upon the Company.

Service of Notice on the Company.

XXVIII. And be it enacted, That in all Cases wherein it may be necessary for any Person to serve any Notice, Writ, or other Proceeding at Law or in Equity or otherwise upon the Company, Service thereof respectively on the Secretary or any Director for the Time being of the Company, either personally or by leaving the same with some

some Inmate of his Place of Abode, or Service by leaving the same at the principal Office of the Company in *London*, shall be deemed good Service of the same on the Company.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That this Act and the Provisions herein contained shall extend and be construed to extend to the said Company called "*Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company*," at all Times during the Continuance thereof, whether such Company hath been or be now or shall hereafter be composed of all or of some only of the Persons who were the original Shareholders thereof, or of all or some only of those Persons together with some other Persons, or whether such Company shall hereafter be composed of Persons who were not original Shareholders thereof, or Shareholders at the passing of this Act.

Act to apply to the present and future Members of the Company.

XXX. And for the Purpose of making Provision for Suits by or against the Company during the winding up of the Concerns thereof in the event of its Dissolution, be it enacted, That notwithstanding such Dissolution the Company shall be considered as subsisting for the Purpose of winding up the Affairs thereof, and may sue and be sued according to the Provisions of this Act so long as any Matters relating to such Company remain unsettled.

Power to sue during winding up in case of Dissolution.

XXXI. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall extend to incorporate the Company, or to relieve or discharge the Company or any of the Shareholders thereof from any Responsibility, Duty, Contract, or Obligation whatsoever to which by Law they now are or at any Time hereafter may be subject or liable, either as between such Company and other Parties, or as between the Company and any of the individual Shareholders thereof and others, or as between themselves, or in any Manner whatsoever.

Not to extend to incorporate the Company.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That all the Costs and Expences attending the applying for, obtaining, and passing this Act shall be paid out of the Funds of the Company in preference to all other Payments whatsoever.

Expences of Act how to be paid.

XXXIII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to exempt the Company from the Provisions of any general Act relating to trading Companies which may pass during the present or any future Session of Parliament.

Company not exempted from Provisions of any general Act.

XXXIV. And be it enacted, That in this Act the following Words and Expressions shall have the several Meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something in the Subject or Context repugnant to such Construction; (that is to say,)

Interpretation of Act.

Words importing the Singular Number shall include the Plural Number, and Words importing the Plural Number shall include the Singular Number:

Words importing the Masculine Gender shall include Females:

The Word "Plaintiff" shall include Pursuer and Petitioner:

The Word "Defendant" shall include Defender and Respondent:

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The Word "Execution" shall include Diligence or other Proceeding proper for giving effect to any Judgment and Decree or Order of a Court of Justice :

The Expression "the Company" shall mean the said "*Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company.*"

Public Act. XXXV. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be a Public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such.

The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

MEMORIAL made the _____ Day of _____ One thousand
 eight hundred _____ of the Names of the present Directors,
 Secretary, and Proprietors, of "Claridge's Patent Asphalte Com-
 pany," enrolled pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the
 Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled
[here insert the Title of this Act].

A. B. of	}	Directors.
C. D. of		
E. F. of		
G. H. of	}	Secretary.
I. K. of		
L. M. of	}	Shareholders.
N. O. of		

I A. B. of _____ in the County of _____ One of
 the Directors [*or* the Secretary] of the said Company, do hereby
 solemnly and sincerely declare, That the above-written Memorial con-
 tains the Names of the present Directors and Secretary and of all the
 present Shareholders of the said Company [*if all the Shareholders are
 known*], *but if not, then after the Word "Shareholders" insert the Words*
 "so far as the same are known to the Company;" and I make this
 solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signed) A. B.

Solemnly declared before me,
 X. Y. Master [*or* Master Extraordinary] in Chancery.

In case of a Change of any of the Directors or of the Secretary.

