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An Act for lighting with Gas the Borough of
Shrewsbury and the Neighbourhood thereof, in
the County of *Salop*. [27th July 1857.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the First Year of the
Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth,
intituled *An Act for lighting with Gas the Town and* 1 G. 4. c.lvi.
Suburbs of Shrewsbury in the County of Salop, and by the said
Act "The *Shrewsbury Gaslight Company*." were incorporated,
and that Act provided that the Capital of the Company should not
exceed Eight thousand Pounds, divided into Shares of Ten Pounds
each, but that in case such Sum should be insufficient for making,
completing, and maintaining the Undertaking, and defraying all ne-
cessary Charges relating thereto, the Company might raise and con-
tribute among themselves, in such Shares and Proportions as to them
should seem meet, or by the Admission of new Subscribers, a further
Sum not exceeding Two thousand Pounds; and that except by a
Subscription of Shares in manner and to the Extent therein directed
the Company should not borrow or take up by way of Loan any
Sum or Sums of Money whatsoever: And whereas the Company
proceeded to execute that Act, and raised the said Sum of Eight
thousand Pounds in Shares of Ten Pounds each, and, finding that
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Capital insufficient, they also raised the said Sum of Two thousand Pounds in Shares of Ten Pounds each in the Mode provided by the recited Act, but no Preference Shares have been created : And whereas the Company have constructed Gasworks as authorized by the recited Act, and have for many Years supplied the Town of *Shrewsbury* and the Neighbourhood thereof with Gas : And whereas the Capital authorized by the recited Act having been found insufficient to enable the Company to carry on their Undertaking with Efficiency, they have from Time to Time expended upon permanent Works connected with their Undertaking Sums of Money amounting in the whole to more than Ten thousand Pounds out of Revenue applicable to Dividends, and the Sum of Sixteen hundred and sixty Pounds or thereabouts was on the First Day of *June* in the present Year due to the Bankers of the Company ; but the Company have not borrowed any Money on Mortgage or Bond : And whereas it is expedient that Ten thousand Pounds, Part of the Moneys so expended out of Revenue, and representing Works now in actual Use, should be considered Part of the Capital of the Company, and that the Company should be authorized to raise further Moneys by Shares and also by Mortgage or Bond ; and that the Powers of the Company should in other respects be altered and enlarged : And whereas it will be more convenient if the recited Act be repealed, and if the Company be reconstituted, with such Alterations in and Additions to their Powers as are by this Act provided : And whereas the Objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the Aid and 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 Shrewsbury Gasworks Act, 1857.* ”

Recited Act repealed.

II. On and from the passing of this Act, but subject to the Provisions thereof, the recited Act of the First *George* the Fourth, Chapter Fifty-six, shall by this Act be repealed.

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cc. 16. & 18.
and
10 & 11 Vict.
c. 15. incor-
porated.

III. “ *The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,* ” “ *The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,* ” and “ *The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847,* ” shall (except so far as any of the Clauses and Provisions thereof respectively are by this Act varied or excepted) be incorporated with and form Part of this Act : Provided always, that nothing in “ *The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845,* ” or in this Act contained, shall authorize the Company to purchase, take, or use any Land otherwise than by Agreement.

IV. Except

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IV. Except as in this Act otherwise provided, the several Words and Expressions to which Meanings are respectively assigned by the Acts incorporated with this Act, or any of them, 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; and the Expressions "the Company" and the "Undertakers" respectively shall in this Act mean the Company incorporated by the recited Act and continued by this Act; the Expressions "the Undertaking" and "the Gasworks" respectively shall include all the Works of the Company executed or to be executed; the Expression "Justice" shall mean Justice of the Peace acting in and for the Borough of *Shrewsbury*; and the Expression "Two Justices" shall mean Two Justices acting in and for the Borough of *Shrewsbury*, met and acting together; the Expression "Court of Quarter Sessions" shall mean the Court of General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Borough of *Shrewsbury*; and the Expression "the Corporation" shall mean the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses for the Borough of *Shrewsbury*.

Interpre-
tation of
Terms.

