

such debenture stock a charge on the revenue of the Company, either ranking *pari passu* with, or subject to, any then existing or future mortgages or bonds of the Company, and to vary and alter the rights and privileges of the shareholders of the Company.

To prescribe, or to authorise the Company or the Directors thereof to prescribe, the amount, and number, and time, and mode, and terms of issue of the additional shares, or stock, or debenture stock, to be created under the said Bill, or by virtue thereof; and to authorise the sale of all or any of such shares or stock, or debenture stock, by auction or otherwise, and to prescribe the rate or rates of interest to be attached to such debenture stock, and the rate or rates of dividend to be attached to such shares or other stock, or any part thereof respectively, and either with or without any preference or priority in the payment of interest or dividend, and with any other special privileges or advantages, and either subject or not subject to any special conditions or restrictions which the Company, or the Directors thereof, may think expedient.

To enable the Company to convert their existing, and any future share capital, into stock.

To limit the amount of shares or stock in the existing and new capital or either of them, in respect of which proprietors may vote at meetings of the Company, and to repeal, alter, and amend the provisions of the said Act with respect to voting.

To make further provisions with respect to the regulation and augmentation of the capital of the Company, and to alter the time of holding the general meetings of the Company, and of declaring dividends, and to hold half-yearly instead of yearly meetings, and to vary or alter the rights and privileges of the existing shareholders of the Company.

To enable the Company to supply gas beyond the limits of the district described in section 25 of their existing Act, and for that purpose to extend their mains, pipes, and works into the townships of Killinghall and Ripley, in the parish of Ripley, in the West Riding of the county of York, and to enable the Company to break up turnpike roads and highways, and public and private streets, roads, railways, bridges, and places, and to lay down, maintain, alter, repair, and replace mains, and pipes, and construct works for storing and supplying gas in those townships, or either of them, and to light the public streets, roads, and places within such townships respectively, and also to supply public and other buildings, and public bodies, and also individuals within the same with gas, and to extend to such townships, or either of them, all the powers of the Company within their existing district, and to confer upon the Company all other necessary powers for supplying gas, and for the sale of coke, refuse, and other articles, and the carrying on the usual business of a Gas Company (including the manufacture, sale, and hire of gas meters and fittings) within such townships respectively, as well as within the existing district of the Company.

To enable the Company to levy, collect, and recover rents and charges for gas, and for the use of meters and fittings to be supplied by them under the powers of the said Bill, within their existing district, and the before-mentioned townships, or either of them, and to grant total or partial exemptions from the payment of such rents and charges, and to confer on the Company additional powers for the recovery of rents and charges for the supply of gas, and for the purchase or use of meters and gas fittings, and of other moneys due to the Company.

To extend to the objects of the said Bill all or some of the provisions of the existing Act of the Company, and to incorporate with the said Bill all or some of the provisions of "The Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1845," and of "The Gas Works Clauses Act, 1847," and any other provisions and Acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the objects mentioned in this notice, and intended to be provided for by the said Bill.

And notice is hereby also given, that it is intended by the said Bill, to enable the Company to sell or lease, and the Commissioners for the Improvement of High and Low Harrogate, acting under the 4th and 5th Victoria, cap. 16, or as a Local Board of Health, under the Public Health Act, 1848, and Local Government Act, 1858, or any of them, to purchase or accept a lease of the undertaking, lands, works, property, and powers of the Company, as well within the proposed new district, as within the existing district of the Company; and in the case of a purchase to enable the said Commissioners, or Local Board of Health, to borrow and raise money for the purpose of effecting such purchase on the credit of the gas undertaking so to be purchased, and also of any property belonging to the said Commissioners, or Local Board of Health, and also of any rates which the said Commissioners, or Local Board of Health, may have power, or be authorised by the said Acts, or under the said Bill, to assess, levy, and raise, within their district, or if it shall be so agreed, instead of paying or securing a gross sum of money to the Company or the shareholders thereof, for the purchase of the said undertaking, to grant to the shareholders thereof annuities redeemable or irredeemable as the consideration for such purchase, and to charge such annuities upon the undertaking so sold, and upon any such property and authorised and additional rates as aforesaid, or upon all or any of them; and in the case of a lease, to charge the rent or other consideration for the same, in like manner, with full and ample powers and remedies in either case for recovering and enforcing payment of such annuities or rent, and for the purpose of any such purchase or lease to enable the said Commissioners, or Local Board of Health, to assess, levy, and receive additional rates within their district, and to confer exemptions from the payment of such rates, and to confer, vary, and extinguish other rights, privileges, and exemptions. And also after such purchase or lease as aforesaid, to enable the said Commissioners, or Local Board of Health, to maintain and improve the said gas works, and to light the existing and new district of the Company, and to receive and recover rents and charges for the supply of gas within such districts, and to exercise therein all or any other powers which the Company would be entitled to exercise, or might have exercised, if such purchase by or lease to the said Commissioners, or Local Board of Health had not been made.

And in the case of a sale of the undertaking of the Company to the said Commissioners, or Local Board of Health, it is intended to insert in the said Bill, all necessary provisions for dissolving and winding up the affairs of the Company, and of distributing the assets thereof among the shareholders, and for ascertaining such shareholders or their representatives, and for the application of the shares of such as cannot be ascertained.

And it is intended by the said Bill as far as may be necessary for affecting all or any of the objects and purposes thereof, or otherwise, to repeal, alter, or amend all or some of the powers and provisions of the several Acts of Parliament following (that is to say): the 4th Victoria, cap. 16