

confer, vary and extinguish exemptions from the payment of rates, rents and charges respectively.

To empower the Company to lay down, maintain, take up, alter, repair, and renew mains, pipes, culverts, pillars, posts, and other works within the added area, and to open and break up roads, highways, streets, bridges, railways, tramways, sewers, drains, pipes, wires, tubes, and other apparatus and works therein, for the purposes of or connected with the supply of gas.

To authorise the Company to purchase and acquire, by compulsion or agreement, and to hold, for the purposes of their undertaking, the lands hereinafter described, that is to say:—

All that piece of meadow land or pasture in the parish of St. Alban, in the city of St. Alban, in the county of Hertford, and the parish of St. Stephen, in the rural district of St. Albans, in the same county, or one of them, containing 3 acres 2 roods and 30 perches or thereabouts, bounded towards the south-west by an imaginary line drawn in direct extension south-eastward of the south-western boundary of the land on which the gasworks of the Company stand, and abutting towards the north-west, partly on the works and lands of the Company and partly on lands and property belonging or reputed to belong to the London and North Western Railway Company towards the north-east on the St. Alban's Branch Railway of that Company, and towards the east or south-east on land belonging or reputed to belong to the Right Honourable the Earl of Verulam,

and upon that piece of land or any part or parts thereof to erect all or any such works and do all such acts and things as by Section 47 of the Act of 1870 they are empowered to erect and do on the site of the existing works of the Company, being the lands described in the Schedule to that Act.

To apply to the Company and their undertaking the provisions or some of the provisions of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871, with or without modifications.

To define the effect of registration by meters registering erroneously and the right of the Company or any consumer of gas as regards payments already made to the Company.

To enable the Company to apply their corporate funds and revenues for all or any of the purposes of the Bill, and to authorise them to raise for the general purposes of their undertaking, and for the purposes of any separate undertaking of the Company, to be constituted by or under the Bill additional capital by the creation of new shares or stock and by loans or debenture stock, or by any one or more of those methods, and to attach to such shares or stock any guarantee, preference, or priority of dividend, or other advantages or rights as the Bill may define.

To consolidate or convert or provide for the consolidation and conversion of all or any class or classes of the ordinary share capital of the Company into one class of shares or stock, and to fix and define the dividend to which such consolidated shares or stock shall be entitled, and by such means, and subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed or provided for by the Bill.

To alter and define the scale of voting at meetings of the Company and if necessary or thought desirable to declare and regulate the rights of voting of holders of shares or stock of the Company of different classes.

To amend the Act of 1870 so far as it relates

to the number of directors of the Company and to prescribe the future maximum and minimum number of such directors and if thought fit to alter and increase the qualification of directors of the Company.

To repeal or amend the provisions of the Act of 1870 and any Act or Acts incorporated therewith limiting the dividends to be paid on the capital or any class of the capital of the Company and in substitution thereof to enable the Company to pay dividends on the several classes of their capital or on the consolidated stock aforesaid according to the price for the time being charged by them for gas supplied to their consumers, and to repeal Section 78 (price of gas) of the Act of 1870 and in lieu thereof to prescribe a standard price for gas supplied by the Company or differential standard prices for gas supplied within the city or within a distance to be prescribed by the Bill of the Town Hall and for gas supplied beyond such distance.

To enable the Company if so agreed between them and the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of the city of St. Alban, in the county of Hertford (hereinafter called "the Corporation"), to accept from the Corporation a transfer of their powers, duties, liabilities, and works under the provisions of Article 59 of the St. Alban Electric Lighting Order, 1898, confirmed by the Electric Lighting Orders Confirmation (No. 7) Act, 1898, upon such terms and conditions and for such period as may be agreed or as may be required or approved by the Board of Trade, or as may be provided by the Bill, and either as to the whole or as to any part or parts of the area of supply, and in the event of such transfer to confer upon the Company all such powers as may be necessary in that behalf, and to enable the Company if they so think fit to constitute their Electric Lighting undertaking a separate undertaking, with separate and distinct capital and borrowing powers, and to prescribe the rate of dividend or interest to be paid on such separate capital, and the revenues out of which the same shall be paid, and to apportion or empower the Company to apportion their management and general expenses between the general undertaking of the Company and such separate undertaking.

To vary and extinguish all or any rights or privileges inconsistent with or which would interfere with any of the objects or purposes or provisions of the Bill, and to confer other rights and privileges.

To alter, amend, enlarge, and if need be repeal all or some of the provisions of the Act of 1870, and any other Act relating to or affecting the Company, or their undertaking.

And notice is hereby also given that a plan of the lands and other property which may be taken compulsorily under the powers of the Bill with a book of reference to such plan and a copy of this Notice as published in the London Gazette will on or before the 30th day of November instant be deposited for public inspection with the Clerk of the Peace for the county of Hertford at his office at Hertford; and with the Town Clerk of the city of St. Alban at his office, and with the Clerk of the Parish Council of the parish of St. Stephen aforesaid at his residence, or if there be no such clerk with the chairman of the said Parish Council at his residence.

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

Dated this 17th day of November, 1898.

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