

24th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 125, intituled "An Act for better Regulating the Supply of Gas to the Metropolis," and of an Act passed in the 31st and 32nd years of Her present Majesty, cap. 125, amending the last-mentioned Act; and also to alter, amend, extend, and enlarge, or repeal the whole or some of the powers and provisions of the several local and personal Acts of Parliament following, or some of them, that is to say, 31 and 32 Vic., cap. 106; and 33 and 34 Vic., cap. 121; and all other Acts relating to the Gas Light and Coke Company. 57 Geo. III., cap. 23; 22 and 33 Vic., cap. 52; and all other Acts relating to the City of London Gas Light and Coke Company. 1 and 2 Geo. IV., cap. 74; 10 Geo. IV., cap. 127; 10 and 11 Vic., cap. 53; 13 and 14 Vic., cap. 82: 15 and 16 Vic., cap. 155; 19 and 20 Vic., cap. 59; and all other Acts relating to the Commercial Gas Light and Coke Company. 5 and 6 Vic., cap. 36; and all other Acts relating to the Equitable Gas Light Company. 14 and 15 Vic., cap. 69, and all other Acts relating to the Great Central Gas Consumers Company. 10 Geo. IV., cap. 118; 27 and 28 Vic., cap. 162; and all other Acts relating to the Independent Gas Light and Coke Company. 15 and 16 Vic., cap. 82; 20 and 21 Vic., cap. 73; the London Gas Light Act, 1866: and all other Acts relating to the London Gas Light Company. 5 Geo. IV., cap. 78; 27 and 28 Vic., cap. 159; and all other Acts relating to the Phoenix Gas Light and Coke Company, 4 Geo. 4, cap. 98; 17 and 18 Vic., cap. 213; 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 12; and all other Acts relating to the Ratcliffe Gas Light and Coke Company. 15 and 16 Vic., cap. 42; 17 and 18 Vic., cap. 94; 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 186; 26 and 27 Vic., cap. 37; and all other Acts relating to the Surrey Consumers' Gas Company; 5 and 6 Vic., cap. 79; 28 and 29 Vic., cap. 14; 32 and 33 Vic., cap. 130; and all other Acts relating to the South Metropolitan Gas Light and Coke Company; 1 and 2 Geo. IV., cap. 117; 4 Geo. IV., cap. 95; 10 Geo. IV., cap. 12; 17 and 18 Vic., cap. 55; 29 and 30 Vic., cap. 352; 32 and 33 Vic., cap. 128; and all other Acts relating to the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company. The Crystal Palace District Gas Company's Acts, 1858 and 1862; and all other Acts relating to that Company. The Woolwich, Plumstead, and Charlton Consumers' Gas Company's Acts, 1855 and 1865; and all other Acts relating to that Company; and the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Act, 1856, the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Act, 1866; and all other Acts relating to the Wandsworth and Putney Gas Company. The Woolwich Equitable Gas Company's Act, 1855; and all other Acts relating to that Company. The Brentford Gas Act, 1858; The Brentford Gas Act, 1868; and all other Acts relating to the Brentford Gas Company. The West Ham Gas Company's Act, 1856; The West Ham Gas Company's Act, 1869; and all other Acts relating to the West Ham Gas Company. The Mitcham and Wimbledon Gas Act, 1867; and any other Act relating to the Mitcham and Wimbledon Gas Company. The several articles of association and Acts relating to the Western Gas Light Company Limited. The articles of association of, and all Acts relating to the Eltham Gas Light and Coke Company Limited. The articles of association of, and all Acts relating to the Mitcham, Merton, and Tooting Gas Company. Also to repeal all contracts and agreements entered into between the Companies, or any of them, and any body or persons for supplying gas, or for any other purpose.

To provide for the amalgamation into one or

more Companies, by compulsion or agreement, of all or any of the before-mentioned gas Companies, upon terms (failing agreement) to be settled by arbitration, and if Parliament shall so think fit to authorize all or any two or more of the amalgamating Companies to enter into any agreement or agreements in relation to any of the objects of the said Act, and to confirm all or any such agreements as may have been or may be entered into prior to the passing of the intended Act, and to vary or extinguish all existing rights or privileges which might in any way prevent or interfere with any of the objects of the intended Act, and to confer other rights and privileges, and to make such other provisions as may be necessary, proper, or convenient for carrying out the objects of the intended Act, and if need be to dissolve all or some of the Companies, so to be amalgamated and to incorporate a new Company or new Companies, and to vest or provide for the vesting in the new Company, or each of the new Companies respectively, all or some, or some part or parts respectively, of the undertakings, buildings, lands, machinery, mains, pipes, plant, property, and effects of every description of the amalgamating Companies, and all or some of the rights, powers, and privileges of, or belonging to or enjoyed by, the amalgamating Companies respectively, of what nature or kind soever, including the making and recovering of the rates, rents, and charges now leviable by those Companies or any of them, or other rates, rents, and charges in lieu thereof; and for enabling the new Company, or each new Company, to use, exercise, and enjoy all or any of those rights, powers, and privileges.

To make provisions with respect to all or some of the mortgage or bond, or other debts of all or some of the amalgamating Companies respectively, and for the security of all or some of their respective creditors and share and stockholders, and to regulate and define the rights and priority of such creditors, share and stockholders.

To alter the limits of the districts of the Companies or some of such districts, and extend, contract, define, and fix or provide for the extension contraction, and fixing of the limits of the district of the new Company, or of each new Company, and to provide for the reduction, regulation, fixing, and determining of the capital and borrowing powers of the new Company, or of each new Company, and the rights, privileges, preferences, and priorities of the proprietors therein, and of the different classes of such proprietors, as amongst themselves, in the capital of the new Company, or of each new Company, and the application of the revenues of the new Company, or of each new Company, from whatever source derived, and the fulfilment and discharge by the new Company, or by each new Company, of all or some of the contracts, agreements, or arrangements entered into, and liabilities incurred, by the amalgamating Companies, or any of them, or in any way relating to or affecting the limits or district of the new Company, or of each new Company, or any part or parts thereof, or the supply of gas therein.

To regulate and improve the quality and illuminating power of the gas to be supplied within the metropolis and adjacent districts, and the mode in which, and the pressure under which, and the price at which the gas shall be supplied, and the terms and conditions of the supply.

To regulate and improve the mode of testing: the illuminating power and quality of the gas, and to provide for charging the expense attending the same on the gas Companies, or some of them, and local authorities.