



## CHAPTER cl.

An Act for granting further Powers to the Leicester Gas Company. A.D. 1877.  
[2d August 1877.]

WHEREAS by "The Leicester Gas Act, 1860," (herein-after referred to as "the Act of 1860,") the Leicester Gaslight and Coke Company were re-incorporated under the name of The Leicester Gas Company (which Company is herein-after referred to as "the Company"), and were empowered to supply with gas the borough of Leicester and the neighbourhood thereof, and by that Act the share capital of the Company was fixed at fifty thousand seven hundred pounds, with power to raise the same to one hundred and twenty thousand pounds, and they were authorised to borrow on mortgage to the extent of twelve thousand pounds in respect of the said share capital of fifty thousand seven hundred pounds, and to the further extent of eighteen thousand pounds in respect of the additional capital of sixty-nine thousand three hundred pounds:

And whereas it is provided by section forty-four of the Act of 1860 that the Company shall not hold for the purposes of their undertaking more than nine statute acres of land, and by section forty-six of that Act that the Company shall not erect any works for the manufacture of gas elsewhere than on the lands then held by them, and on which their gasworks for making gas were situate, or on lands immediately adjoining thereto:

And whereas by "The Leicester Gas Act, 1873," (in this Act called "the Act of 1873,") the Company were authorised to raise an additional capital in shares or stock of one hundred thousand pounds, and to borrow twenty-five thousand pounds, and (section seventeen) were prohibited from manufacturing gas or residual products except on the lands mentioned in the schedule to that Act, being the lands then held by the Company, and lands immediately adjoining thereto, such several lands not exceeding in the whole nine statute acres:

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And whereas the capital of the Company stood on the first day of December one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six as follows :—

Act under which raised.	Description of Capital.	Rates of Dividend.	Amount.	Borrowed and owing.
Act of 1860	- Original or "A" capital.	£1 3s. 0d. per share of £13.	£50,700	£1,000 on Bond.
Act of 1860	- Additional or "B" capital.	£7 10s. 0d. per centum per annum.	£69,300	
Act of 1873	- Additional or "C" capital.	£7 per centum per annum.	£100,000	Nil.
Total			£220,000	£1,000

And whereas the demand for gas within the limits of the Act of 1860 is increasing, and there is also a demand for gas in neighbouring parishes and places beyond those limits, and it is expedient that those limits be extended as by this Act provided :

And whereas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to acquire additional lands and to erect thereon additional works for the manufacture of gas and of the residual products resulting therefrom, and (in order the better to utilize those lands) to construct and maintain in and through the said lands the new cuts or watercourses herein-after described, and to divert through them the streams flowing through the said lands :

And whereas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to raise further capital for the purposes of their undertaking :

And whereas plans and sections showing the lines, situation, and levels of the works by this Act authorised, and plans showing the lands which may be acquired under the powers of this Act, and a book of reference to those plans containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and of the occupiers of and describing such lands, have been deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Leicester, and are referred to as the deposited plans, sections, and book of reference :

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,)

1. This Act may be cited as "The Leicester Gas Act, 1877."

2. "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts, 1845, 1860, and 1869," "The Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847," the provisions of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," with respect to the following matters; (that is to say,)

The distribution of the capital of the Company into shares;

The transfer or transmission of shares;

The payment of subscriptions, and the means of enforcing the payment of calls;

The forfeiture of shares for non-payments of calls;

The remedies of creditors of the Company against the shareholders;

The borrowing of money by the Company on mortgage or bond;

The conversion of borrowed money into capital;

The consolidation of shares into stock;

The general meetings of the Company, and the exercise of the right of voting by the shareholders;

The making of dividends;

The giving of notices;

The provisions to be made for affording access to the special Act by all parties interested; and

Part I., "cancellation and surrender of shares," Part II., "additional capital," and Part III., "debenture stock," of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," as amended by "The Companies Clauses Act, 1869,"

are, so far as the same respectively are applicable for the purposes of and not varied by or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, incorporated with and form part of this Act.