V. The Limits of this Act shall comprise and include the Municipal Borough of *Shrewsbury*, and also the following Parishes or Parts of Parishes or extra-parochial or other Places beyond such Limits; (that is to say,) *Atcham, Sutton, Meole Brace* otherwise *Brace Meole, Hanwood, Saint Chad, Saint Julian, Saint Mary, and Saint Alkmond*, or some of them, all in the said County of *Salop*, and also all other Parishes and Parts of Parishes and extra-parochial and other Places (if any) within a Distance of Three Miles from the Shire Hall in *Shrewsbury* aforesaid.

Limits of
Act.

VI. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, the Company shall for the Purposes of this Act, and as from the passing of the repealed Act, be and continue incorporated by the Name of "The *Shrewsbury* Gaslight Company," and by that Name shall be and continue One Body Corporate, with perpetual Succession and a Common Seal, and with Power to purchase, hold, and dispose of Lands and other Property for the Purposes but subject to the Restrictions of this Act.

Company to
continue in-
corporated.

VII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, and except only as is by this Act otherwise expressly provided, everything before the passing of this Act done and suffered respectively under the repealed Act shall be as valid as if this Act were not passed, and such Repeal 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 such Repeal had not happened, and this Act were not passed, would be incident to and consequent on any and every-
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General
Protection
of Rights,
&c. acquired
under re-
pealed Act.

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thing so done and suffered respectively; and with respect to all such Rights, Liabilities, Claims, and Demands, the Company as by this Act continued shall represent and stand in the Place of the Company originally incorporated by the repealed Act: Provided always, that the Generality of this Enactment shall not be confined or restricted by any special Provisions in this Act contained.

Company to remain entitled to their Property.

VIII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, all the Gasworks, Retorts, Mains, Pipes, Meters, Lamp Pillars, Brackets, Lanthorns, Apparatus, and other Works and Conveniences, and all the Lands, Buildings, Moneys, Securities, Property, Books, Deeds, Writings, Maps, Plans, Choses in Action, Effects, Claims, and Demands whatsoever of or to which the Company, or any Persons in trust for them, were by virtue of the repealed Act, or otherwise howsoever, immediately before the passing of this Act seised, possessed, or in anyway entitled at Law or in Equity, or otherwise howsoever, shall be and remain 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 Company, or any 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, Lamp Pillars, Brackets, Lanthorns, Apparatus, Works, and Conveniences.

Company to be entitled to Powers, &c. under other Acts.

IX. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, the several Clauses and Provisions whatsoever in favour of, relating to, or affecting the *Shrewsbury Gaslight Company*, or the Committee, Officers, or Servants of the Company, contained in any other Act or Acts besides the repealed Act, and which were immediately before the passing of this Act in force, shall continue in force as if the recited Act had not been repealed, and the Company and their Directors, Officers, and Servants may and shall accordingly and for the Purposes of this Act be entitled to have, exercise, enjoy, and be subject to, under and by virtue of those Clauses and Provisions respectively, all such Rights, Interests, Powers, Authorities and Privileges, Duties and Liabilities whatsoever, as the Company, and their Committee, Officers, and Servants, under or by virtue of those Clauses and Provisions, might be entitled to have, exercise, enjoy, or be subject to, if the recited Act were not repealed, and so far as such Clauses and Provisions respectively before the passing of this Act applied to the Committee of Management, they shall thereafter apply to the Directors of the Company.

Conveyances, &c. to remain in force.

X. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, all Purchases, Sales, Conveyances, Leases, Mortgages, Bonds, Contracts, Agreements, Securities, and other Acts, Deeds, and Things before the passing of this Act

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Act done, entered into, executed, or instituted under or by virtue of or with reference to the Purposes of the repealed Act, shall be as good, valid, and effectual to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever for, against, and with reference to the Company as if that Act had not been repealed, and may be proceeded on and enforced accordingly.

XI. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, any Action, Suit, Prosecution, or other Proceeding commenced either by or against the Company 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 in all respects as the same would have continued and taken effect if this Act had not passed, and all Offences against the Provisions of the repealed Act committed before the passing of this Act may be prosecuted, and all Penalties incurred by reason of such Offences may be sued for, in like Manner in all respects as if that Act had not been repealed.

Actions, &c.
not to abate.

XII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, all Gas Rates and Rents and other Sum and Sums of Money which immediately before the passing of this Act were due and payable, or accruing to the Company, shall be payable to and may be collected and recovered by the Company in like Manner as the Gas Rates and Rents and other Sum and Sums of Money under this Act.

Gas Rates
due at Com-
mencement
of Act to be
recoverable
by the Com-
pany.

XIII. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, all Persons who immediately before the passing of this Act owed any Money to the Company or to any Person on their Behalf shall pay the same, with all Interest (if any) due and payable or accruing for the same to the Company, and all Debts and Moneys which immediately before the passing of this Act were due or owing or recoverable from the Company, or for the Payment of which the Company are or but for this Act would be liable, shall be paid, with all Interest (if any) due and payable or accruing for the same, by, or be recoverable from the Company.

Debts due to
and by the
Company to
be paid to
and by them.

XIV. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, all Byelaws, Resolutions, Orders, Notices, and Proceedings of the Company and the Committee thereof, made and taken before the passing of this Act, and all Books, Accounts, Documents, and Writings whatsoever of or relating to the Company shall, for the Purposes of this Act, continue in full Force and Effect as if the said recited Act had not been repealed, and those Byelaws may be enforced and all Penalties thereunder may be recovered accordingly: Provided always, that those Byelaws shall not be in force after the Expiration of Six

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Calendar Months after the passing of this Act, except so far as may relate to any Matter or Thing done, committed, or ordered previously to the passing of this Act.

Officers to continue in the Employment of the Company.

XV. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, the several Officers and Servants of the Company who shall be employed by them at the Time of the passing of this Act shall retain their respective Offices and Places, and the Salary and Emoluments attached thereto, until they shall be removed from such Office and Employment by the Company or the Directors thereof; and such Officers and Servants shall have the same Powers and Authorities, and shall be liable to the same Penalties, Obligations, Restrictions, and Regulations as if they had been appointed under this Act.

Books to be Evidence.

XVI. Notwithstanding the Repeal of the recited Act, all Books, Certificates, Writings, and Documents by that Act directed or authorized to be kept or made, and which if this Act were not passed would be receivable in Evidence, shall be admitted in Evidence in all Courts of Law and Equity and elsewhere accordingly.

Capital.

XVII. The Capital of the Company shall be Forty thousand Pounds.

Existing Shares to be called A. Shares, and to vest in their present Proprietors.

XVIII. Ten thousand Pounds, Part of the said Capital of Forty thousand Pounds, shall be represented by the Thousand Shares of Ten Pounds each created under the Provisions of the repealed Act; and such Shares shall respectively continue to be vested in and to belong to the several Persons who immediately before the passing of this Act were entitled thereto, and shall for the Purposes of this Act be designated A. Shares; and every such A. Share shall vest in and be held by the Person entitled thereto upon the Trusts and subject to the Powers, Provisions, Declarations, Agreements, Charges, Liens, and Incumbrances which immediately before the passing of this Act affected the same, and so as to give effect to and not to revoke any Instrument or Will or other testamentary Disposition affecting such Share.

The Company may cancel existing Certificates, and issue new ones for A. Shares.

XIX. It shall be lawful for the Company to call in and cancel the existing Certificates of Shares in the Company, and to issue in lieu thereof Certificates of the Ownership of the said A. Shares in the Form and under the Conditions prescribed by "The Companies Clause Consolidation Act, 1845."

Providing for Loss or Destruction of present Certificates.

XX. The Provisions of the Thirteenth Section of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," providing for the giving of a Certificate in lieu of any Certificate lost or destroyed, shall be applicable

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applicable to Certificates issued by the Company prior to the passing of this Act.

