

issue of new shares or stock, and to attach to such new shares or stock, or some of them (if the Company think fit) guaranteed or preferential interest or dividend, and other special privileges; to alter the number and amount of the existing shares and stock of the Company, and to classify and regulate the same; to consolidate and convert the existing stock and shares of the Company; to borrow money on mortgage bond or otherwise, to create and issue debenture stock, and to alter the qualification by possession of shares or stock of directors of the Company.

To purchase, compulsorily or by agreement, the reversion and fee simple or other estate and interest of and in certain lands situate in the parish of Aston and county of Warwick, and now occupied by the Company as the site of their gas works, which lands are bounded on the north by the River Rea, on the east by the Birmingham and Warwick Canal, on the south by the property of Sir Edward Sherlock Gooch, Baronet, demised to Samuel Walker, and on the west by Lower Fazely-street.

To purchase, compulsorily or by agreement, and to erect, construct, and maintain works for the manufacturing and storing of gas, or other means of artificial illumination and other works, with all requisite buildings and conveniences upon the lands hereinafter described, or some part or parts thereof; that is to say:

A. A piece of land, with two cottages and buildings thereon, situate in the parish of Handsworth and in the township of Smethwick, in the parish of Harborne and county of Stafford, in the occupation of John Fenton, James Poole, John Shaw, and John Shaw the younger, and containing  $18\frac{1}{2}$  acres or thereabouts, bounded on the north and north-west by the public highway leading from Handsworth towards Smethwick and Oldbury, on the east by the public highway leading from Handsworth to Smethwick, and on the south by a newly constructed road connecting the aforesaid two public highways.

B. A piece of land situate in the parish of Aston, in the county of Warwick, in the occupation of William Loveridge, Abel Rollason, Richard Fowler, John Billings, John Pywell, and Charles Kesterton, and containing 20 acres or thereabouts, bounded on the north by the Birmingham and Fazely Canal, on the east by the public highway leading from the village of Erdington to Ward End and Little Bromwich, on the south by the Midland Railway, and on the west by the River Tame.

C. A piece of land situate in the parish of Aston and county of Warwick, in the occupation of Benjamin Rose, the Midland Railway Company, John Pywell and William Loveridge, and containing 17 acres or thereabouts, bounded on the north by the Midland Railway, on the east by the said public highway leading from Erdington to Ward End and Little Bromwich, and by lands of Mrs. Sarah Bardell and John Cox, on the south by the public highway leading out of the last-mentioned highway towards Birmingham, and on the west by lands of Thomas Lane and the trustees of Water Orton Chapel.

And it is also intended by the said Bill to extend the limits within which the Company are now empowered to supply gas to the parishes, townships and places following, that is to say:

To the parish of Aston juxta Birmingham, in the county of Warwick; the parishes of Handsworth and Harborne, and the township of Smeth-

wick, all in the county of Stafford; and the parishes of King's Norton, Northfield, and Yardley, all in the county of Worcester; and to enable the Company to supply gas and other means of illumination for public and private purposes within such extended limits, to lay down mains, pipes, and other works and apparatus, and to cross, divert, break up, alter, or stop up, so far as may be requisite or desirable for the purposes of the Company, any streets, roads, highways, bridges, railways, tramways, sewers, drains, rivers, streams, watercourses, paths, passages, and places within the extended limits, and to apply to such limits the provisions of "The Birmingham Gas Act, 1855:"

To empower the Company to levy within the extended limits rates, rents, and charges for the sale and supply of gas, and other means of artificial illumination, and the sale and hire of gas meters and fittings, to vary the existing rates, rents, and charges of the Company, and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from the payment of such rates, rents, and charges, and other rights and privileges.

To enable the Company and the Birmingham and Staffordshire Gas Light Company, or any other Company authorised to supply gas within the present or extended limits of the Company, to enter into and execute agreements for the amalgamation of the undertakings of the Companies so agreeing, or in any way relating to the respective undertakings of such Companies:

To enable the Company to sell to the mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of the borough of Birmingham (hereinafter called the Corporation), and to enable the Corporation to purchase and hold the Company's undertaking, with the land and other property belonging thereto, and all rights, powers, and privileges connected therewith; and for the purpose of such purchase to empower the Corporation to apply their corporate funds and to raise money by borrowing on the security of the borough fund and borough rates, or other security.

To authorise the Company from time to time to contract with any local board, trustees of any turnpike or other road, highway board, or any other corporation, body, or persons for the supply of gas by the Company for public purposes; and to empower any such board, trustees, corporation, body, or persons to apply for the purposes of such contract, any money which they have, or are authorized to raise by rates or otherwise.

To incorporate (wholly or partially) "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Companies Clauses Act, 1863," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," "The Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts (Amendment) Act, 1860," and "The Gas Works Clauses Act, 1847," or some or one of those Acts; and (so far as may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of the Company) to amend, alter, or repeal any of the provisions of those Acts, and also of an Act of the 6th year of the reign of his late Majesty King George IV, intituled "An Act to establish an additional Company for more effectually lighting with gas the town of Birmingham and certain other parishes and places in the counties of Warwick and Stafford;" another Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the 8th and 9th years of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to Enlarge the Powers of the Birmingham and Staffordshire Gas Light Company;" another Act of the 21st year of the reign of her present Majesty, being "An Act to Empower the said Company to raise further Monies;" and another Act of the 27th and 28th years of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "The