



CHAPTER cli.

An Act for incorporating the Ascot District Gas Company and for other purposes. A.D. 1882.  
[24th July 1882.]

WHEREAS Ascot in the county of Berks and the parishes adjacent or near thereto in the counties of Berks and Surrey are not supplied with gas :

And whereas the persons herein-after in that behalf named with others are willing to undertake the manufacture and supply of gas in Ascot and the said parishes if incorporated for that purpose and it is expedient that they be incorporated into a Company accordingly with the powers conferred by this Act :

And whereas plans of the lands to be taken under the powers of this Act for the gasworks by this Act authorised with 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 such lands have been deposited at the office of the clerk of the peace for the county of Berks and are in this Act referred to as the deposited plans and book of reference :

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be attained 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 Ascot District Gas Act 1882.

Short title.

2. The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 Part I. (relating to cancellation and surrender of shares) and Part III. (relating to debenture stock) of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 as amended by the Companies Clauses Act 1869 the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts 1845 1860 and 1869 the Gasworks Clauses Act 1847 and the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 are (except where expressly varied by this Act) incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Incorporation of general Acts.  
 8 & 9 Vict. c. 16.  
 26 & 27 Vict. c. 113.  
 32 & 33 Vict. c. 48.  
 8 & 9 Vict. c. 18.  
 23 & 24 Vict. c. 106.  
 32 & 33 Vict. c. 18.  
 10 & 11 Vict. c. 15.  
 34 & 35 Vict. c. 41

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Interpreta-  
tion.

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:

“The Company” means the Company by this Act incorporated:

“The works” “the gasworks” and “the undertaking” respectively mean and include the gasworks and works connected therewith by this Act authorised to be made and maintained by the Company and any improvement thereof which they may construct under the powers of this Act and the lands buildings estate rights property privileges effects and undertaking of the Company and every part thereof respectively:

“Superior courts” or “court of competent jurisdiction” or any other like expression in this Act or any Act wholly or partially incorporated herewith shall for the purposes of this Act 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.

Incorporation of  
Company.

4. Robert Alexander Meyer Henry Lee Robert Berridge and all other persons and corporations who have already subscribed to or shall hereafter become proprietors in the undertaking and their executors administrators successors and assigns respectively shall be and they are hereby united into a company for the purposes hereinafter mentioned and shall be incorporated by the name of the Ascot District Gas Company and by that name shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal with power to purchase take hold and dispose of lands and other property for the purposes of this Act.

General purposes of the  
Company.

5. The Company shall be established for the purposes of making and maintaining gasworks and of manufacturing gas and for supplying gas within the parishes following viz. Sunninghill with Ascot Sunningdale Easthampstead Warfield Binfield Winkfield Lawrence Waltham Bracknell Virginia Water Sandhurst and so much of the parish of Bray as is not within the limits of supply of the Maidenhead Gas Company all in the county of Berks and Windlesham Bisley Ash and Normandy all in the county of Surrey (hereinafter referred to as “the gas limits of this Act”) and for converting or utilising and distributing materials used in and about the manufacture of gas and of residual products resulting from such manufacture and for dealing in selling and disposing of gas coke lime tar chemicals and other residual and manufactured products and for carrying on the business usually carried on by gas companies or by companies or persons dealing in any of the matters and things



aforesaid and for manufacturing purchasing or hiring and supply- A.D. 1882.  
ing gas meters fittings and other apparatus and materials necessary  
or desirable for such supply and for other the purposes of this  
Act.

6. The Company shall at all times adopt and use all such effi- Special pro-  
cient means and appliances in and about the gasworks as shall visions for  
be necessary to prevent as far as practicable the emission of smoke prevention  
from the furnaces retorts ovens or other works and the escape of of nuisances.  
gas or any noxious or offensive effluvia or vapours therefrom or from  
the accumulation or removal of residual products and the escape of  
waste or noxious water or other noxious liquids and shall generally  
so regulate and conduct the gasworks as to prevent as far as prac-  
ticable their being injurious annoying or offensive to the inhabitants  
in the neighbourhood thereof. Any act done permitted or omitted  
by the Company in contravention of this enactment shall be deemed  
to be a nuisance within the meaning of the Public Health Act 1875 38 & 39 Vict.  
and may be dealt with summarily in the manner thereby provided c. 55.  
as effectually as if such act or omission were specially mentioned  
in the 91st section of that Act.

7. The capital of the Company shall be sixty thousand pounds in Capital.  
six thousand shares of ten pounds each.

8. The Company shall not issue any share created under the Shares not  
authority of this Act nor shall any such share vest in the person or to be issued  
corporation accepting the same unless and until a sum not being until one  
less than one fifth of the amount of such share is paid in respect fifth paid.  
thereof.

9. One fifth of the amount of a share shall be the greatest amount Calls.  
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.

10. If any money is payable to a shareholder being a minor idiot Receipt in  
or lunatic the receipt of the guardian or committee of his estate case of  
shall be a sufficient discharge to the Company. persons not  
sui juris.

11. In proceedings under any bankruptcy or liquidation by Representa-  
arrangement or deed of composition or arrangement the secretary tion of the  
of the Company or any person appointed on his behalf by writing Company in  
under his hand may represent the Company and shall be competent bankruptcy  
to act for the Company and his acts and omissions shall bind the &c.  
Company in all respects as if the claim or demand of the Company  
in such proceedings were the personal claim or demand of such  
secretary or person and not of the Company.

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Power to  
borrow.

**12.** The Company may from time to time under and subject to the provisions of this Act borrow on mortgage any sum or sums not exceeding in the whole fifteen thousand pounds provided that in respect of each thirty thousand pounds of the capital by this Act authorised issued and accepted and one half whereof shall have been paid up the Company may borrow a sum or sums not exceeding in the whole seven thousand five hundred pounds but no part of any of the before-mentioned sums of seven thousand five hundred pounds shall be borrowed until the whole portion of capital of thirty thousand pounds in respect of which such borrowing powers are exercised is issued and accepted and one half thereof is paid up and the Company 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 the whole of such portion of capital has been issued and accepted and that one half thereof has been paid up and that not less than one fifth part of the amount of each separate share in such capital has been paid on account thereof before or at the time of the issue or acceptance thereof and that such capital was issued bonâ fide and is held by the persons or corporations to whom the same was issued or their executors administrators successors or assigns and 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.

As to con-  
version of  
borrowed  
money into  
capital.

**13.** 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 whether ordinary or preferential are limited to a rate not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum.

For appoint-  
ment of a  
receiver.

**14.** The 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. In order to authorise the appointment of a receiver in respect of arrears of principal the amount owing to the mortgagees by whom the application for a receiver is made shall not be less than two thousand pounds in the whole.

Debenture  
stock.

**15.** The Company may create and issue debenture stock subject to the provisions of Part III. of the Companies Clauses Act 1863 but notwithstanding anything therein contained the interest of all



debenture stock and of all mortgages at any time created and issued or granted by the Company under this or any subsequent Act shall subject to the provisions of any subsequent Act rank *pari passu* (without respect to the dates of the securities or of the Acts of Parliament or resolutions by which the stock and mortgages were authorised) and shall have priority over all principal moneys secured by such mortgages. A.D. 1882.

**16.** All moneys raised on mortgage by the Company under this Act and the interest due thereon and the interest due on debenture stock created and issued under this Act shall have priority against the Company and the property from time to time of the Company over all other claims on account of debts incurred or engagements entered into by the Company after the passing of this Act but this priority shall not affect any claim against the Company in respect of any rentcharge 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 to be granted or made to the Company by any person in pursuance of any Act relating to the Company which is entitled to rank in priority to or *pari passu* with the interest or dividends on the mortgages or debenture stock nor shall anything herein-before contained affect any claim for land taken used or occupied by the Company for the purposes of their works or injuriously affected by the construction thereof or by the exercise of any powers conferred upon the Company. Priority of mortgages and debenture stock over other debts &c.

**17.** All moneys raised under this Act whether by shares debenture stock or borrowing shall be applied for the purposes of this Act only. Application of moneys.

**18.** The first ordinary meeting of the Company shall be held within six months after the passing of this Act. First ordinary meeting.

**19.** The number of directors shall be six but the Company may from time to time reduce or again increase the number provided that the number be never less than three nor more than six. Number of directors.

**20.** The qualification of a director shall be the possession in his own right of not less than fifty shares. Qualification of directors.

**21.** The quorum of a meeting of directors so long as the number of directors be five or more shall be three but if the number of directors be reduced to three the quorum shall be two. Quorum.

**22.** Robert Alexander Meyer Henry Lee Robert Berridge and three other duly qualified persons to be nominated by them or by the majority of them and consenting to such nomination shall be First directors.

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Election of  
directors.

the first directors of the Company and shall continue in office until the first ordinary meeting held after the passing of this Act At that meeting the shareholders present in person or by proxy may subject to the power of reducing the number of directors herein contained either continue in office the directors appointed by this Act or nominated as aforesaid or any of them or may elect a new body of directors or directors to fill up the number of directors or to supply the place of those not continued in office the directors appointed by this Act or nominated as aforesaid being (if qualified) eligible for re-election and at the first ordinary meeting to be held in every year after the first ordinary meeting the shareholders present in person or by proxy shall elect persons to supply the places of the directors then retiring from office agreeably to the provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and the several persons elected at any such meeting being neither removed nor disqualified nor having died or resigned shall continue to be directors until others are elected in their stead in manner provided by the same Act.

Contracts  
not to dis-  
qualify for  
office of  
director.

**23.** Any contract to be made under this Act with any local board corporation or public body shall not disqualify any of the members of such local board corporation or public body for the office of director of the Company and no director or shareholder of the Company shall be disqualified for the office of director of the Company by reason of any contract between him and the Company for any loan of money to the Company but no director of the Company being a member of any such local board corporation or public body shall vote upon any question with reference to any contract with such local board corporation or public body.

Powers as to  
maintenance  
and con-  
struction of  
gasworks.

**24.** Subject to the provisions and for the purposes of this Act the Company may enter upon take and use the lands described in the Schedule to this Act and delineated on the deposited plans or any part or parts thereof and may upon those lands from time to time erect lay down provide maintain alter improve enlarge extend and renew or discontinue gasworks and other works for the manufacture of gas and convert or utilise and distribute materials used in and about the manufacture of gas and of residual products resulting from such manufacture and upon those lands they may accordingly manufacture gas and manufacture convert utilise and distribute such materials and residual products as aforesaid and also on those lands store gas and the Company may also from time to time provide lay down maintain alter improve enlarge extend and renew or discontinue mains pipes meters lamps lamp-posts burners stopcocks machinery and other works and apparatus and con-



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conveniences and may do all such other acts as they may think proper for making storing and supplying gas within the gas limits of this Act and may supply gas accordingly and may deal in and sell and dispose of coke lime tar chemicals and other residual and manufactured products and carry on the business usually carried on by gas companies or by companies or persons dealing in any of the matters and things aforesaid and may manufacture purchase or hire and supply gas meters fittings and other apparatus.

**25.** For the protection of Surrey county bridges and other property be it enacted as follows :—

For the protection of the Surrey county bridges.

1. No line of pipes shall be carried over under or along any bridge belonging to or under the control of Her Majesty's justices of the peace for the county of Surrey or the approaches thereto so as to impair the structure of any such bridge or approach or to interfere unnecessarily with the traffic thereon and any works affecting such bridge or approach shall be constructed according to plans and specifications previously submitted to and signed by the surveyor for the time being of the county of Surrey and the said works shall be executed under the superintendence of the said surveyor and to his reasonable satisfaction and shall be thereafter maintained by the Company at their own expense and under such superintendence as aforesaid provided that if the said surveyor neglect to signify his approval or disapproval to the said plans and specifications during one month after the same shall have been submitted to him such neglect or omission shall be deemed an approval.
2. Notwithstanding anything in this Act contained the Company shall be responsible for and make good to the said justices all costs losses damages and expenses to which they may be put or sustain by reason of the execution or failure of any of the intended works or of any act or omission of the Company or of any of their contractors agents workmen or servants or any of the persons in their employ or in the employ of their contractors or others and the Company shall effectually indemnify and hold harmless the justices from all claims and demands upon or against them by reason of such execution or failure or of any such act or omission.
3. The costs charges and expenses of and incident to the approval of the said plans and specifications and the superintendence of the works shall be paid by the Company. |

**26.** In the event of the gasworks being erected on the lands described in the schedule to this Act or on the site shown on the

Compensation to be made in

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respect of  
property  
near gas-  
works.

deposited plans the Company shall make proper compensation to Lady Josceline Percy, and George Martin Hughes, and all other owners lessees and occupiers of dwelling-houses within 300 yards of the gasworks for all loss, damage, and injury they or any of them may sustain by reason of the erection of the gasworks, and the use and working thereof, and the amount of such compensation shall in case of difference be settled by arbitration in manner provided by the Public Health Act 1875.

Power to  
lay pipes  
against  
buildings.

**27.** The Company with the consent of the owner and occupier of any building may lay any pipe branch or any other necessary apparatus from any gas main or branch pipe into through or against such building for the purposes of lighting it and may with the like consent 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 with the like consent repair replace alter discontinue and remove any such pipe branch or apparatus.

Power to  
supply gas  
fittings and  
engines and  
other appa-  
ratus.

**28.** The Company may buy or hire and may supply sell or let to consumers of gas within the gas limits of this Act for use upon premises belonging to or occupied by such consumers burners tubes and stoves or ranges for heating or cooking by means of gas and any other materials or fittings for the use of gas for domestic or other purposes and also engines and machines for domestic agricultural manufacturing industrial or any other purposes whatever to be worked by means of gas for the production of motive power and any materials or fittings to be used in connexion therewith.

Charges for  
fittings, &c.

**29.** The Company may charge for any fittings engines or other things supplied sold or let under the powers of this Act such price rent or sum as may be agreed upon between the Company and the other party to any such agreement.

Power to  
take licenses  
&c.

**30.** The Company may subject to the provisions of this Act (but only for the purposes of the Company within the gas limits of this Act and not so as to acquire any exclusive right therein) contract for take and use any leave license or authority to work use exercise and put in practice any invention under letters patent heretofore made or hereafter to be made granting any right or privilege of working using or vending any invention in relation to the manufacture production and distribution of light by means of gas or the conversion manufacture or utilisation of any products obtainable in or arising from such manufacture or production or from the materials used therein and for any such purpose as aforesaid may purchase construct maintain and use all such apparatus and appliances connected with the manufacture of gas and with the manu-



facture or distillation of the products and residuals arising from or out of the manufacture of gas as they may require or deem necessary or expedient for efficiently and economically carrying on their undertaking. A.D. 1882.

**31.** The price to be charged by the Company for gas supplied by them to persons who shall burn the same by meter shall not at any time exceed six shillings per thousand cubic feet for gas supplied within a radius of two miles from the Company's gasworks for the time being or seven shillings per thousand cubic feet for gas supplied beyond that radius. Limiting the price of gas.

**32.** All gas supplied by the Company to any consumer of gas shall be supplied at such pressure as to balance a column of water from midnight to sunset not less than six tenths of an inch and from sunset to midnight not less than eight tenths of an inch in height at the main as near as may be to the junction therewith of the service pipe supplying such consumer and any gas examiner appointed under the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 may subject to the terms of his appointment from time to time test the pressure at which the gas is supplied and may for that purpose open any street road passage or place vested in or under the control of any local or road authority and the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act 1871 with reference to testing of gas and of penalties shall mutatis mutandis apply to such testing of pressure and two hours previous notice shall be given to the Company of the time and place at which such testing shall be conducted. Pressure of gas.

**33.** The prescribed number of candles shall be fifteen. Quality of gas.

**34.** Within twelve calendar months from the passing of this Act a testing place shall be provided upon some part of the gasworks of the Company. Testing place.

