

or using the Gas without Burners, or otherwise wrongfully, negligently or wastefully burning the same, or by wrongfully or improperly burning the same, or by wrongfully or improperly wasting the water or Gas, every such person or persons shall on conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace for the County wherein the offence may be committed, be compelled to pay for the use of the company a penalty not exceeding five pounds together with costs of prosecution or to be confined in the Common Gaol of such County for a space of time not exceeding three months as to such Justice may seem meet. 5 10

Act not to interfere with private Gas or Water Works.

XXII. And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend or be construed to extend to prevent any person or persons, from constructing any works for the supply of Gas or Water to his or their own premises.

Property of company not to be liable for rent or debt of customers.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That neither the service nor connecting pipes of the Company, nor any meters, lustres, lamps, pipes, Gas fittings or any other property of any kind whatsoever of the Company, shall be subject or liable for rent, nor liable to be seized or attached in any way by the possessor or owner of the premises wherein the same may be, nor be in any way whatsoever liable to any person for the debt of any person to and for whose use or the use of whose house or building the same may be supplied by the Company, notwithstanding the actual or apparent possession thereof by such person; any law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding. 15 20 25

Penalty for injuring meters so as to defraud company of Gas.

XXIV. And be it enacted, That if any person shall wilfully or maliciously damage or cause or knowingly suffer to be damaged any meter, lamp, lustre, service pipe, or fittings belonging to the said 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 the said 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. 30 35

Penalty for wilfully extinguishing public lamps, &c.

XXV. 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 the Company, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay to the use of the 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. 40 45