3. In this Act the several words and expressions to which meanings are assigned by the Acts wholly or partially incorporated herewith have the same respective meanings, unless there be something in the subject or context repugnant to such construction; and in construing this Act, and in construing for the purposes of this Act the Acts incorporated herewith,

The expressions "superior courts" or "court of competent jurisdiction," or any other like expression, shall be read and have effect as if the debt or demand with respect to which the expression is used were a simple contract debt, and not a debt or demand created by statute.

4. The limits within which the Company may supply gas shall extend to and include, in addition to the municipal and parliamentary borough of Leicester and the parishes, townships, chapelries, and places within the limits of the Act of 1860, the parishes, town-

Short title.

Certain provisions of general Acts herein named incorporated.

Interpretation of terms.

Extending limits of gas supply.

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Power to  
make works,  
&c. accord-  
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sited plans.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may, in the lines and situation and according to the levels shown on the deposited plans, make and maintain wholly in the parish of Saint Mary in the borough of Leicester, in the county of Leicester, the following works; namely,

A cut (Number 1), commencing in and out of the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Union Canal, the centre line of which cut will commence at a point situate in the southern bank of the said canal, about seventy feet to the south-west of the western end of the Saint Mary's Mill Lock, being the first lock on the said canal west of the Midland Railway, and will terminate in the said canal at a point about two hundred and ninety feet north-eastward of the said western end of the said lock;

A cut (Number 2), commencing in and out of a ditch forming the boundary between the said borough and the parish of Aylestone in the county of Leicester. The centre line of the said cut will commence at a point in the said ditch one hundred and ninety feet or thereabouts south-east of the southern bank of the said canal, and will terminate in the first-described cut at a point one hundred and forty feet or thereabouts from its before-described termination;

All cuttings, embankments, bridges, piers, abutments, retaining walls, dams, weirs, hatches, sluices, machinery, apparatus, works, and conveniences in connexion with the said intended works or any of them which may be necessary or convenient therefor:

And they may do the following acts; (that is to say,)

They may divert into the said cut (Number 1) the stream or watercourse flowing from the said canal, at the said point of commencement of the said cut, through the said lands so to be acquired by the Company, and forming the backwater of the said canal:

They may divert into the said cut (Number 2) the waters of the stream or watercourse flowing out of the said ditch through the said lands into the said backwater:

They may remove the weirs and dams on, and fill in, level, and appropriate their sites and the beds and sites of the said streams and watercourses to be diverted :

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They may in connexion with the foregoing works remove a bridge across the said canal immediately below the said lock, forming an access to the land to be acquired by the Company.

6. In making any of the works shown on the deposited plans the Company may deviate to any extent not exceeding three feet from the levels shown on the deposited sections, and may deviate laterally within the limits of deviation shown on the deposited plans, and beyond those limits with the consent of the person in whose lands such deviation is to be made.

Power to deviate.

7. The following enactments ; (namely,)

Repeal of parts of recited Acts.

The proviso to section forty-four (power to purchase lands) of the Act of 1860, whereby the Company is restricted from holding more than nine statute acres of land ; section forty-six (restricting the erection of future works) of the Act of 1860 ; and section seventeen (gas not to be manufactured except on scheduled lands) of the Act of 1873, are hereby repealed.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may enter upon, take, hold, and use all or any of the lands and hereditaments shown on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference.

Power to take lands.

9. If any omission, mis-statement, or wrong description of any lands or of any owner, lessee, or occupier of any lands described in or intended or purporting to be described in the deposited plans and book of reference be discovered, the following provisions shall have effect ; (that is to say,)

Correction of errors as to lands.

The Company may apply to two justices for the correction thereof, giving ten days notice in writing to the owners, lessees, and occupiers of the lands affected by the proposed correction :

If it appears to such justices that the omission, mis-statement, or wrong description arose from mistake, they shall certify the same, stating in the certificate the particulars of the omission, mis-statement, or wrong description :

The certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the county of Leicester, who shall safely keep the same in like manner and subject to the like regulations as the deposited plans and book of reference :

Thereupon the deposited plans and book of reference shall be deemed to be corrected according to the certificate, and the

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Company may enter on, take, and use the lands for the several purposes to which they are appropriated by this Act in accordance with the certificate, as if there had not been any omission, mis-statement, or wrong description :

A copy of or an extract from such certificate purporting to be under the hand of the clerk of the peace aforesaid (which copy or extract he shall give when required under his hand to any person interested) shall be conclusive evidence of such correction.