**35.** The prescribed burner shall be any burner for the time being approved for this purpose by the Board of Trade for the testing of gas in the metropolis or if there be no such burner then Suggs' No. 1 London Argand burner consuming five cubic feet of gas per hour with a six-inch by one-and-three-quarter inch glass chimney and if at any time the gas flame rises above the top of the glass a six-inch by two-inch chimney shall be used. Burner.

**36.** 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, and for the purposes of section 127 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 the prescribed period shall be seven years from the passing of this Act. Period for compulsory purchase of lands.

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Power to  
purchase  
lands by  
agreement.

**37.** The Company may for any of the purposes of their undertaking purchase and hold (by agreement but not otherwise) in addition to the lands delineated on the deposited plans and described in the deposited book of reference any lands and hereditaments not exceeding in the whole five acres which the Company may from time to time require for the purposes of their works and undertaking but no lands shall be used for the manufacture of gas or residual products except the lands described in the schedule to this Act and no buildings other than buildings for gas purposes shall be erected upon such lands.

Power to  
take ease-  
ments &c.  
by agree-  
ment.

**38.** Persons empowered by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 to sell and convey or release lands may if they think fit subject to the provisions of that Act and of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts Amendment Act 1860 and of this Act grant to the Company any easement right or privilege in over or affecting any lands (not being an easement right or privilege of water) required for the purposes of this Act in over or affecting any such lands and the provisions of the said Acts with respect to lands and rent-charges as far as the same are applicable in this behalf shall extend and apply to such grants or to such easements rights or privileges as aforesaid.

Power to  
sell or let  
meters.

**39.** The Company may from time to time sell and dispose of gas meters or let meters on hire upon and subject to such terms (pecuniary and otherwise) and conditions as the Company think fit.

Company to  
pay interest  
on money  
deposited as  
security for  
gas meter &c.

**40.** If any person is required by the Company to give to them security for the payment of the price or rent of a meter the Company shall pay interest after the rate of five pounds per centum per annum on every sum of ten shillings deposited by way of such security for every six months during which the same remains in their hands.

Entry on  
premises  
to cut off  
supply in  
certain  
cases.

**41.** In all cases in which the Company are by this Act authorised to cut off the pipe or to turn off gas from any premises the Company their agents and workmen (after giving notice to the owner or occupier as herein-after provided) may enter into such premises between the hours of nine in the forenoon and four in the afternoon for the purpose of cutting off any pipe by which the gas of the Company shall be supplied to such premises.

Mode of  
giving  
notice.

**42.** The notice to be given previously to such entry shall be in writing and shall be served in manner following (that is to say):

If the premises intended to be entered be occupied then by leaving the notice thereat or by delivering the same to the occupier thereof twenty-four hours at least previously to such entry;



If such premises be unoccupied and the owner thereof and his usual place of abode be in England and be known to the Company then by delivering the notice to such owner or by leaving the same at his usual place of abode twenty-four hours or by sending the same by post in a registered letter addressed to him at his usual place of abode and posted forty-eight hours at least previously to such entry ;

If such premises be unoccupied and the owner thereof or his usual place of abode be not in England or be not known to the Company after due inquiry then by affixing the notice on some conspicuous part of such premises three days at least previously to such entry ;

And for the purposes of this section any person receiving the rents of any such premises either on his own account or as agent for any other person shall be deemed the owner of such premises.

43. All fittings connected with any service gas pipe to communicate with the mains and pipes of the Company which shall be provided by any person shall be placed and removed under the superintendence of the Company and at the expense of such person.

Service  
pipes.

44. The Company by their agents or workmen after forty-eight hours notice in writing under the hand of the secretary or some other officer of the Company to the occupier or if there is no occupier then to the owner or lessee of any house building or lands in which any pipe meter or fitting belonging to the Company is laid or fixed and through or in which the supply of gas is from any cause other than the neglect or default of the Company or their servants discontinued may enter such house building or lands between the hours of nine in the morning and four in the afternoon or at any other time with the authority in writing of a justice for the purpose of removing and may remove every such pipe meter and fitting repairing all damages caused by such entry or removal and every notice required by this section shall be served by being delivered to the person for whom it is intended or left at his usual or last known place of abode or business in England or if such person or his usual place of abode or business in England is not known to the Company after proper inquiry then by being affixed for not less than forty-eight consecutive hours on some conspicuous part of such house building or lands.

