



CHAPTER ix.

An Act to authorise the Bristol Gas Company to purchase lands to erect works for the storage of gas to sell certain lands and for other purposes. A.D. 1892.
[20th May 1892.]

WHEREAS the Bristol Gas Company (herein-after called the Company) were authorised by the Bristol United Gas Light Company's Act 1873 to erect works for the storage of gas and to store gas upon certain lands described in Part 2 of the Second Schedule to that Act and the Company have erected works for the storage of gas upon part of such lands and have acquired other lands immediately adjoining for the purpose of enlarging the site thereof and are now desirous of purchasing other lands also adjoining for the purpose of further enlarging the said site and it is expedient that the Company be empowered to purchase such other lands and to erect works for the storage of gas upon such additional lands: 36 Vict.
c. lviii.

And whereas the Company were also authorised by the said Act of 1873 for the purposes of their undertaking to purchase take and hold (by agreement but not otherwise) in addition to the lands described in the said Second Schedule any lands and hereditaments not exceeding twenty-five acres which the Company might from time to time require for the purposes of their works and undertaking but that no part of such lands should be used by the Company for the purposes of manufacturing gas or the conversion of residual products nor for storing gas without the previous consent in writing of the owner lessee and occupier of every dwelling-house situate within three hundred yards thereof:

And whereas the consumption of gas increases very largely every year in the district of the Company and they are under obligation to furnish a supply of gas in all parts of their district when and wherever demanded and there is very great difficulty in securing suitable sites for the erection of gasworks within the district:

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And whereas certain lands suitable for the erection of gasworks have at various times been offered to the Company and the Company in anticipation of lands for such purposes being required at an early date purchased the same intending to apply to Parliament for powers to construct gasworks thereon when necessary but the Company do not now intend to use all the lands so purchased for such purposes and it is expedient that the Company should be empowered to re-sell such lands so far as they may not be required for the purposes of their undertaking at such times and in such portions by auction or otherwise as may be most advantageous to the Company and that the Company be empowered to retain and hold such of the said lands as can be usefully applied to the erection of works for storing purposes and it is expedient that the Company be authorised to erect upon portions of the lands so retained all such works machinery and apparatus as may be necessary for the storing of gas thereon :

And whereas it is expedient that the Company be authorised to purchase by agreement but not otherwise from time to time additional lands for the general purposes of their undertaking :

And whereas plans showing the lands proposed to be purchased for the erection of works for the storing and distributing of gas with a book of reference to the owners and lessees or reputed owners and lessees and to the occupiers of such lands have been deposited for public inspection with the clerk of the peace for the city and county of Bristol at his office in Bristol and with the clerk of the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob (out) in the city and county of Bristol at his place of abode :

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament :

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say) :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Bristol Gas Company's Act 1892.

Incorporation of Acts.

2. The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts and the Gasworks Clauses Acts 1847 and 1871 are incorporated with and form part of this Act.

Purchase of lands.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Act the Company may for the purposes of their undertaking enter upon take and use the lands delineated upon the deposited plans and described in the deposited

book of reference in the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob (out) in the city and county of Bristol. A.D. 1892.

4. The Company shall not under the powers of this Act take ten or more houses which after the passing of this Act have been or on the fifteenth day of December last were occupied either wholly or partially by persons belonging to the labouring class as tenants or lodgers. Restriction on taking houses of labouring class.

For the purpose of this section the expression "labouring class" means and includes mechanics artisans labourers and others working for wages hawkers costermongers persons not working for wages but working at some trade or handicraft without employing others except members of their own family and persons (other than domestic servants) whose income does not exceed an average of thirty shillings a week and the families of any such persons who may be residing with them.

5. If any omission misstatement or erroneous description shall have been made of any lands or of the owners lessees or occupiers of any lands described on the plans or book of reference mentioned in this Act or in the schedule to this Act it shall be lawful for the Company after giving ten days notice to the owners lessees and occupiers of the lands affected by such proposed correction to apply to two justices for the correction thereof and if it shall appear to such justices that such omission misstatement or erroneous description arose from mistake they shall certify the same accordingly and they shall in such certificate state the particulars of any such omission and in what respect any such matter shall have been misstated or erroneously described and such certificate shall be deposited with the clerk of the peace for the city and county of Bristol and with the clerk of the parish of St. Philip and St. Jacob (out) in the city and county of Bristol in which the lands affected thereby are situate and thereupon such plans book of reference or schedule shall be deemed to be corrected according to such certificate and it shall be lawful for the Company to make the works in accordance with such certificate. Errors and omissions in plans &c. may be corrected by two justices.

6. The Company may upon the lands aforesaid and certain other lands adjoining and belonging to the Company (the whole of which are described in the First Schedule to this Act) erect all such works as may be necessary for or incidental to the storing and distributing of gas but no such lands shall be used for manufacturing gas or for the conversion of residual products. Storage of gas.

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Sale of
surplus
lands.

7. The Company may sell and dispose of any of the lands acquired by them by agreement and now held by them but not required for the purposes of their undertaking at such times and in such portions by auction or otherwise as may be most advantageous to the Company and may hold and retain such other portions as may be useful or necessary for the general purposes of the Company not connected with the manufacture or storage of gas or the conversion of residual products.

Additional
works.

8. The Company may upon the lands described in the Second Schedule to this Act situate in the parish of Bedminster in the city and county of Bristol and belonging to the Company erect all such works machinery and apparatus as may be applicable to or necessary for the storing and distributing of gas but shall not manufacture gas thereon.

Lands for
extra-
ordinary
purposes.

9. The Company may for the purposes of their undertaking and in addition to the lands and hereditaments which they are authorised to purchase by section 6 of their Act of 1873 purchase by agreement but not otherwise and hold any further quantity of land not exceeding at any one time fifteen acres but shall not create or permit any nuisance or manufacture gas or residual products on the said lands.

Limit of
time for sale
of super-
fluous lands.

10. In the case of lands acquired by compulsion the prescribed period within the meaning of section 127 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 shall be six years from the passing of this Act.

Costs of Act.

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

SCHEDULES.

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SCHEDULE I.

LANDS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES.

A piece of land containing by admeasurement two roods and fourteen perches or thereabouts bounded as to the part thereof on the north by houses in Folly Lane on the south and east by land of or reputed to belong to the Company and on the west by Folly Lane and as to the remainder on the north and east by land of or reputed to belong to the Company on the south by Barton Hill (or St. George's) Lane and on the west by Folly Lane.

Extension at
Barton Hill.

SCHEDULE II.

LANDS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES.

A piece of land at Bedminster containing by admeasurement eleven acres and thirty-seven perches or thereabouts bounded on the north by land of or reputed to belong to the Company on the south by land belonging or reputed to belong to Sir John H. Grevile Smyth Bart. on the east by the Malago Stream and on the west partly by land of or reputed to belong to the Company and partly by land belonging or reputed to belong to Sir J. H. Grevile Smyth Bart.

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