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An Act to incorporate a Company for supplying
Gas to *Chepstow* and the Neighbourhood.

[26th *June* 1857.]

WHEREAS by a Deed of Settlement dated the Tenth Day
of *April* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six certain
Persons formed themselves into a Joint Stock Company
by the Title of "The *Chepstow* Gas and Coke Consumers Company
(Limited)," for the Purpose of manufacturing and selling Gas and
the Products arising therefrom in the Town and Neighbourhood of
Chepstow in the Counties of *Monmouth* and *Gloucester*, and for the
Purpose of carrying on all such Business as was or might be usually
carried on by Companies of a similar Nature, with a Share Capital of
Five thousand Pounds, divided into Five hundred Shares of Ten
Pounds each, and with Power to borrow any Sums not exceeding in
the whole at the same Time Two thousand Pounds on Mortgage or
other Security: And whereas the said Company, on or about the
Third Day of *June* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, received
a Certificate of Complete Registration with Limited Liability under
the Provisions of the "Public General Act, 8 *Victoria*, Chapter 110,"
and "The Limited Liability Act, 1855," and have also been regis-
tered and have received a Certificate of Registration under "The

Deed of
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Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856:" And whereas all the said Five hundred Shares have been subscribed for, and the full Amount of Three hundred and eighty-two of those Shares has been paid up, and Calls have been made upon the remaining One hundred and eighteen Shares: And whereas the said Company have borrowed One thousand two hundred Pounds on Mortgage of the Lands belonging to them, described in the Schedule to this Act, and the Works thereon: And whereas the said Company have at considerable Expense constructed and laid down Gasworks, Pipes, and other Apparatus, and are now supplying Gas in *Chepstow*, and it is expedient that the Limits of the District to be supplied by them should be more accurately defined, and that more effectual Powers should be conferred upon them with reference to such Supply, and that they should be empowered to raise additional Monies for the Purposes of their Undertaking: And whereas the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Authority of Parliament: 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, as follows; (that is to say,)

Short Title. I. This Act may be cited for any Purpose as "The *Chepstow Gas and Coke Consumers Act, 1857.*"

8 & 9 Vict. cc. 16. & 18. and 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15. incorporated with this Act. Construction of certain Terms in this Act. II. "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," (except so far as the same is varied or altered by this Act,) "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and "The Gasworks Clauses Act 1847," shall be incorporated with this Act; and in construing those Acts respectively in connexion with this Act, and also in construing this Act, the Expression "the Special Act" shall mean this Act; the Expression "the original Company" shall mean the Company existing under the said Deed of Settlement and the Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856, before the passing of this Act; the Expressions "the Company" and "the Undertakers" respectively shall mean the Company incorporated by this Act; the Expressions "the Undertaking" and "the Gasworks" respectively shall include all the Works of the Company, executed and to be executed; and the Word "Drain" shall include any Sewer or Ditch, unless in either Instance there be in the Subject or Context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such Construction.

Operation of Acts hereby incorporated. III. Provided always, That the Clauses of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the Conversion of borrowed Money into Capital shall extend and apply to the Sum due from the original Company on Mortgage at the passing of this Act, as well as to the Sums which the Company may borrow under this Act: Pro-
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vided also, that nothing in "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," contained shall authorize the Company to purchase, take, or use any Land otherwise than by Agreement with the Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers thereof; and that the Clauses and Provisions of the last-named Act relating to the Sale of superfluous Land may be carried into effect by the Company (if they think fit) at any Time, and from Time to Time, previously to the Period by that Act limited for that Purpose.

IV. Except as in this Act otherwise provided, the several Words and Expressions to which, by the Acts incorporated with this Act, Meanings are assigned, shall in this Act have the same respective Meanings, unless there be in the Subject or Context something repugnant to or inconsistent with such Construction.

Same Meanings to Words, &c. as in incorporated Acts.