MEMORIAL made the _____ Day of _____ One
 thousand eight hundred and _____ of the Names [*or* Name]
 of the new Directors [*or* Director *or* of the new Secretary] of
 "Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company," and of the Persons [*or* Per-
 son] in whose Places [*or* Place] they have [*or* he has] been ap-
 pointed, enrolled pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the
 Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria,
 intituled *[here insert the Title of this Act].*

A. B. of	}	Directors in the Place of	{	B. A.
C. D. of				D. C.
E. F. of				F. E.
G. H. of				H. G.

Secretary in the Place of

I A. B. of _____ in the County of _____
 One of the Directors [*or* the Secretary] of the said Company, do
 [*Local.*] 5 P solemnly

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solemnly and sincerely declare, That the above-written Memorial contains the Names of the new Directors [*or* the Name of the new Director *or* Secretary] of the said Company, and of the Persons [*or* Person] in whose Places [*or* Place] they have been [*or* he has been] appointed, as the same appear in the Books of the said Company; and I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signed) A. B.

Solemnly declared, &c.

N.B.—The last Memorial as to new Directors [*or* to a new Director *or* Secretary] was enrolled on the Day of

In case of Persons ceasing to be Proprietors.

MEMORIAL made the Day of One thousand eight hundred and of the Names of the Persons who have ceased or discontinued to hold any Share or Shares in "Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company" since the Day of One thousand eight hundred and , being the Date of the Memorial last registered respecting Persons ceasing to be Shareholders of the said Company, enrolled pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*].

G. H. of

I. K. of

L. M. of

I A. B. of in the County of One of the Directors [*or* the Secretary] of the said Company, do solemnly and sincerely declare, That the above-written Memorial contains the Names of the Persons who have ceased or discontinued to hold any Share or Shares in the above-named Company since the Day of One thousand eight hundred and as the same appear in the Books of the said Company; and I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signed) A. B.

Solemnly declared, &c.

N.B.—The last Memorial as to the ceasing and discontinuing of Shareholders was enrolled on the Day of

In case of Persons becoming new Shareholders.

MEMORIAL made the Day of One thousand eight hundred and of the Names of the Persons who have become new Shareholders of "Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company" since the Day of One thousand eight hundred and , being the Date of the Memorial last registered respecting

ing new Shareholders of the said Company, enrolled pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*].

I. K. of
L. M. of
N. O. of

I A. B. of in the County of , One of the Directors [*or the Secretary*] of the said Company, do solemnly and sincerely declare, That the above-written Memorial contains the Names of the Persons who have become new Shareholders of the said Company since the Day of One thousand eight hundred and , as the same appear in the Books of the said Company; and I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signed) A. B.

Solemnly declared, &c.

N. B.—The last Memorial as to new Shareholders was enrolled on the Day of One thousand eight hundred and .

In case of several Changes at the same Time.

MEMORIAL made the Day of One thousand eight hundred and of the Names of the new Directors of "Claridge's Patent Asphalte Company," and of the Persons in whose Places they have been appointed, and of the Name of the new Secretary, and of the Name of the Person in whose Place he has been appointed, and of the Names of the Persons who have ceased or discontinued to be Shareholders of the said Company, and of the new Shareholders of the said Company, enrolled pursuant to an Act of Parliament passed in the Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled [*here insert the Title of this Act*].

Names of new Directors, and of the Persons in whose Place they have been appointed.

A. B. of
C. D. of
E. F. of

} Directors in the { B. A.
Place of { D. C.
F. E.

Name of the new Secretary, and of the Person in whose Place he has been appointed.

I. K. of Secretary in the Place of H. I.

Names of the Persons who have ceased to be Proprietors.

N. O. of
P. Q. of

Names of new Proprietors.

R. S. of
T. V. of

I A. B. of in the County of , One of the Directors [*or the Secretary*] of the said Company, do solemnly and sincerely

sincerely declare, That the above-written Memorial contains the Names of the new Directors and of the new Secretary of the said Company, and of the Persons in whose Places they have been appointed, and of the Persons who have ceased or discontinued to be Shareholders of the said Company, and of the new Shareholders of the said Company, as the same respectively appear in the Books of the said Company; and I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

(Signed) *A. B.*

Solemnly declared, &c.

N. B.— The last Memorial as to new Directors was enrolled on
the Day of .
The last Memorial as to the new Secretary was enrolled
on the Day of .
The last Memorial as to the ceasing and discontinuing of
Proprietors was enrolled on the Day of .
The last Memorial as to new Proprietors was enrolled on
the Day of .

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