lands, houses, and property, in respect of which compulsory powers are proposed to be applied for as aforesaid, together with books of reference to such several plans, containing the names of the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and occupiers of such lands, houses, and other property, and a copy of this notice as published in the Edinburgh Gazette will, on or or before the thirtieth day of November instant, be deposited for public inspection in the Office at Ayr, of the principal Sheriff-Clerk of the County of Ayr, and with the Schoolmaster, or, if there be no Schoolmaster, with the Session-Clerk of the Parish of Ayr, at the usual place of abode of such Schoolmaster or Session-Clerk, and with the Town-Clerk of the Royal Burgh of Ayr, at his office in Ayr.

And Notice is Further Given, that printed copies of the said Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the twenty-first day of December next.

Dated this 13th day of November 1872.

JOHN POLLOCK,

Town-Clerk, Ayr.

GRAHAMES & WARDLAW, 30, Great George Street, Westminster.

In Parliament.—Session 1873.

EUROPEAN ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Repeal or Amendment of Proviso to Section 7. of the European Assurance Society Arbitration Act, 1872, as to Reserved Fund—Provisions as to that Fund and its Application—Agreement with Lords of the Treasury and Public Departments—Interpretation of expression 'absorbed Companies' in Act of 1872—Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is Hereby Given, That Application, by the authority of the Right Honourable Richard, Baron Westbury, the Arbitrator appointed by the European Assurance Society Arbitration Act, 1872, is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session for leave to bring in a Bill for the following purposes, or some of them; that is to say:—

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1. To repeal or amend so much of section 7 of the European Assurance Society Arbitration Act, 1872 (in this notice called 'the Act of 1872'), as provides that nothing therein contained shall affect the Reserved Fund and the application thereof under the Act, in that section referred to as the recited Act, meaning the European Assurance Society Act, 1859 (in the Act of 1872 called by mistake 'the European Assurance Society's Act, 1869'); and to make other provision and confer further powers upon the Arbitrator under the Act of 1872, with reference to the Reserved Fund and the application thereof; and to authorize, sanction, and give effect to agreements made or to be made by or on behalf of the Joint Official Liquidator, or the Liquidator or Liquidators for the time being of the European Assurance Society, and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any Public Department, with reference to the said Reserved Fund or the application thereof.

2. To remove doubts as to the meaning and interpretation of the expression 'the absorbed Companies' in the Act of 1872; and to declare that the provisions of that Act extend and apply

to the Equitable Provident Institution, the Industrial and General Life Assurance and Friendly Society, the People's Provident Assurance Society, the Commercial Life Assurance Company, and the Town and County Fire Insurance Company (although not expressly named in the Act of 1872), and their respective affairs, creditors, debtors, shareholders, and contributories; and to declare that the said three Companies or bodies are absorbed Companies within the meaning of the Act of 1872.

3. To declare and provide that the expression 'absorbed Companies' in the Act of 1872 further includes every Company, Association, Society or Partnership (whether legally constituted a Company or not) by or in the name or on behalf of which at any time any agreement or arrangement has been made and acted on for a transfer of business to, or amalgamation or union with, or absorption into, any of the Scheduled Companies, within the Act of 1872.

4. To amend in the above respects the Act of 1872, and, so far as may be necessary, the European Assurance Society's Act, 1859, or some of the provisions thereof respectively.

5. Printed copies of the Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the 21st day of December 1872.

Dated this 26th day of November 1872.

By Order of the Arbitrator.

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In Parliament.—Session 1873.

GAS WORKS CLAUSES ACTS, 1847 AND 1871, AMENDMENT BILL.

(Provisions for Alteration of Authorised Price and Illuminating Power; Amendments of Act.)

A PPLICATION is intended to be made to Parliament, in the next session thereof, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the powers of the Gas Works Clauses Act, 1847 (Public Acts 10 Vict., cap. 71), and the Gas Works Clauses Act, 1871 (34 and 35 Vict., cap. 41), especially with respect to the fixing the illuminating power and the price of gas.

It is intended by the said Bill to extend to the various gas companies in the United Kingdom the provisions contained in sections 57 to 70 (both inclusive) of the City of London Gas Act, 1868 (31 and 32 Vict., cap. 125), with respect to the revision of the scale of the illuminating power and price of gas supplied, subject to such modification of those provisions as may be applicable to gas companies other than those within the City of London, and subject to such other modifications as the Bill shall define.

The Bill will enable any Gas Company in the United Kingdom, after such notices to the local authorities, and under such conditions as the Bill shall prescribe, to apply to the Local Government Board or to the Board of Trade for such revision, and it will enable one or the other of such Boards