

William Derry, the General Manager of the Company. (2) That the capital of the Company be increased from £6,000,000 to £10,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of £20 each. (3) That the Special Resolutions purporting to effect a change in the name of the Company, passed at meetings of the Company held on the 16th and 31st October, 1906, be rescinded, and that the name of the Company be changed to "United Counties Bank Limited." A copy of the Memorandum of Association referred to in the first of the above resolutions is set out in the schedule hereto. And further take notice, that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Warrington on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 1907, and any person interested in the said Company, whether as shareholder, creditor, or otherwise, desirous to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said alteration under the above Act should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for the purpose, and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Pinsent and Co., of No. 6, Bennetts-hill, Birmingham, and Messrs. Field, Roscoe and Co., of No. 36, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London, on payment of the regulated charges for the same.—Dated the 22nd day of March, 1907.

FIELD, ROSCOE, and CO., 36, Lincoln's-inn-fields, W.C.; Agents for

PINSENT and CO., Birmingham, Solicitors for the Company.

THE SCHEDULE.

Memorandum of Association of the Birmingham District and Counties Banking Company Limited.

1. The name of the Company is "The Birmingham District and Counties Banking Company Limited." 2. The registered office of the Company is situate in England. 3. The objects for which the Company is established are:—(a) To carry on the business of banking in all its branches and departments, including borrowing and receiving money on deposit, lending or advancing money on securities, discounting, buying, selling, and dealing in bills of exchange, promissory notes, coupons, drafts, bills of lading, warrants, debentures, certificates, scrip, and other instruments and securities, whether transferable or negotiable or not, issuing letters of credit, drafts, and circular notes, buying, selling, and dealing in bullion and specie, acquiring, holding, and dealing with stocks, funds, shares, debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations, securities, and investments of all kinds, receiving property deeds and documents for safe custody, negotiating loans and advances, collecting and transmitting money and securities, managing property, undertaking the public issue of loans, stocks, or shares, and transacting all other kinds of agency business commonly transacted by bankers. (b) To act as executor or as trustee of any property, or for any purpose, treasurer of any fund, corporation or association, or registrar for any municipal or other public body, company, trust, or association, and (c) to guarantee the payment of money or the performance of any obligation by any person, corporation or association. (d) To purchase, acquire, and undertake the whole as a going concern or any part of the business, property, goodwill, and liabilities of or to amalgamate the business of the Company with that of any person, partnership, or company carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on, or possessing property or rights suitable for any of the foregoing purposes of this Company, and to compensate for loss of office any person employed or holding office in connection with the business or property taken over. (e) To purchase, take on lease, or in exchange or otherwise acquire, any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient, or the acquisition of which may seem calculated to facilitate the realisation of any securities held by the Company, or to prevent or diminish any apprehended loss or liability. (f) To establish or promote any company for the purpose of acquiring any property or branch of business belonging to or carried on by the Company, or in which the Company is interested, or for any other purpose which may seem conducive to the Company's interest. (g) To take, or concur with others in taking, all such steps and proceedings whether or not, and involving any responsibility, as may seem best calculated to avert or minimise any financial crisis or disturbances which may affect the Company. (h) To establish and support, or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, or trusts calculated to benefit employes or ex-employes of the Company, or the dependants or connections of such persons, and to grant pensions, allowances, or donations to any persons who may have been in the employ of the Company, or in the employ of any persons or companies

whose business may be or may have been acquired by the Company, or to dependants or connections of any such persons. (i) To sell, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or deal with the whole or any part of the property, rights, and undertaking of the Company for the time being, and to accept as consideration for any such sale or disposition, or for services rendered, any shares, whether or not fully paid, obligations, or other property. (j) To carry on or undertake any business or transaction hereinbefore authorized in partnership, or as a joint adventure, or under any arrangement for sharing profits with any person, firm, association, or other company, and either as principal or agent, and in any part of the world. (k) Generally to do all other things incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them. 4. The liability of the members is limited. 5. The capital of the Company is £6,000,000, divided into 300,000 shares of £20 each, of which £10 per share is not capable of being called up except in the event of and for the purpose of the Company being wound up.

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In the Chancery of the County Palatine of Lancaster.—
Liverpool District,

In the Matter of MAXWELL'S TOBACCO IMPORTING COMPANY Limited and Reduced; and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1887; and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1877; and in the Matter of the Chancery of Lancaster Acts, 1850 to 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition presented to the Rt. Hon. the Chancellor of the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster, on the 8th day of March, 1907, for confirming a resolution reducing the capital of the above named Company from £100,000, divided into 7,500 preference shares and 2,500 ordinary shares of £10 each, to £81,000, divided into 6,610 preference shares of £10 each and 1,490 ordinary shares of £10 each, by cancelling capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets, is directed to be heard before the Vice Chancellor at St. George's Hall, in the city of Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 1907. Any creditor or shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the reduction of the capital of the said Company under the above Acts should appear at the time of hearing by himself, or his Counsel, for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished to any creditor or shareholder of the Company requiring the same, by the undersigned, on payment of the regulated charges for the same.—Dated this 22nd day of March, 1907.

HILL, DICKINSON, and CO., 10, Water-street,
Liverpool, Solicitors to the above named Company.

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The Electric Lighting Acts, 1892 and 1888.

BOROUGH OF SMETHWICK.

NOTICE is hereby given, that it is the intention of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Smethwick, in the county of Stafford (the successors of the Urban District Council of Smethwick) (hereinafter referred to as the Corporation), to transfer, by deed to be approved by the Board of Trade, the undertaking and all their rights, powers, authorities, obligations, duties, and liabilities as Undertakers under the Smethwick Electric Lighting Order, 1898 (hereinafter referred to as the Order) to the Birmingham and Midland Tramways Limited (hereinafter called the Company), and that a copy of the draft deed of transfer is deposited for public inspection during office hours at the principal office of the Undertakers, Town Hall, High-street, Smethwick, within the area of supply and that printed copies thereof will be supplied to every person demanding them at the price of sixpence for each copy. Notice is also given, that: (a) The area in respect of which the transfer is proposed to be made is the Urban District of Smethwick as the same was constituted at the commencement of the Order; (b) The period for which the transfer is proposed to be made is for a period of 35 years, computed from the 12th day of August, 1902, after which period, or of any subsequent period of 7 years, the Corporation may, by notice in writing, require the Company to re-transfer the Order, or until the Board of Trade may revoke the Order; (c) The pecuniary consideration in respect of the transfer is the payment by the Company to the Corporation of the sum of £724 7s. 11d., being the agreed costs, charges,