

thereof, the payment of dividends thereon, and keeping of books and accounts in relation thereto.

To make provision for the granting of stock certificates with coupons entitling the bearer to the dividends and for the transfer of stock by the delivery of stock certificates.

To provide for the formation of a fund for the purposes of paying the dividends and extinction of stock, and for contributions to such fund from the several funds, accounts, revenues, rents, and rates of the Corporation.

On the sale of lands or property of the Corporation charged with the said stock or other securities, to free such land or property from such charge.

To detach or sever so much of the said parishes of Claines and Hallow as are intended to be added to the city from the Droitwich Poor Law Union, and from the Martley Poor Law Union respectively, and to add the same to the Worcester Poor Law Union, and to apply to the guardians of the poor of the said Worcester Union, as proposed to be extended to the exclusion of any other Board of Guardians, all the powers, duties, rights and jurisdiction exercisable by or attaching to Boards of Guardians under acts relating to the relief of the poor, and to alter or rearrange the districts of the Superintendent Registrars and the registrars of births, deaths, and marriages of the said Droitwich Poor Law Union, the said Martley Poor Law Union, and the said Worcester Poor Law Union respectively. And to provide for the settlement and adjustment of all doubts or differences, and the apportionment of any rights, powers and liabilities that may arise in relation to the premises.

To authorise the Corporation to borrow money for any of the purposes of the intended Act, and to charge the same on the city fund, and city rate, district fund, and general district rate, and the estates, rates, revenue and other property of the Corporation, or any of such securities, and to execute mortgages in respect thereof.

To empower the Council of the city to alter the day of election of such of the guardians of the Hop Market of the city as are elected by the Corporation.

To make better provision for the prosecution of offences and recovery of penalties, and for the application of the penalties, and to make better provision for the proof of debts in bankruptcy or insolvency.

To authorise the Corporation to levy tolls, rates, rents, and charges, to increase or vary, extinguish tolls, rates, rents, and charges, and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from payment of tolls, rates, rents, and charges, and to alter the incidence of rating, and to authorise differential rating in some part or parts of the extended city.

To confer upon the Corporation all powers, rights, authorities, and privileges which are or may become necessary for carrying the powers of the intended Act into execution, to vary and extinguish all rights and privileges inconsistent with or which would in any manner impede or interfere with the carrying into complete effect any of the objects and purposes of the intended Act, and to confer other rights and privileges.

To incorporate and apply with or without amendment or render inapplicable all or some of the following public Acts:—the Municipal Corporations Act, 1882; the Public Health Act, 1875; the Burial Acts, 1852 to 1871; the Public Libraries (England) Acts, 1855 to 1884; the Local Loans Act, 1875; the Bills of Exchange Act, 1882; the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1879; the Inland Revenue Act, 1880; the 24th and 25th Vic., chapter 98, the Forgery Act,

1870; the Elementary Education Act, 1870; the Act 6 and 7 William IV., chapter 86, relating to the registration of births, deaths, and marriages, and any Act amending the same respectively.

To alter, repeal, or amend the following local Acts, namely, 2 and 3 Anne, chapter 8; 3 George II., chapter 23; 4 George II., chapter 25; 4 George IV., chapter 69; 7 William IV.; and 1 Vic., chapter 58; the 12 and 13 Vic., chapter 94; and any other local Act in force within the city.

And notice is hereby further given, that on or before the 29th day of November instant, a map in duplicate, showing as well the present boundaries of the city as the boundaries of the proposed extension, will be deposited for public inspection with the town clerk of the city, at his office in the Guildhall, High-street, Worcester, and with the clerk of the Local Board for the district of Claines, at his office, at No. 81, High-street, Worcester.

Printed copies of the intended Act or Bill will be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons on or before the 20th day of December next.

Dated this 7th day of November, 1884.

Samuel Southall, Town Clerk, Guildhall, Worcester.

Sharpe, Parkers, Pritchard, and Sharpe, 9, Bridge-street, Westminster, Parliamentary Agents.

In Parliament.—Session 1885.

Runcorn Gas.

(Additional Capital; Application of Funds; Consolidation of Capital; Additional Lands; Construction of New and Maintenance of Old Works; Manufacture and Storage of Gas, and Residuals on Old and New Sites; Limits of Supply; Sale of Lands; Breaking up of Streets; Supply of Gas Meters, Stoves, &c.; Price of Gas and Dividends; Sliding Scale, Purity, Quality, and Pressure of Gas; Public Lighting; New Provisions respecting Regulation of Company; Rates, Rents, and Charges; Patent Rights; Incorporation and Amendment of Acts.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing year, by the Runcorn Gas Company (hereinafter called "the Company"), for leave to bring in a Bill (hereinafter called "the Bill") for all or some of the following amongst other purposes (that is to say):—

To authorise the Company to raise, for the purposes of the Bill and the general purposes of their undertaking, additional capital by the creation and issue of new ordinary and preference shares and stock, and by borrowing and by the creation and issue of debenture stock, or by any of such methods, and to attach to any such shares, stocks, or loans any preference or priority of dividend or interest, and to apply to the purposes aforesaid any capital, funds, or money now belonging to or authorised to be raised or borrowed by the Company, and to consolidate and arrange the shares and stocks of the Company.

To authorise the Company to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire by agreement, and to hold and use for the purposes of their undertaking, and in addition to the lands which they are empowered to purchase and hold by the Runcorn Gas Act, 1847, (hereinafter called "the Act of 1847"), the following lands (that is to say):

First.—A piece of land, containing 4 acres 19 perches or thereabouts, known as Culvert Meadow, situate in the township of Runcorn, in the parish of Runcorn, in the county of Chester,