Period for the compulsory purchase of lands.

**10.** The powers of the Company for the compulsory purchase of lands for the purposes of this Act shall not be exercised after the expiration of three years from the passing of this Act.

Power as to construction and maintenance of gasworks, &c.

**11.** Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Company may, upon the lands described in Part II. of the schedule to this Act, from time to time erect, lay down, provide, and from time to time maintain, alter, improve, enlarge, extend, and renew or discontinue, gasworks, retorts, gasometers, receivers, drains, sewers, mains, pipes, meters, lamps, lamp-posts, burners, stopcocks, machinery, approaches, and other works, apparatus, and conveniences, and may do all such acts as they may think proper for making and storing gas and for supplying gas, and may make, store, and supply gas accordingly, and may manufacture, sell, provide, supply, and deal in coal, coke, tar, ammoniacal liquor, and all other products resulting from any materials employed in the manufacture of gas, and also meters, fittings, tubes, pipes, and other articles and things in any way connected with the supply of gas, as they may from time to time think fit, and may also from time to time erect, fit up, maintain, and let houses, cottages, and dwellings for the officers and servants employed by the Company for the purposes of their undertaking.

Power to raise additional capital.

**12.** The Company may apply to the purposes of this Act any moneys they may have already raised or are authorised to raise, and, subject to the provisions of Part II. of "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," may, in addition to the sums they are already authorised to raise, from time to time raise by the creation and issue of new ordinary or new preference shares or stock, or wholly or partially by one or more of those modes, such further sum or sums as they may think proper, not exceeding in the whole two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, and such additional capital shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, form part of the general capital of the Company, called the C Capital.

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**13.** Any new shares, whether ordinary or preference, issued under this Act, shall be of a nominal amount of not less than ten pounds.

As to amount of new shares.

**14** The Company shall not issue any such share, nor shall any such share vest in the person accepting the same, unless and until a sum not being less than one-fifth part of the amount of such share shall have been paid up in respect thereof.

New shares not to be issued until one-fifth part thereof paid up.

**15.** One fifth of the amount of a share shall be the greatest amount of a call, and three months at least shall be the interval between successive calls, and four fifths of the amount of a share shall be the utmost aggregate amount of the calls made in any year upon any share.

As to amount of calls.

**16.** Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, the Company shall, when any shares or stock created under the powers of this Act are to be issued, and before offering the same to the holder of any other shares or stock in the Company, and whether the ordinary shares or ordinary stock of the Company are or is at a premium or not, offer the same for sale by public auction or by tender in such manner, at such times, and subject to such conditions of sale as the Company shall from time to time determine: Provided that at any such sale the reserved price put upon such shares or stock shall not be less than the nominal amount thereof, and notice of the amount of such reserved price shall be sent by the Company in a sealed letter to the Board of Trade not less than twenty-four hours before the day of auction or the last day for the reception of tenders, as the case may be, and such letter may be opened after such day of auction or last day for the reception of tenders, and not sooner, and provided that no priority of tender shall be allowed to any holder of shares or stock in the Company.

New shares to be offered by auction or tender.

**17.** The intention to sell any such shares or stock by auction or by tender shall be communicated in writing to the town clerk of the borough of Leicester, and to the secretary of the committee of the London Stock Exchange, at least twenty-eight days before the day of auction or the last day for the reception of tenders, as the case may be, and notice of such intention shall be duly advertised once in each of two consecutive weeks in one or more local newspapers circulating within the said borough.

As to notice to be given as to sale, &c. of shares.

**18.** Where the amount bidden or tendered by the proprietor of any share or shares or of stock of the Company (in this Act referred to as a "proprietor") for any share or any number of shares offered for sale by auction or by tender under the provisions of this Act is equal to the highest amount bidden or tendered for

Where shareholder bids or tenders for a share the same amount as any other

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person, shareholder to be declared the purchaser.

