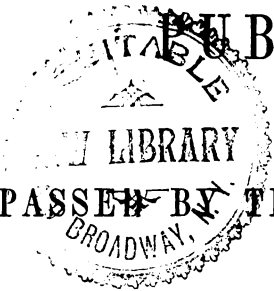


PUBLIC ACTS,
PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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CHAPTER XVI.

An Act in addition to an Act entitled "An Act to alter the charter of the city of New Haven to provide the means for the extinguishment of fires therein and for supplying its inhabitants with pure water."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Not authorized
to expend over
\$825,000.

SEC. 1. The board of water commissioners provided for in the act to which this is in addition shall not be authorized to expend in the construction of the water works, provided for in the act to which this is in addition, or in the purchase of land or water rights therefor, or for any other purposes connected with the said water works, a sum exceeding three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and any contract entered into by said board the fulfillment of which on the part of said city will involve an expenditure, exceeding the sum of three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars shall be utterly null and void.

Act to be approved in city meeting within twenty days.

SEC. 2. A meeting of said city shall be duly warned and held within twenty days after the rising of this assembly, for the purpose of approving, or disapproving of the act to which this is in addition, in manner following, to wit; the mayor of said city shall notify and warn the legal voters thereof to meet, for the purpose aforesaid in their respective election districts or wards at a time to be specified in the warning of said meeting, at which meeting said voters shall vote by ballot, and the ballots having the word "yes" upon the same shall be considered as in favor of approving said act, and the ballots having the word "no" upon the same shall be considered in favor of disapproving said act; and if three-fifths of the votes so given in said meeting shall be in the affirmative, then said act shall be and remain a part of the charter of said city, and unless three-fifths of the votes so given shall be in the affirmative, then the said act shall thereupon become utterly null and void, and the court of common council of said city shall determine the day of voting as aforesaid, and the manner of counting said votes, and of ascertaining

A vote of three-fifths required.

and declaring the final result; and they shall also appoint the presiding officers at the different wards or places of voting, as aforesaid; and the boxes to receive the ballots aforesaid shall be kept open on said day of voting from seven o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

SEC. 3. If three-fifths of the votes given on said day of voting in manner aforesaid shall be in the affirmative, then it shall be the duty of the city of New Haven at a meeting duly warned for the purpose, to appoint an agent of the "mayor, aldermen, common council and freemen of the city of New Haven," who when so appointed, shall have full power and authority for and in the name of said corporation and under its corporate seal to execute and deliver the bonds scrip or certificates of debt which said city is authorized and empowered to issue under the provisions of section first of the act to which this is in addition, and said bonds, scrip or certificates, when so executed and delivered, shall be obligatory upon said city and the inhabitants thereof in the same manner and to the same extent as debts lawfully contracted by towns in this State, and according to the tenor and purport of said bonds scrip or certificates, and the board of water commissioners provided for in the act to which this is in addition may direct from time to time what amount of said bonds, scrip, or certificates shall be issued, prescribe the form thereof, and direct the times and places at which the same with the interest accruing thereon shall be payable; and if the vote on said day of voting shall be in the affirmative by a vote of three-fifths as aforesaid, then from and after the date of said day of voting, Amos Townsend, Jr., the treasurer of the city of New Haven and his successors in office shall be such agents, vested with all the powers and duties of such agent, until the city of New Haven in the manner herein provided, shall have appointed such an agent.

When a city agent may be appointed to execute city bonds.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this act contained shall in any way affect the suit now pending in favor of Eli Whitney against the mayor, aldermen, common council and freemen of the city of New Haven, or be deemed or held to impair in any way the obligation of any contract which may have been duly made

Not to affect the suit of Whitney vs. city of New Haven.

between said Whitney and the board of water commissioners, or to impair the obligation of any other contract, or to take away or impair any right vested in said Whitney, or in any other person by any contract.

Approved, June 30th, 1854.

CHAPTER XVII.

An Act in addition to an Act concerning Communities and Corporations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened :

Construction of the 199th section of the act *de* communities and corporations.

That section one hundred and ninety-nine, of the act relating to communities and corporations, shall not be so construed as to affect or invalidate the organization of any joint stock corporation, which may have been organized without publishing a notice of their first meeting, whenever all the subscribers to the capital stock of the same shall have waived said notice in writing, and specifying therein the time and place for said meeting; which writing shall have been entered at full length upon the records of the corporation.

Approved, June 13th, 1854.

CHAPTER XVIII.

An Act in addition to "An Act concerning Communities and Corporations."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened :

Joint stock corporations subject to certain provisions.

That all corporations which have been duly organized and established under the joint stock laws of this State, be subject to all the provisions, and enti-