V. The Limits of this Act shall comprise and include the whole of the Town and Parish of *Chepstow*, and the several Parishes or Places called *Mathern*, *Mounton*, *Shirenewton*, and *Saint Arvans* in the County of *Monmouth*, and within those Limits the Company may supply Gas for public and private Purposes.

Limits of Act.

VI. The present Shareholders in the original Company, and all other Persons and Corporations who have already subscribed or shall hereafter subscribe to the Undertaking, their Executors, Administrators, Successors, and Assigns respectively, shall be and they are hereby united and incorporated into a Company for the Purposes by this Act and the incorporated Acts authorized, by and under the Name of "The *Chepstow* Gas and Coke Consumers Company," and by that Name shall be One Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and with Power to make and maintain Gasworks, and to supply Gas, and to carry on the Business of a Gas Company, and to purchase, hold, and dispose of Lands and other Property for those Purposes, subject to the Restrictions of this Act, but shall not, after the passing of this Act, be subject to any of the Clauses or Provisions of "The Joint Stock Companies Act, 1856."

Incorporation of Company.

VII. All the Gasworks, Retorts, Mains, Pipes, Meters, Apparatus, and other Works and Conveniences, Lands, Buildings, Monies, Securities, Property, Books, Deeds, Writings, Maps, Plans, Choses in Action, Effects, Claims, and Demands whatsoever, of or to which the original Company, or any Persons in trust for them, was or were immediately before the passing of this Act seised, possessed, or in any way entitled at Law or in Equity, or otherwise howsoever, shall be and the same are hereby vested in the Company, to the same Extent and for the same Estate and Interest as the same were immediately before the passing of this Act vested in the original Company, or any

Company entitled to Property of original Company.

Persons

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Persons in trust for them; and the Company may, according to the Provisions of this Act, maintain and use, alter, discontinue, or remove such Gasworks, Retorts, Mains, Pipes, Meters, Apparatus, Works, and Conveniences.

Avoidance of Deed of Settlement, without Prejudice to Remedies for antecedent Breaches.

VIII. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, the said Deed of Settlement shall, as to any future or prospective Operation thereof, from and after the passing of this Act be wholly void and of no Effect, and the several Persons who have executed that Deed, their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, shall immediately from and after the passing of this Act stand and be by virtue of this Act released and discharged from all future Obligation to observe, perform, abide by, fulfil, or conform to the said Deed of Settlement, or the Covenants or Agreements therein contained, or any or either of them.

Conveyances, &c. to remain in force.

IX. All Purchases, Sales, Conveyances, Leases, Mortgages, Bonds, Contracts, Agreements, Securities, and other Acts, Deeds, and Things, before the passing of this Act done, entered into, executed, or instituted by, with, or to the original Company, or any Trustees or Persons acting on their Behalf, and now in force, shall be as good, valid, and effectual, to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever, for, against, and with reference to the Company, and may be proceeded on and enforced as fully and effectually as if, instead of the original Company or the Trustees or Persons acting on their Behalf, the Company had been named therein or Party thereto.

Actions, &c. not to abate.

X. Any Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding commenced either by or against the original Company, or any Shareholder therein, in relation to the Affairs of the original Company, or to which they or he were or was Parties or Party in relation to those Affairs immediately before the passing of this Act, shall not abate or be discontinued, or be prejudicially affected by this Act; but, on the contrary, shall continue and take effect both in favour of and against the Company, in like Manner and as effectually and advantageously in all respects as the same would have continued and taken effect if this Act had not passed, in favour of or against the original Company or any Shareholder therein.

As to Recovery of Gas Rates due at Commencement of this Act.

XI. All Gas Rates and Rents which immediately before the passing of this Act were due and payable or accruing to the original Company shall be payable to and may be collected and recovered by the Company, in like Manner as the Gas Rates and Rents under this Act.