Shares not sold by auction or by tender to be offered to shareholders.

Application of premium arising on issue of shares or stock.

Standard rates of dividend.

Dividend dependent upon price charged.

such last-mentioned share or shares by any person not being a proprietor, then and in every such case such proprietor shall be declared to be the purchaser of and entitled to such share or shares.

**19.** When any shares or stock created under the powers of this Act have been offered for sale by auction or tender and not sold, the same shall be offered, at the reserved price put upon the same respectively for the purpose of sale by auction or tender, to the holders of ordinary shares or ordinary stock of the Company, in manner provided by "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863:" Provided always, that any shares or stock so offered and not accepted within the time prescribed by the said Act shall again be offered for sale by public auction or by tender in the manner and subject to the provisions of this Act with respect to the sale of shares and stock created under the powers of this Act.

**20.** Any sum of money which shall arise from the issue of any such shares or stock by way of premium, after deducting therefrom the expenses of and incident to such issue, shall not be considered as profits of the Company, but shall be expended in extending or improving the works of the Company or in paying off money borrowed or owing on mortgage by the Company, and shall not be considered as part of the capital of the Company entitled to dividend.

**21.** Except as in this Act provided, the profits of the Company to be divided among the shareholders in respect of any one year shall not exceed the rates following; (that is to say,)

On the capital authorised by the Act of 1860 and the Act of 1873 respectively the rates by those Acts respectively prescribed; and

On the capital issued under the powers of this Act, the rate of seven pounds in respect of every hundred pounds actually paid up of such capital as shall be issued as ordinary capital, and the rate of six pounds in respect of every hundred pounds actually paid up of such capital as shall be issued as preference capital;

and such several rates are in this Act referred to as the standard rates of dividend.

**22.** The standard price to be charged by the Company for gas supplied by them shall be three shillings and fourpence per thousand cubic feet for gas supplied within the limits of the municipal borough of Leicester; provided that the Company may increase or diminish such standard price, subject to a decrease or increase in



the standard rates of dividend as defined by this Act, to be calculated as follows :

For every penny charged in excess or in diminution of such standard price in any half year, the standard rates of dividend shall for such half year be reduced or increased by five shillings in the hundred pounds per annum.

**23.** If the clear profits of the undertaking of the Company in any year amount to a larger sum than is sufficient to pay the standard rates of dividend, the excess beyond the sum necessary for that purpose may from time to time, to the extent of one per centum per annum upon the paid-up capital of the Company, be invested in Government or other securities, and the dividends and interest arising from such securities shall also be invested in the same or like securities, in order that the same may accumulate at compound interest until the fund so formed amounts to a sum equal to one twentieth of the paid-up capital of the Company, which sum shall form an insurance fund to meet any extraordinary claim, demand, or charge which may at any time arise against or fall upon the Company from accident, strikes, or other circumstances which in the opinion of a justice due care and management could not have prevented; and if such fund be at any time reduced it may thereafter be again made up to the said sum, and so from time to time as often as such reduction shall happen: Provided that when and so often as the said fund shall reach one-twentieth part of the paid-up capital, the interest thereon shall be carried to the credit of the fund available for dividend: Provided also, that resort may from time to time be had to the insurance fund to meet any extraordinary claim or demand as aforesaid, although such fund may not at the time have reached or may have been reduced below the full amount of one twentieth as aforesaid.

If profits exceed the amount limited, excess may be invested and form an insurance fund.

**24.** If the clear profits of the undertaking of the Company in any year amount to a larger sum than is sufficient to pay the standard rates of dividend on the ordinary share capital or stock of the Company, the excess, or such portion of it as is not carried to the insurance fund, shall be carried to the credit of the divisible profits of such undertaking for the next following year.

Application of excess of profits over standard rates of dividend.

**25.** Where in any year the amount of the standard rates of dividend of the Company on the ordinary share capital or stock of the Company shall by reason of a diminution of the standard price charged by the Company in such year be increased, then, out of the amount of the divisible profits of the Company applicable to the payment of such increase, the Company may in such year set apart such sum as they shall think fit, and all sums (if any) so set

Power to create a reserve fund out of dividends in excess of the standard rates of dividend, and application thereof.