XXI. The further Sum of Ten thousand Pounds, other Part of the said Capital of Forty thousand Pounds, shall be divided into One thousand Shares of Ten Pounds each, which Shares shall, for the Purposes of this Act be designated B. Shares, and all such B. Shares shall be deemed fully paid up; and such B. Shares shall be vested in and belong to the several Persons who immediately before the passing of this Act were Holders of the Shares designated in this Act A. Shares, in the Proportion of One B. Share for every A. Share held by them respectively; and every such B. Share shall vest in and be held by the Person entitled thereto upon the Trusts and subject to the Powers, Provisions, Declarations, Agreements, Charges, Liens, and Incumbrances which immediately before passing of this Act affected the Share in respect of which such B. Share is by this Act appropriated.

Present Proprietors to have an additional Share of 10% for every existing Share held by them.

XXII. Subject to the Provisions of this Act and of the Acts incorporated herewith, the Company may from Time to Time raise by the Creation and Issue of other Shares, of such nominal Value as the Company shall from Time to Time determine, the whole or any Part of the Residue of the said Capital of Forty thousand Pounds for the Time being remaining to be raised; and all Shares so from Time to Time created for raising additional Capital shall for the Purposes of this Act be designated "New Shares."

As to Creation and Issue of new Shares.

XXIII. The Company by a Resolution of any General Meeting may determine that such new Shares, when and as the same shall be from Time to Time created under the Provisions of this Act, shall be sold by Public Auction; and the Directors may determine the Number of Shares to be so sold, and the Time and Conditions of every such Sale, and may fix a reserved Price for such Shares.

Power to cause new Shares to be sold by Auction.

XXIV. The Intention to sell the said Shares by Auction shall be duly advertised for Two successive Weeks at the least in a Newspaper published in the Borough of *Shrewsbury*.

Sales by Auction to be advertised.

XXV. If any Sum of Money shall arise upon such Sales by way of Premium it shall be expended in or towards paying the Expenses of this Act, or in the extending or improving the Works of the Company, or in paying off Money borrowed or owing by the Company, and shall not be considered as Part of the Capital of the Company entitled to Dividend.

Application of Premiums received.

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Subject to such power, new Shares to be offered to Shareholders.

XXVI. If no such Resolution of the Company be passed with respect to any new Shares which shall be from Time to Time created, or if such Resolution shall have been passed but no Sale shall have been effected, such new Shares shall be apportioned among the Proprietors of the then existing Shares in the Capital of the Company, in proportion to the Number of such existing Shares held by them respectively, and shall be offered to them in such Proportion.

Mode of making Offers.

XXVII. Such Offers shall be made by Letter under the Hand of the Secretary of the Company, given to every Proprietor of such existing Shares, or sent by Post addressed to him according to his Address in the Books of the Company, or left for him at his usual or last known Place of Abode in *England*; and every such Offer made by Letter sent by Post shall be considered as made on the Day on which such Letter in the ordinary Course of Delivery ought to reach the Place to which it is addressed, and the new Shares so offered shall vest in and belong to the Proprietors who accept the same: Provided always, that if any Shareholder fail for One Month after such Offer of any new Share or Shares to accept the same, the Directors of the Company may from Time to Time dispose of the same, in accordance with the other Provisions of this Act.

Power to enlarge Time for accepting new Shares.

XXVIII. Provided also, That the Directors, if they think proper, may permit any Shareholder who, from Absence abroad or other Cause satisfactory to the Directors, omits to signify within such One Month his Acceptance of the new Shares offered to him, to accept them notwithstanding that Time has elapsed.

General Power to dispose of Shares.

XXIX. Subject to the foregoing Provisions of this Act the Directors of the Company may from Time to Time dispose of the new Shares to such Persons, on such Terms and Conditions, and in such Manner as they may deem most advantageous to the Company.

Power to cancel unissued Shares.

XXX. 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 unpaid on the new Shares so cancelled.

Calls on new Shares.

XXXI. No One Call to be made upon or in respect of any new Share created under the Powers of this Act (except in the Case of such Shares as shall from Time to Time be sold by Public Auction), shall exceed One Fourth of the nominal Value of such Share; and the Interval between successive Calls shall not be less than Two Months, and not more than Three Fourths of the nominal Amount of a new Share shall be called up in any One Year.