Debts due to and by the original Company to

XII. All Persons who immediately before the passing of this Act owed any Money to the original Company, or to any Person on their Behalf, shall pay the same, with all Interest (if any) due and payable
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or accruing for the same, to the Company; and all Debts and Monies which immediately before the passing of this Act were due or owing by or recoverable from the original Company, or for the Payment of which the original Company are or but for this Act would be liable, as also the said Sum of One thousand two hundred Pounds so borrowed as aforesaid, shall be paid, with all Interest (if any) due and payable or accruing for the same, by or be recoverable from the Company.

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XIII. Notwithstanding the Avoidance of the said Deed of Settlement, all Sales, Transfers, and Dispositions heretofore made or executed under that Deed of or with respect to any Shares in the Company, shall remain in full force, and continue and be available in all respects as if that Deed had not been avoided.

Sales, &c.
of Shares
to remain
in force.

XIV. Notwithstanding the Incorporation by this Act of the Company and the Avoidance of the said Deed of Settlement, and except only as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the passing of this Act done and suffered by or with reference to the original Company, or the Shareholders therein in that Capacity, shall be as valid as if the Company had not been incorporated and the said Deed had not been avoided by this Act; and such Incorporation and Avoidance and this Act respectively shall accordingly be subject and without Prejudice to everything so done and suffered respectively, and to all Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, both present and future, which if this Act were not passed would be incident to and consequent on any and everything so done and suffered respectively; and with respect to all such Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, the Company shall represent the original Company, and the Shareholders therein in their Capacity of Shareholders: Provided always, that the Generality of this Enactment shall not be confined or restricted by any Special or more restricted Saving Clause in this Act contained.

Company
to be liable
in all re-
spects as if
Act not
passed.

XV. Every Trustee or other Person in whom or in whose Name any Lands, Works, Erections, Buildings, or Property belonging to the original Company were vested immediately before the passing of this Act, and who (being duly authorized so to do) shall have entered into any Bond, Covenant, Contract, or Engagement in respect of or with reference to such Lands, Erections, Buildings, or Property, or any other Contract on behalf of the original Company, shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the Funds and Property of the Company from all Loss, Costs, Charges, and Expenses which he may sustain, incur, or be put unto by reason or in consequence of his having entered into any such Bond, Covenant, Contract, or Engagement.

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Capital.

XVI. The Capital of the Company shall be Seven thousand Pounds.

Appropriation of new Shares for existing Shares.

XVII. Five thousand Pounds, Part of that Capital, shall be divided into Five hundred Shares of Ten Pounds each (to be called Class A. Shares), and shall be appropriated and belong to the several Persons and Corporations who immediately before the passing of this Act were Holders of then existing Shares in the Capital of the original Company, in proportion to and substitution for the then existing Shares so held by them respectively immediately before the passing of this Act; and every Share so appropriated shall be deemed paid up to the same Extent as the Share in the Capital of the original Company for which the same is substituted.

Existing Trusts, &c. attached to new Shares.

XVIII. Every Share so appropriated shall vest in the Person or Corporation entitled thereto, upon the same Trusts and subject to the same Powers, Provisions, Declarations, Agreements, Charges, Liens, and Incumbrances as immediately before the passing of this Act affected the then existing Share in the Capital of the original Company for which it is substituted, and so as to give effect to and not to revoke any Will or testamentary Disposition of or affecting such then existing Share.

Creation and Issue of new Shares.

XIX. Subject to the Provisions of this Act, the Company may from Time to Time, by Order of any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting, raise by the Creation and Issue of new Shares (to be called Class B. Shares) the whole or any Part of the rest of the Capital of Seven thousand Pounds for the Time being remaining to be raised, and the new Shares shall be of such Amounts, and shall be issued and disposed of in such Manner, to such Persons, and on such Terms, as shall be directed by Order of any such Meeting; and the Company may also from Time to Time (subject to the Provisions of this Act) fix as they think fit the Amounts and Times of Payment of the Calls on the new Shares.

Power to cancel unissued Shares.