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As to conversion of borrowed money into capital.

**26.** The Company shall not have power to raise the money by this Act authorised to be borrowed on mortgage, or any part thereof, by the creation of shares or stock instead of borrowing, or to convert into capital the amount borrowed under the provisions of this Act, unless in either case all dividends upon the shares or stock so created are limited to a rate not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum.

Dividends on different classes of shares in case of deficiency.

**27.** If in any half year the net moneys of the Company applicable to the payment of dividend be insufficient to pay the full amount of the prescribed maximum rate of dividend on each class of ordinary shares or stock in the capital of the Company, the deficiency shall be borne wholly by the additional capital to be raised under the powers of this Act.

Receipt of guardians, &c. to be sufficient discharge. Power to borrow on mortgage.

**28.** If any money be payable to a shareholder being a minor, idiot, or lunatic, the receipt of the guardian or committee of his estate shall be a sufficient discharge to the Company for the same.

**29.** In addition to the moneys which the Company are authorised to borrow under the recited Acts, they may from time to time borrow on mortgage, in respect of the additional capital of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds by this Act authorised to be raised by shares or stock, any sums not exceeding in the whole the sum of sixty-two thousand five hundred pounds, and the Company may as each sum of forty thousand pounds of such additional capital has been issued and accepted, and one half the amount of such sum has been paid up, borrow on mortgage, in respect of each sum of forty thousand pounds, any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole ten thousand pounds, but in no case shall any part of any of the said respective sums of ten thousand pounds be borrowed until shares for so much of the said portion of the additional capital as is to be raised by means of shares are issued and accepted, and one half of such portion is paid up, and the Company shall have

proved to the justice who is to certify under the fortieth section of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," before he so certifies, that shares for the whole of the portion in respect of which the borrowing powers are sought to be exercised have been issued and accepted, and that one half of such portion has been paid up, and that not less than one-fifth part of the amount of each separate share in such portion of capital has been paid on account thereof before or at the time of the issue or acceptance thereof, and until stock for one half of so much of the additional capital as is to be raised by means of stock is fully paid up, and the Company have proved to such justice as aforesaid, before he so certifies, that such shares or stock were issued and accepted and paid up bonâ fide, and are held by the persons or corporations to whom the same were issued, or their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, and also, if such capital is raised by shares, that such persons or corporations, their executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, are legally liable for the same; and upon production to such justice of the books of the Company, and of such other evidence as he shall think sufficient, he shall grant a certificate that the proof aforesaid has been given, which certificate shall be sufficient evidence thereof.

**30.** All mortgages and bonds granted by the Company in pursuance of any Act of Parliament before the passing of this Act, and subsisting at the passing hereof, shall during the continuance of such mortgages have priority over any mortgages granted by virtue of this Act, but nothing in this section contained shall affect any priority of the interest of any debenture stock at any time created by the Company.

Priority of existing mortgages.

**31.** All moneys to be borrowed under the powers of this Act, and the interest thereon, shall have priority against the Company, and the property from time to time of the Company, over all other claims on account of any debts incurred or engagements entered into by them after the passing of this Act; but this priority shall not affect any claim against the Company or their property in respect of any rentcharge granted or to be granted by them in pursuance of "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," or "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act, 1860," or in respect of any rent or sum reserved by or payable under any lease granted or made to the Company, in pursuance of any Act relating to the Company, which is entitled to rank in priority to or pari passu with the interest or dividend on their mortgages or debenture stock, nor shall anything herein-before contained affect any claim in respect of land taken, used, or occupied by them for

Priority of mortgages over other debts.

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For appointment of a receiver.

**32.** Section fourteen (for appointment of receiver) of the Act of 1873 is hereby repealed, but without prejudice to any (if any) appointment heretofore made or to any (if any) proceedings pending at the passing of this Act, and in lieu thereof mortgagees of the Company may enforce payment of arrears of interest or principal, or principal and interest, due on their mortgages by the appointment of a receiver; and in order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of principal, the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall not be less in the whole than five thousand pounds.

