

To regulate the voluntary and compulsory supply of gas, and meters, and the amount and payment and recovery of gas rents and meter rents.

To alter and regulate the mode of keeping and rendering the accounts of the said Gas Companies, or some of them, and to provide for the inspection, analysis, audit, and publication of their accounts.

To reduce and regulate the capital and borrowing powers of the said Gas Companies, or any of them, and to limit their profits and dividends, and rates of dividend and rates of interest, and to repeal the power to apply surplus profits in the augmentation of previously declared dividends, and to alter and reduce the respective rates, rents, and charges of the said Gas Companies, and to create exemptions from the payment of such rates, rents, and charges.

To appoint officers for all or some of the purposes of the intended Act, and to confer on those officers full powers to enforce the provisions thereof, and to provide for the payment of such officers by the Companies or otherwise; and to repeal, alter, or amend the Act of 1868, with reference to the appointment of a chief gas examiner, and other gas examiners and gas referees, and other officers.

To regulate the property in and the execution of works relating to gas pipes, meters, lamps, and other apparatus for public lighting, and to compel the Companies to supply gas for public purposes by average meter indication.

To provide for the settlement, by arbitration or otherwise, of all differences relating to any of the subject matters of the intended act or incidental thereto.

To authorize the making of bye-laws by an Order in Council or otherwise, for the better regulation of the said Gas Companies, and for ensuring a cheaper and better supply of gas to the metropolis; and to impose penalties for any breach of such bye-laws.

To provide for the more summary recovery of penalties against the Gas Companies.

And all other necessary powers will be inserted in the said Bill for carrying into complete effect the objects and purposes aforesaid.

And notice is hereby also given, that in the event of the proposed Bill being introduced on petition, printed copies of the said 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 14th day of November, 1870.

By order,

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#### Walsall Improvement and Markets.

Power to Borrow Money; to Widen and Improve Streets; To Purchase Lands by Compulsion; To Compel Sewerage by Owners; Extension of Market; Alteration of Tolls and Regulation and Holding of Markets and Fairs; to Sell and Manufacture Residual Products from from Gas; To Light Streets, &c., beyond Limits; Regulation of Hawkers, &c.; To Remove Nuisances; Consolidation of Debts and Exemption from Rates; To Alter Composition for Rates; Incorporation and Repeal and Amendment of Acts, and other purposes.

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session, for leave to bring in a Bill

for the following or some of the following amongst other purposes.

To alter and amend and extend and in part or wholly to repeal all or some of the powers and provisions of "The Walsall Improvement and Market Act, 1848" (hereinafter called "the Act of 1848"), and "The Walsall Improvement and Market Amendment Act, 1850" (hereinafter called "the Act of 1850"), or either of them, and to grant to and confer on the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Walsall (hereinafter called "the Corporation"), and the Commissioners under the Walsall Improvement Act, 1848 (hereinafter called "the Commissioners"), respectively such further and other powers as may be deemed necessary for effecting the several objects and purposes hereinafter mentioned.

To authorize the Commissioners to manufacture all matters and things producible from the residual and other products arising from the manufacture of gas, and to acquire and hold patent rights or licences for the manufacture and distribution of gas, and the realisation and utilisation of residual and other products from gas.

To authorize the Commissioners to light streets, roads, and other public places situate without the limits defined by the Act of 1848 (hereinafter called the limits), where any of the houses or buildings in or adjoining to such streets, roads, or places are, or may be subject to be rated to the Improvement Rate, or are within the said limits, and for such purposes to lay down and fix mains, pipes, lamp posts, and other apparatus in, through, across, upon, under and along any turnpike or other public or private roads, bridges, streets, lanes, canals, railways, watercourses, and other public and private passages and places, and to break up or otherwise interfere with the same.

To confer on the Commissioners further and additional powers for enforcing the payment of arrears of gas rents and charges.

To authorize the Commissioners to execute the following works, namely:—

(a.) To widen Green-lane, in the township of the Foreign of Walsall, in the parish of Walsall, on the eastern side thereof, from a dwelling-house numbered 328, and occupied by Thomas Skellon, for a distance of 115 feet or thereabouts to a dwelling-house occupied by John Roberts.

(b.) To widen Lower Hall-lane, in the township of the borough of Walsall, in the said parish of Walsall, on the south-eastern side thereof from its junction with the street called Digbeth, for a distance of 78 feet or thereabouts, to premises occupied by Joseph Beebe, and from a dwelling-house occupied by John Barnsley (situate about 137 feet from the corner of Digbeth) for a distance of 73 feet or thereabouts, to a dwelling-house occupied by Peter Aspinall.

(c.) To widen and improve Corporation-street, in the said township of the Foreign of Walsall, on the north-eastern side thereof, from a garden in the occupation of Joseph Sadler, situate opposite to the centre of Rutter-street, for a distance of 285 feet or thereabouts, to the termination of such street with Caldmore-road.

(d.) To widen Caldmore-road, in the said township of the foreign of Walsall, on the northern side thereof, from the point of junction of such road with Corporation-street, for a distance of 225 feet or thereabouts, to premises occupied by Joseph Sadler.