

in, upon, and along said crossway, and to make a side cut along said crossway, and from the east end of the same through any land contiguous thereto, into the Connecticut river, and to make a covered drain or sluice-way from said crossway to said river, of sufficient size to drain off the water from said low marshy lands with a guard gate in the tunnel of said drain.

That Justus Riley, Asher Robbins, and Edward Shephard be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to perform such acts and adopt such measures as are necessary to drain said lands, and to enter into, and upon said land and any contiguous thereto, for the purpose of ditching and draining the same and to procure materials, and to employ suitable persons for the purpose aforesaid. And the said commissioners shall within thirty days after said work is completed, call a meeting of said proprietors, and at said meeting exhibit to them an account of their doings, and an estimate of the expenses of draining and ditching said land as aforesaid, and at said meeting, the proprietors may appoint three disinterested freeholders of said town to make an assessment of said expenses upon the owners of said land in proportion to the benefit each proprietor shall receive by draining said land, as aforesaid. Provided however, that no assessment shall exceed the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per acre. And if the said proprietors, at said meeting, shall neglect or refuse to appoint said freeholders to make said assessment, the said commissioners may apply to any disinterested Justice of the Peace within said town, whose duty it shall be to appoint said freeholders, for the purpose aforesaid. And if any proprietor shall be aggrieved by the doings of said freeholders, such proprietor may appeal to the county court next to be holden in the county of Hartford. And the commissioners are authorized to appoint a collector who shall have power to collect said assessment, and pay over the same as he shall be directed by said commissioners. And any three of said proprietors may apply to any disinterested Justice of the Peace within said town whose duty it shall be, on said application, to appoint a scavenger to keep said ditches, drains, dams and sluice-ways in repair, and the expenses incurred by the doings of said scavenger shall be apportioned and assessed by said scavenger upon each proprietor according to the benefit he or she may receive, and be collected by a collector to be appointed by said scavenger, which collector shall have the same power as the said collector appointed by said proprietors or commissioners; and it shall be the duty of said collector to render his account to said scavenger.

TITLE III.

AQUEDUCTS.

**RESOLVE TO INCORPORATE AN AQUEDUCT COMPANY IN DURHAM,
PASSED, OCTOBER 1798.**

Resolved by this Assembly, That Jeremiah Butler, and John Johnson Jr., and all such persons as row are, or hereafter shall be associated with them

for the purpose of conducting water into the town street of said Durham, by means of subterraneous pipes, and their successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated for said purpose, and made a body politic, by the name of the "*Aqueduct Company of the Town of Durham*," and by that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and may purchase, hold, sell and convey, estate real and personal to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars, to be holden by said corporation at any one time, and the first meeting of said company shall be holden at such time and place in the town of Durham as the said Jeremiah Butler, and John Johnson Jr. shall appoint, they causing two days previous notice thereof to each of their associates, and the subsequent meetings of said company shall be holden at such time and place in said Durham, and to be convened in such manner as shall be agreed on by said company, and the said company at any legal meeting, shall have power to choose and appoint by ballot from the members, a Chairman, Treasurer, Clerk and five Directors to manage the prudential business of said corporation, and such officers shall in like manner be annually chosen, and in case of vacancy the same may be filled at any legal meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the votes, and proceedings of said corporation, and to give copies thereof when required, and shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the duties of his office, and the Directors, or major part thereof, may at any time call a special meeting, and each of the stockholders in said company shall have right either in person, or by attorney, at any meeting of said corporation to give, in all questions, a number of votes equal to his number of shares—and the said company in legal meeting assembled shall have power from time to time by their vote, to assess taxes to be paid by the several proprietors or stockholders in proportion to their stock, for the purpose of completing and keeping in repair the said aqueduct, to make rules and ordinances, relative to the forfeitures, or penalties for non-payment of such taxes, relative to the admission of new members, and the transfer of shares, the maintenance of outlets, and the quantity of water for each, and in general for the good regulation and management of the property of said company, which shall be binding on the members thereof, and the profits and emoluments accruing from a disposal of the water from said aqueduct after deducting necessary expenses, and charges for repairs &c., shall be divided among the stockholders in proportion to their shares, at such times as shall be agreed upon by said company in legal meeting assembled.

**RESOLVE INCORPORATING THE BEAN HILL AQUEDUCT COMPANY OF
NORWICH—PASSED, MAY 1832.**

Resolved by this Assembly, That Eber Backus, Stephen Tracy, Erastus Huntington, Abial B. Sherman, and Erastus Wentworth, with all others, who are or shall hereafter become associated with them, be, and they hereby are, with their successors and assigns, made and established a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Bean Hill Aqueduct Company of Norwich," for the purpose of conducting water into the town street in said Norwich, in the most advantageous manner; and by that name, they and their assigns and successors shall be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy to them and their successors,