

be damaged any meter, lamp, lustre, service pipe, or fittings belonging to any such Company or shall wilfully impair or knowingly suffer the same to be altered or impaired so that the meter or meters shall indicate less gas than actually passes through the same every such person or persons shall incur a penalty to the use of such Company, for every such offence, of a sum not less than one pound nor exceeding five pounds, and shall also pay all charges necessary for the repairing or replacing the said meter, pipes or fittings and double the value of the surplus gas so consumed, such damages, penalties and charges to be recovered with costs as hereinafter provided.

XXXV. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall wilfully extinguish any of the public lamps or lights, or shall wilfully remove, destroy, damage fraudulently alter or in any way injure any pipe, pedestal, post, plug, lamp or other apparatus or thing belonging to any such Company, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the use of such Company a penalty not less than one pound, nor more than five pounds and shall also be liable to make good all damages and charges to be recovered with costs as hereinafter provided.

Penalty for wilfully extinguishing public lamps, &c.

XXXVI. And be it enacted, That if any person supplied with Gas or Water or both by any such Company, shall neglect to pay any rent, rate or charge due to such Company at any of the times fixed for the payment thereof, it shall be lawful for the Company or any person acting under their authority, on giving twenty four hours previous notice, to stop the supply of Gas or Water or both from entering the premises of such person in arrears as aforesaid, by cutting off the service pipe or pipes, or by such other means as such Company or its officers shall see fit, and to recover the said rent or charge due up to such time together with the expenses of cutting off the Gas or Water or both as the case may be, in any competent court notwithstanding any contract to furnish for a longer time; and in all cases where it shall be lawful for the Company to cut off and take away the supply of Gas or Water or both from any house, building or premises, under the provisions of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Company, their agents and workmen, upon giving twenty four hours previous notice to the person in charge or occupier, to enter into any such house building or premises between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four in the afternoon, making as little disturbance and inconvenience as possible, and to remove and take away any pipe, meter, cock, branch, lamp, fittings, or apparatus, the property of and belonging to such Company, and it shall also be lawful for any servant of the Company duly authorized to enter any house into which Gas or Water or both may have been or be taken, between the hours

Gas or Water may be cut off in case of non-payment and company's servants may enter premises for that purpose.