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XXXII. 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 shall be as follows; (that is to say,) in respect of the A. Shares at the Rate of Ten Pounds for every One hundred Pounds by the Year, and in respect of the B. Shares at the Rate of Five Pounds for every Hundred Pounds by the Year, and in respect of the new Shares at the Rate of Seven Pounds and Ten Shillings for every One hundred Pounds by the Year.

Limiting
Rate of
Dividend.

XXXIII. The Receipt of the Guardian or Committee respectively of any Shareholder or Stockholder being a Minor, Idiot, Lunatic, or Person *non compos mentis*, shall be a sufficient Discharge to the Company for any Money payable to such Shareholder or Stockholder.

Receipts for
disqualified
Persons.

XXXIV. The Company may immediately upon the passing of this Act, by the Authority of a General Meeting, borrow on Mortgage or Bond any Sums not exceeding Two thousand Pounds.

Power to
borrow im-
mediately on
Mortgage.

XXXV. And whereas Ten thousand Pounds of the additional Capital to be represented by the new Shares may not be required for the Purposes of the Company for some Years to come, and it is expedient to regulate the further borrowing Powers of the Company accordingly: Therefore, when Ten thousand Pounds, Part of the Capital to be represented by the new Shares, shall have been subscribed for, and One Half thereof shall have been paid up, the Company may borrow on Mortgage or Bond any further Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole Two thousand Pounds; and when the Remainder of such Capital shall have been subscribed for, and One Half thereof shall have been paid up, the Company may in like Manner borrow any further Sums of Money not exceeding in the whole Two thousand Pounds.

Additional
borrowing
Powers.

XXXVI. The Mortgagees of the Company may enforce the Payment of the Arrears of Principal and Interest due on any such Mortgages 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.

Arrears may
be enforced
by Appoint-
ment of a
Receiver.

XXXVII. The Company, out of the First Moneys which shall be raised by them under the Powers of this Act, after Payment of the Expenses of and incident to the passing of this Act, shall pay and discharge the Debt due to their Bankers as aforesaid, or so much thereof as shall then remain unpaid; and every Trustee or other Person who before the passing of this Act shall have signed or executed any

Debt due
to Bankers
to be dis-
charged.

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Bond, Note, Draft, or Cheque in favour of such Bankers, and on behalf of the Company, and their Heirs, Executors, and Administrators respectively, shall, so soon as the aforesaid Debt shall have been paid, be released from all Liabilities which he or they may have incurred by reason of any such Bond, Note, Draft, or Cheque.

Application
of Money.

XXXVIII. All Money to be raised under the Provisions of this Act, whether by means of Shares or by the Exercise of the Powers of borrowing or otherwise, shall be applied for the Purposes by this Act authorized, and for no other Purpose.

General
Meetings.

XXXIX. The First Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company shall be held in the Month of *September* next after the passing of this Act, and their future Ordinary General Meetings shall be held in the Month of *September* 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 since the last preceding Ordinary General Meeting.

Requisitions
for Extra-
ordinary
Meetings.

XL. The Number of Shareholders requisite to constitute a General Meeting of the Company, and the number of Shareholders entitled to require an Extraordinary Meeting of the Company, shall respectively be Five or more Shareholders, holding in the aggregate not less than One thousand Pounds in the paid up Capital of the Company.

Scale of
Votes.

XLI. At all General Meetings of the Company the Holders of Stock or Shares in the Undertaking shall be entitled to One Vote for every Twenty Pounds of Stock or paid up Capital held by them, but no Person shall in any Case be entitled to more than Ten Votes.

Number and
Qualification
of Directors.

XLII. The Number of Directors, until reduced under the Provision herein-after contained, shall be Seven; and the Qualification of a Director shall be the Possession in his own Right or in right of his Wife of Stock or paid up Capital, or both, of the aggregate nominal Amount of One hundred Pounds.

First Di-
rectors.

XLIII. *Peter Beck, Benjamin Birch, Robert Baugh Blakemore, William Cooper, William Griffith, John Hughes, and Henry Johnson*, shall be the First Directors of the Company under this Act.

Power to
vary Number
of Directors.

XLIV. The Company may from Time to Time, by Order of any General Meeting, reduce the Number of the Directors to any Number not less than Five.