XX. If after having created any new Shares the Company determine not to issue the whole of such new Shares, they may cancel the unissued new Shares, and may from Time to Time thereafter create and issue in lieu thereof other new Shares of an aggregate Amount not exceeding that of the new Shares so cancelled.

Limit of Dividend.

XXI. With reference to the Clauses of "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," with respect to the Amount of Profit to be received by the Undertakers when the Gasworks are carried on for their Benefit, the prescribed Rate of Profits to be divided among the Undertakers in any Year shall be Ten Pounds in the Hundred by the Year on the
Amount

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Amount for the Time being paid up on the Class A. Shares, and Seven Pounds Ten Shillings in the Hundred by the Year on the Amount for the Time being paid up on the Class B. Shares.

XXII. If any Money be payable to a Shareholder being a Minor, Idiot, or Lunatic, the Receipt of his respective Guardian or Committee shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Company for the same. Receipts for disqualified Persons.

XXIII. No One Call to be made upon or in respect of any Share created under the Powers of this Act shall exceed One Fourth of the Amount of such Share, and the Interval between successive Calls shall be not less than Two Months, and not more than Three Fourths of the Amount of a Share shall be called up in any One Year. Calls on Shares.

XXIV. With reference to Qualifications and Rights of voting, every entire Sum of Ten Pounds in the paid-up Capital of the Company held by the same Person at the same Time shall be deemed One Share. Votes, &c.

XXV. And whereas of the Capital of the Company Five thousand Pounds is subscribed for, and more than One Half of that Sum is paid up: Therefore the Company may from Time to Time, and at any Time after the passing of this Act, borrow on Mortgage or Bond for the Purposes of their Undertaking any further Sums of Money, provided that the Sum so borrowed, together with any Sums previously so borrowed by them and remaining due, shall not in the whole (until the whole of the said Capital or Sum of Seven thousand Pounds is subscribed for, and One Half thereof paid up) exceed the Sum of One thousand two hundred and fifty Pounds. Borrowing Powers to take effect forthwith.

XXVI. When the whole of the Capital or Sum of Seven thousand Pounds is subscribed for and One Half thereof paid up, the Company may from Time to Time borrow on Mortgage or Bond for the Purposes of their Undertaking any further Sums, not exceeding in the whole, together with any Sums previously so borrowed by them and then remaining due, the Sum of One thousand seven hundred and fifty Pounds. Further borrowing Powers.

XXVII. All Mortgages granted by the original Company before the passing of this Act, and which are in force at the Time of the passing of this Act, shall, during the Continuance thereof, and as regards the Lands and Hereditaments therein comprised, have Priority over all Mortgages to be granted by virtue of this Act. Priority of former Mortgages.

XXVIII. The Mortgagees of the Company may enforce the Payment of the Arrears of Principal and Interest due on any such Mortgages Arrears may be enforced by Appoint-
gages

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- ment of a Receiver. gages by the Appointment of a Receiver, and the Amount owing to the Mortgagees by whom Application for such Receiver shall be made shall not be less than One thousand Pounds in the whole.
- Application of Money. XXIX. All Money to be raised under the Provisions of this Act, by means of Shares or by Exercise of the Powers of borrowing, shall be applied to the Purposes of the Undertaking by this Act authorized, and to no other Purpose.
- General Meetings. XXX. The First Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company shall be held on the last *Wednesday* in the Month of *July* next after the passing of this Act, and the future Ordinary General Meetings shall be held on the last *Wednesday* in the Month of *July* in every Year, and the Balance Sheet to be produced at each such Meeting, or any Adjournment thereof, shall embrace and extend to the Transactions of the whole preceding Year.
- Number and Qualification of Directors. XXXI. The Number of Directors, until reduced under the Power herein-after contained, shall be Seven, and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right of paid-up Capital in the Undertaking of the aggregate Amount of Fifty Pounds at the least.
- Number of Directors may be reduced. XXXII. The Company may from Time to Time, by Vote of any General Meeting, reduce the Number of Directors, provided that the Number when so reduced be not less than Three.
- Quorum of Meeting of Directors. XXXIII. The Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Three until the Number of Directors be reduced to Three, and then the Quorum of a Meeting of Directors shall be Two.
- First Directors. XXXIV. The Persons who at the Time of the passing of this Act are the Committee of Management of the original Company shall be the first Directors of the Company, and they shall continue in Office until the First Ordinary Meeting in *July* held after the passing of this Act; and in connexion with this Act, the Eighty-third and subsequent Sections of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," shall be read and construed as if in that Eighty-third Section the Words "First Ordinary Meeting to be held in the Month of *July* after the passing of the Special Act" were substituted for the Words "First Ordinary Meeting to be held in the Year next after that in which the Special Act shall be passed."
- Proof of Debts in Bankruptcy, &c. XXXV. In all Proceedings against the Estate of any Bankrupt or Insolvent, or under any Fiat, Sequestration, or Act of Insolvency, any Person appointed for that Purpose by the Company under their
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Common Seal may represent the Company, and act in their Behalf, in all respects as if the Claim or Demand of the Company against such Estate were the Claim or Demand of such Person, and not of the Company.