Power to  
remove  
meters and  
fittings.

45. Before any person connects or disconnects any meter through which any of the gas of the Company is intended to be or has been registered he shall give not less than twenty-four hours notice in writing to the Company of his intention to do so and any person

Notice to  
Company of  
putting up  
meters &c.

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Repair of meters.

46. Every consumer of gas of the Company shall at all times at his own expense keep all meters belonging to him whereby any gas of the Company is registered in proper order for correctly registering such gas in default whereof the Company may cease to supply gas through such meters and the Company shall at all reasonable times have access to and be at liberty to take off remove test inspect and replace any meter belonging to a consumer such taking off removal testing and inspecting and replacing to be done at the expense of the Company if the meter be found in proper order but otherwise at the expense of the consumer.

Register of meter to be primâ facie evidence.

47. The register of the meter when in perfect working order shall be primâ facie evidence of the quantity of gas consumed by any customer of the Company in respect of which any gas rate or rent is charged and sought to be recovered by the Company.

Fraudulently injuring meters &c.

48. If any person wilfully fraudulently or by culpable negligence injures or suffers to be injured any pipe meter or fitting belonging to the Company or fraudulently alters the index to any meter or fraudulently prevents any such index from duly registering the quantity of gas supplied he shall (without prejudice to any other right or remedy for the protection of the Company or the punishment of the offender) for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds and the Company may in addition thereto recover the amount of any damages sustained by them and the Company may also discontinue the supply of gas to the person so offending until the injury is remedied and the amount of the damages is paid notwithstanding any contract previously existing and the existence of artificial means for causing such alteration or prevention when such pipe meter or fitting is under the custody or control of the consumer shall be primâ facie evidence that the same has been fraudulently caused by the customer using such pipe meter or fitting.

Incoming tenant not liable for arrears.

49. The Company shall not be entitled to require from the incoming tenant of any property the payment of arrears of gas rate or rent or meter rent left unpaid by any former tenant unless the incoming tenant has undertaken with such former tenant to pay or exonerate him from the payment of such arrears.

Recovery of sums due.

50. If any person fails to pay any gas rent meter rent rate damages or costs then if the amount thereof is not bonâ fide disputed the same may be levied by distress (the person in default being first duly summoned) and any justice may issue his warrant



accordingly and the remedies of the Company under this section shall be in addition to their other remedies for recovery of any such rent rate damages costs expenses or other sum. A.D. 1882.

**51.** A notice to the Company from a consumer for the discontinuance of a supply of gas shall not be of any effect unless it be in writing and be left at the principal office for the time being of the Company. Notice of discontinuance.

**52.** A justice or a judge of any court shall not (except as in this Act expressly provided) be disqualified from acting in the execution of this Act by reason of his being liable to the payment of any gas rent meter rent rate or charge under this Act. Liability to gas rent not to disqualify justices &c.

**53.** Any summons or 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. Contents of summons &c.

**54.** Any justice who issues a warrant of distress for any of the purposes of this Act may order that the costs of the proceedings for recovery of the money to be levied be paid by the person liable to pay such money and in that case such costs shall be ascertained by the justice and shall be included in the warrant of distress. Costs of distress.

**55.** Penalties imposed for one and the same offence by several Acts of Parliament shall not be cumulative and for this purpose this Act and any Act incorporated wholly or in part with this Act shall be deemed several Acts. Penalties not cumulative.

**56.** All costs charges and expenses of and incidental to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act or otherwise in relation thereto shall be paid by the Company. Costs of Act.

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SCHEDULE.

## THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING ACT.

*Gas Lands.*

A certain plot of land (consisting of pasture field and plantation) containing three acres or thereabouts part of the Silwood Estate belonging or reputed to belong to and in the occupation of William Quilter and which plot of land is situate in the parish of Sunninghill in the county of Berks and is bounded on the north-west by the Bagshot Road on the north-east by the London and South-western Railway and on every other side thereof by other lands belonging or reputed to belong to and in the occupation of the said William Quilter.

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