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XLV. The Quorum for a Meeting of Directors shall be Four, unless the Number of Directors be reduced to Five, in which Case the Quorum shall be Three.

Quorum for a Meeting of Directors.

XLVI. The Remuneration of the Directors and Auditors shall from Time to Time be fixed by a General Meeting of the Company, and shall be paid out of the Moneys which shall from Time to Time be received by the Company under this Act.

Remuneration of the Directors and Auditors.

XLVII. The Company may by Agreement purchase, take, and hold any Lands for the Purposes of this Act, not exceeding in the whole Five Acres.

Power to purchase Lands.

XLVIII. The Company may from Time to Time maintain, alter, improve, extend, enlarge, or discontinue their now existing Gasworks, and may make, erect, lay down, provide, and maintain additional and other Gasworks, and also Retorts, Gasholders, Gasometers, Receivers, Mains, Service and other Pipes, Meters, Stopcocks, Burners, Machinery, and other Works and Apparatus, and other Houses, Buildings, and Approaches, and may do all such Acts as they think proper for making, restoring, and supplying inflammable Air or Gas produced from Coal or other Material, within the Limits of this Act; and may provide, supply, or sell Meters and Fittings, and may deal in Coke, Coal, Tar, Pitch, Asphaltum, ammoniacal Liquor, Oil, and other Matters employed in or resulting from the Manufacture of inflammable Air or Gas, and all other Articles and Things in any way connected with Gasworks or with the Supply of Gas to the Consumers thereof, in such Manner as the Company may think proper.

Power to maintain Works, and supply Gas, &c.

XLIX. 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 Part of the Lands now occupied by them for the Purposes of their Undertaking, on which their existing Works for the Manufacture of Gas are erected, and on the Lands comprised in the Schedule to this Act.

Restricting Erection of future Works.

L. The Company, with the Consent of the Owner or his Agent, and at the Request of the Occupier, may lay any Pipe, Branch, or other necessary Apparatus from any Main or Branch Pipe, into, through, or against any Building for the Purpose of lighting the same; and may, with the like Consent and at the like Request, 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, with the like
Consent,

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Consent, from Time to Time repair, replace, alter, or discontinue and remove any such Pipe, Branch, or Apparatus.

Consumption of Gas by Meter.

LI. Every Consumer of Gas supplied by the Company shall, on being required by the Company in Writing so to do, consume the Gas supplied to him by Meter; and such Meters shall be provided by the Company at the Expense of the Consumer, or (at the Option of the Consumer) to be provided by the Consumer, and to be and continue to be approved by the Company.

For preventing fraudulent Consumption.

LII. Every Person who shall wilfully, fraudulently, or by culpable Negligence injure or suffer to be injured any Meter or Fittings belonging to the Company, or shall fraudulently alter the Index to any Meter, or shall knowingly and wilfully prevent any Meter from duly registering the Quantity of Gas supplied, shall forfeit to the Company a Sum not exceeding Five Pounds; and the Company may, in addition thereto, recover the Amount of any Damages by them sustained; and the Existence of artificial Means for causing such Alteration or Prevention, where such Meter shall be under the Custody or Control of the Consumer, shall be *primâ facie* Evidence that the same has been fraudulently, knowingly, and wilfully caused by the Consumer using such Meter.

Power to remove Pipes from unoccupied Premises.

LIII. 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 previous Notice of their Intention to the Owner or his Agent, by delivering Notice thereof to such Owner or Agent, or leaving the same at the usual Place of Abode of such Owner or Agent, or if such Place of Abode be not known, then after affixing such Notice for Three Days previously on some conspicuous 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 the Owner for any Damage which may be occasioned to him thereby.

Limit of Price of Gas.

LIV. The Price to be charged by the Company for Gas supplied to Persons who shall burn the same by Meter shall not exceed the following; (that is to say,) for Gas consumed within the Borough of *Shrewsbury*, Six Shillings *per* Thousand Cubic Feet, and for Gas consumed out of that Borough, Seven Shillings *per* Thousand Cubic Feet.