XXXVI. There shall be One Auditor of the Accounts of the Company and no more; and the Person who at the passing of this Act is the Auditor for the original Company shall continue in Office until the First Ordinary Meeting after the passing of this Act, and shall then go out of Office; and the future Auditors shall go out of Office at the Ordinary Meeting in each Year. Auditor.

XXXVII. If at any Time the whole Body of the Directors shall simultaneously resign or cease to be Directors from any Cause whatsoever, the Company may, at the First Ordinary or Extraordinary Meeting which shall be held after such Event as aforesaid shall have occurred or become known, elect such Number of Proprietors duly qualified as shall for the Time being be necessary to supply the Place of the Body of Directors which shall have so ceased to exist; and the Proprietors so elected shall be the Directors, and shall continue in Office during the same Period, and be subject to the same Regulations as to retiring from Office and otherwise in all respects as the Directors in whose Places they shall have been elected would have continued and been subject to in case they had remained in Office (except that at the First and Second Periods for the Retirement of Directors occurring next after such Election the Directors shall, unless they otherwise agree, determine by Ballot among themselves the Individuals who are to go out of Office); nevertheless, every Director so resigning may be re-elected immediately or at any future Time. Company to supply Vacancies if all the Directors resign, &c.

XXXVIII. The Company may, by Agreement with the Owners thereof, but not otherwise, purchase, take, and hold any Lands not exceeding in the whole Two Acres. Power to purchase Lands.

XXXIX. The Company may from Time to Time maintain, alter, improve, extend, enlarge, or discontinue their now existing Gasworks, and (subject to the Restrictions herein-after contained) may make, erect, lay down, provide, and maintain additional and other Gasworks, and also Retorts, Gasometers, Receivers, Drains, Sewers, Mains, Service and other Pipes, Meters, Lamp Posts, Stopcocks, Burners, Machinery, and other Works and Apparatus, Houses, Buildings, and Approaches, and may do all such Acts as they think proper for making and storing Gas, and for supplying Gas within the Limits of this Act, and may make, store, and supply Gas accordingly, and may manufacture and deal in Coke, Coal, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, Ammoniacal Liquor, Oil, and other Matters, the Products
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of the Coal or other Materials which may be employed in the Manufacture of such Gas, and may manufacture or provide, supply or deal in Gas Fittings, Tubes, Meters, Pipes, and do all other Acts and provide and supply all other Things in anyway connected with Gasworks, or with the Supply of Gas to the Consumers thereof, in such Manner as the Company may think proper.

Restricting
Erection of
future
Works.

XL. Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the Company to erect any Works for the Manufacture of Gas elsewhere than on the Lands described in the Schedule to this Act, and by this Act vested in them.

Power to
place Pipes
to light
Buildings.