Power to create debenture stock.

**33.** The Company may create and issue debenture stock, but the interest of all debenture stock at any time after the passing of this Act created and issued by the Company shall rank *pari passu* with the interest of all mortgages at any time after the passing of this Act granted by the Company, and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages.

Application of moneys.

**34.** All moneys raised under this Act by the Company, whether by shares, stock, debenture stock, or borrowing, shall be applied only for the purposes by the recited Acts or this Act authorised.

Gas not to be manufactured except on lands scheduled.

**35.** No lands shall be used by the Company for the purpose of manufacturing gas or residual products except the lands mentioned in the schedule to this Act.

As to Post Office telegraphs.

**36.** With respect to the Post Office telegraph system the following provisions shall take effect:

Restriction on works affecting Post Office telegraph system.

(A.) The Company shall not by any work or thing interfere with any telegraph post, wire, tube, apparatus, or work of Her Majesty's Postmaster General, or execute or do any work or thing causing or likely to cause any interruption of or impediment to postal telegraphic communication, unless and until the Company have given to the Postmaster General one calendar month's previous notice in writing of their intention to execute or do the proposed work or thing, specifying all necessary and proper particulars relating thereto, and unless and until the Postmaster General has approved of the proposed work or thing by writing delivered to the Company, or has failed to approve or to disapprove of the same for one calendar month after service of such notice and particulars on him: Provided always, that this section shall not be deemed to prevent the Company executing any repairs or other works or things which shall be necessary to

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prevent accidents, and in any such case the Company shall forthwith give notice to the Postmaster General of any such interference, and the reason for the same :

- (B.) Her Majesty's Postmaster General may annex to his approval under this Act of any work or thing such reasonable terms and conditions as to the time and mode of execution of any such work or thing as he thinks fit, and the Company shall observe and perform the same : Power for Postmaster General to annex conditions.
- (C.) The engineer and other officers and servants and workmen of Her Majesty's Postmaster General may, at and for all reasonable times, enter on and into and remain on any of the lands and works of the Company for the purpose of examining, repairing, altering, or removing any telegraph post, wire, tube, apparatus, or work the property of the Postmaster General being thereon : Power of entry for Postmaster General.
- (D.) The Company shall from time to time make full compensation to Her Majesty's Postmaster General for any expense, loss, or damage which he is put to or sustains by reason of the Company, by any work or thing executed or done by them, interfering with any telegraph post, wire, tube, apparatus, or work of the Postmaster General; and if at any time any such work or thing causes an interruption of or impediment to postal telegraphic communication, the Company shall, in addition to making compensation as aforesaid, be liable to forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty pounds for every twenty-four hours during which that interruption or impediment continues; and the amount of any such expense, loss, damage, or forfeiture shall be a debt due from the Company to the Crown, and be recoverable accordingly, with costs, or the same may be recovered, with costs, on behalf of the Postmaster General, as a penalty is recoverable from the Company : Compensation by Company to Postmaster General, and penalty.
- (E.) Inasmuch as it is contemplated to introduce a general measure for the better protection of the national telegraphs, and to enlarge the powers of the Postmaster General in relation thereto, this section shall only remain in force for one year from the date of the passing of this Act, and to the end of the then next session of Parliament. Provisions to remain in force for one year, and to the end of the then next session of Parliament.

**37.** All the costs, charges, and expenses of and incident to the preparing for and the obtaining and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the Company. Expenses of Act.

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**SCHEDULE** referred to in the foregoing Act.

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**PART I.**

The lands now held by the Company and on which their gasworks for making gas are situate, and lands immediately adjoining thereto, such several lands not to exceed in the whole nine statute acres.

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**PART II.**

Certain plots or parcels of land containing thirty-three acres two roods and thirty-eight perches or thereabouts, and bounded eastwardly by the Midland Railway, south-eastwardly by the Leicester and Lutterworth turnpike road, south-westwardly by lands belonging or reputed to belong to the devisees in trust under the will of Samuel Stone, deceased, and north-westwardly partly by the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Union Canal and partly by the said lands belonging or reputed to belong to the said devisees.

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