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LV. The Company shall, when required by the Corporation by Writing to that Effect addressed to the Company's Secretary, carry their Mains into or through any present or future Streets within the Borough of *Shrewsbury* not already lighted with Gas, and shall furnish an adequate Supply of Gas for lighting the Lamps to be placed therein at the same Rate as other Lamps in the said Borough shall be supplied by the Company for the Time being: Provided always, that in every such Case the Lamps for lighting such Streets shall be placed, at Distances not exceeding Eighty Yards from each other, along every Extension of the Company's Mains which they shall be required to make as aforesaid.

Extension of
Mains when
required by
Corporation.

LVI. 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 some other approved Burner and Chimney capable of 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.

As to the
Quality of
Gas.

LVII. 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 supplied by them.

Experi-
mental Meter
to be pro-
vided.

LVIII. It shall at any Time be lawful for the Corporation, by Order in Writing, to appoint some competent Person, not being a Member or Officer or Servant of the Corporation, 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 Daytime, 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 Experiment 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 any Two Justices not being Directors or Shareholders of the Company, 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 such

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

Costs of Experiment to be paid according to the event.

LIX. 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 Corporation to the Company, and shall be paid and levied accordingly.

Penalties not to be cumulative.

LX. Penalties imposed on the Company for One and the same Offence, whether by One or more of the Acts incorporated with this Act, or by this Act and any other Act, whether incorporated with this Act or not, shall not be cumulative.

Undisputed Debts may be recovered by Distress.

LXI. All Sums of Money due to the Company for the Supply of Gas, or for Coke, Tar, or any other Materials or Articles sold by the Company, or for the Hire or Cost of fixing any Meters or Fittings, and all Damages, Costs, and Expenses by this Act or any Act incorporated herewith directed to be paid, 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.

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

Costs of Proceedings to be added to Distress Warrant.

LXIII. Any Justice who shall issue any Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of any Money payable under this Act or any Act incorporated herewith, may order that the Costs of the Proceedings for the Recovery of such Money shall be paid by the Person liable to pay such Money, and such Costs shall be ascertained by the Justice, and shall be included in the Warrant of Distress for the Recovery of such Money.

Liability to Rate not to disqualify Justice.

LXIV. No Justice shall be disqualified for acting in the Execution of this Act by reason of his being liable to the Payment of any Rate or other Charge under this Act.

Small Sums recoverable in County Courts.

LXV. Nothing in this Act or any Act incorporated herewith contained shall prevent the Company from recovering any Sum of Money, not exceeding Fifty Pounds, which shall be due to them for the Supply of Gas, or for Coke, Tar, or any other Materials or Articles sold

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sold by the Company, 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.

LXVI. Except the Powers by this Act and the incorporated Acts given for the Execution of the Works by this Act authorized, nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed in any way to change, lessen, abridge, impeach, annul, prejudice, or destroy any Rights, Privileges, Jurisdictions, Immunities, Rents, Tolls, Stallage, or lawful Customs belonging, due, or in anywise appertaining to the Corporation. Saving Rights of Corporation.

LXVII. Except the Powers by this Act and the incorporated Acts given for the Execution of the Works by this Act authorized, nothing in this Act contained shall extend or be construed to change, lessen, annul, prejudice, or destroy any Rights, Powers, or Privileges belonging or appertaining to the *Shrewsbury Waterworks Company*. Saving Rights of Shrewsbury Waterworks Company.

LXVIII. 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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The SCHEDULE referred to in the foregoing Act.

Description of Property.	Owners or reputed Owners.	Lessees or reputed Lessees.	Occupiers.
Certain Land in the Parish of Saint Mary in the Borough of Shrewsbury, with Houses, Buildings, and Erections thereon, bounded on the North by Land, Houses, Corn Steam Mill, and Malting Premises now or late belonging to Joseph Cooke or his Mortgagees; on the South by a certain Road called Gashouse Lane, leading from a Street or Road called Castle Foregate to the Castle Fields; on the East by Gasworks and Lands belonging to and in the Occupation of the Shrewsbury Gaslight Company; and on the West by the said Street or Road called Castle Foregate.	William Birch -	- - -	Benjamin Richards. Richard Jones. Jasper Jones. Edward Linley. James Lawrence. Ann Matheson.