XLI. The Company, with the Consent of the Owner and Occupier of any Building, may lay any Pipe, Branch, or other necessary Apparatus from any Main or Branch Pipe into, through, or against such Building for the Purpose of lighting it, and may provide and set up any Apparatus necessary for securing to such Building a proper and complete Supply of Gas, and for measuring and ascertaining the Extent of such Supply, and may from Time to Time repair, replace, alter, or discontinue and remove any such Pipe, Branch, or Apparatus.

Limiting
Price of Gas.

XLII. The maximum Price to be charged by the Company for the Supply of Gas to Persons burning the same by Meter shall be at the Rate of Five Shillings for every One thousand Cubic Feet.

Consump-
tion of Gas
by Meter.

XLIII. Every Consumer of Gas supplied by the Company shall, on Request in Writing by the Company, consume the Gas supplied to him by Meter; and all such Meters and all Service Pipes shall be provided by the Company at the Expense of the Consumer, or (at the Option of the Consumer) by the Consumer, and approved by the Company.

Penalty for
tampering
with Meters.

XLIV. Every Person who shall knowingly and wilfully prevent any Meter from duly registering the Quantity of Gas supplied, shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay to the Company any Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and the Existence of artificial Means for causing such Prevention shall, where such Meter shall be under the Custody or Control of the Consumer, be *primá facie* Evidence that the same has been knowingly and wilfully caused by the Consumer using such Meter.

Power to
remove Pipes
from un-
occupied
Premises.

XLV. Whenever any House, Building, or Premises from which the Company are by "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," authorized to cut off the Supply of Gas shall be unoccupied, the Company, their Agents, Servants, and Workmen, after giving Twenty-four Hours
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previous Notice of their Intention to the Owner, by delivering Notice thereof to him, or leaving the same at his usual Place of Abode, or if such Owner or his Place of Abode be not known to the Company, then after affixing such Notice for Three Days previously on some Part of such House, Building, or Premises, may enter into the same between the Hours of Nine in the Forenoon and Four in the Afternoon, and remove and carry away any Pipe, Meter, Fittings, and other Works belonging to the Company, making Compensation to such Owner for any Damage occasioned thereby.

XLVI. All the Gas supplied by the Company shall be of such Quality as to produce from an Argand Burner having Fifteen Holes and a Seven Inch Chimney, or other approved Burner and Chimney, and consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas *per* Hour, a Light equal in Intensity to the Light produced by Twelve Sperm Candles of Six in the Pound, burning One hundred and twenty Grains *per* Hour.

Quality of
Company's
Gas.

XLVII. The Company shall, within Six Months after the passing of this Act, cause to be erected in some convenient Part of their Works an experimental Meter, furnished with an Argand Fifteen Hole Burner and a Seven Inch Chimney, or other approved Burner and Chimney capable of consuming Five Cubic Feet of Gas *per* Hour, with other necessary Apparatus for testing the illuminating Power of the Gas.

Company to
erect a Meter
to test Purity
of Gas.

XLVIII. It shall at any Time be lawful for any Two Justices of the Peace acting for the Division of *Chepstow*, not being Directors or Shareholders of the Company, on receiving a Requisition signed by not less than Five Consumers of the Gas of the Company, complaining that the Gas supplied to them is not, in their Judgment and Belief, of the full illuminating Power prescribed by this Act, if they shall think fit, by Order under their Hands to appoint some competent Person to proceed to the Works of the Company; and the Person so appointed, on giving Six Hours previous Notice in Writing to the Company, may, at any reasonable Hour in the Day-time, on producing the said Order, enter on the Premises of the Company, and in the Presence of the Superintendent or other Officer of the Company make Experiments of the illuminating Power of the Gas by means of the experimental Meter and other Apparatus before mentioned, and the Company and their Officers shall afford all reasonable Facilities and Assistance to the making of such Experiment; and if it shall be proved to the Satisfaction of the said Two Justices, after hearing the Parties, that the illuminating Power of the Gas supplied by the Company did not, when so tested as aforesaid, equal the illuminating Power by this Act prescribed, or that the Company or their Officers refused to afford such reasonable Facilities as aforesaid, or hindered or prevented the making of

Power to
test the
Purity of
the Gas.

Penalty in
case of
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of such Experiment, in any such Case the Company shall forfeit such Sum, not exceeding Twenty Pounds, as the said Justices shall determine.

Cost of Experiment to be paid according to the Event.

XLIX. The Costs of and attending such Experiment, including the Remuneration to be paid to the Person making the same, and the Costs of the Proceedings before the Justices, shall be ascertained by such Justices, and in the event of any Penalty being imposed on the Company shall be paid, together with such Penalty, by the Company; but in the event of the Gas being found when tested to be of not less illuminating Power than is by this Act prescribed, such Costs shall be awarded to be paid by the several Persons making such Requisition as aforesaid to the Company, and shall be paid or levied accordingly.

Penalties not to be cumulative.

L. Penalties imposed on the Company for One and the same Offence by several Acts of Parliament shall not be cumulative, and for this Purpose this Act and the Acts incorporated herewith shall be deemed several Acts.

Recovery of Money by Distress.

LI. All Sums of Money due to the Company for the Supply of Gas, or for Coke, Tar, or other Materials supplied by the Company, or for the hire or fixing of Meters or Fittings, and all Damages, Costs, and Expenses by this Act or any Act incorporated herewith directed to be paid, and the Amount of which shall not be disputed, may be levied by Distress, and any Justice on Application may issue his Warrant accordingly.

Several Names, &c. in One Warrant.

LII. Any One Warrant issued for any of the Purposes of this Act may contain in the Body thereof or in a Schedule thereto several Names and several Sums.

Costs of Distress.

LIII. Any Justices who issue a Warrant of Distress for any of the Purposes of this Act may order that the Costs of the Proceedings for the Recovery of the Money to be levied shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Money, and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justices, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Money.

Small Sums recoverable in County Courts.

LIV. Nothing in this Act or any Act incorporated herewith contained shall prevent the Company from recovering any Sum of Money not exceeding Fifty Pounds due to them for the Supply of Gas, or of Coke, Tar, or other Materials, or for the Sale, Hire, or fixing of Meters or Fittings, or for Damages, Costs, or Expenses, by Action or Proceeding, in such Manner as is by Law provided for the Recovery of Debts not exceeding Fifty Pounds.

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LV. No Justice shall be disqualified for acting in the Execution of this Act by reason of his being liable to the Payment of any Gas Rent, Rate, or other Charge under this Act. Liability to Gas Rate not to disqualify Justices.

LVI. All the Costs, Charges, and Expenses of and incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Company. Expenses of Act.

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SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Act refers.

CERTAIN Lands and Premises which immediately before the passing of the Act belonged to the Chepstow Gas and Coke Consumers Company (Limited), and were in the Possession of them and their Tenants, and are situate in the Town and Parish of Chepstow in the County of Monmouth between the Church and the Back, and are bounded on the North-eastward by Premises now or late belonging to Esther Davis and Joseph Davies respectively, and respectively occupied by Esther Davis and by William Hodges; on the South-eastward by a Field now or late belonging to the Duke of Beaufort, and occupied by the South Wales Railway Company or their Under-tenant; on the South-westward by a Messuage and Garden now or late belonging to James Davis, and occupied by John Cavell; a Yard, Stable, and Garden now or late belonging to Oliver Chapman, and occupied by Messieurs Chapman and Sons and by the Baptist Chapel; and on the North-westward by Kendal Square, by certain Dwelling Houses now or late belonging to Thomas Light, and occupied by Honor Brew and others, Two Dwelling Houses now or late belonging to Mary Howell, and respectively occupied by Richard Fryer and Edwin Elliott, a Dwelling House now or late belonging to Mrs. Jenkins and occupied by John Thomas, and by Lower Church Street.

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