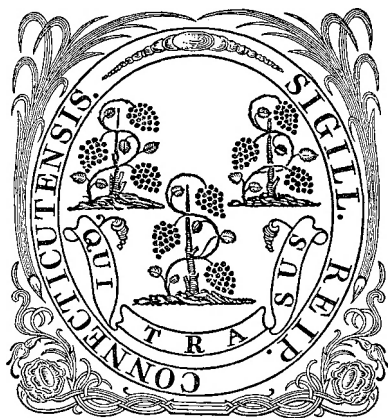


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good road may be had and make the distance from Hartford to the place last mentioned in Suffield only fourteen Miles and one quarter, and at an expence trifling compared with the great and obvious advantages to be derived from said new Road &c praying that a Committee may be appointed to explore the Country through which the proposed Road is to Pass and if they Judge necessary, to lay out said Road assess damages to Individuals &c, and also that a Turnpike may be erected on said Road for the purpose of defraying the expence of Laying out, putting and Keeping said Road in a State of repair.—as per Petition on file

*Resolved by this Assembly* that the Honble. Aaron Austin Noadiah Hooker and Elijah Chapman Jr. Esqrs be and they are hereby appointed a Committee at the cost of the Petitioners to view and if they Judge expedient to lay out a new, or make any alterations in the old Road leding from Hartford through Windsor by said Causey and bridge in said Petition mentioned and from thence to the Race above mentioned in Suffield aforesaid which in their opinion the Public convenience may require, and that said Committee in viewing the ground from Hartford to Windsor be not restricted to the ground mentioned in said Petition, and also Report whither in the opinion of said Committee a Turnpike or Turnpikes are necessary on said Road, and if necessary to ascertain to place or places where the Gate or Gates ought to be erected with their estimate of damages to individuals who may be affected by their doings and make their report to this or some future Session of this Assembly. *Provided* that said Committee shall give notice of the time and place of their meeting to proceed on said buisness by Advertising the same in the Newspapers printed in Hartford three Weeks successively before such Meeting.

Upon the Petition of Joseph Howland and others shewing to this Assembly that a part of the Inhabitants of the Society of Chelsea in Norwich in New London County are destitute of good Water and that said Petitioners have associated together for the purpose of bringing Water to said Inhabitants in Conduits or Aqueducts for the more convenient supplying themselves and others with good Water and praying to be incorporated for the more convenient management of said Property as Per Petition on File.

*Resolved by this Assembly* that the said Joseph Howland and his associates together with such other Persons as shall associate with them, their successors heirs and assigns Be, and they are hereby constituted a Corporation by the name of the Chelsea Aqueduct Company and by that name to sue and be sued in all Courts of Record, to ordain and establish such By Laws ordinances and regulations as shall appear Necessary for the Government of said Company not contrary to Law, subject nevertheless to be repealed by the Superior Court of this State.

*And be it further Resolved* that a Meeting of said Company shall be held at the House of Mr. Newcomb Kinne in Norwich on the first Monday of July next and an Annual and other Meetings of said Company, shall be held from time to time, as said Company shall direct for the choice of necessary Officers and establishing regulations, and the Members of said Company shall have as many Votes as they shall hold shares.

*And be it further Resolved* that said Company shall have Power to Purchase and hold such Lands as they shall deem necessary for erecting a fountain or fountains of Water and carrying it to those Inhabitants who may wish to Purchase or become Interested in the same<sup>49</sup>

Upon the Petition of the Towns of Norwalk and Fairfield shewing to this Assembly that said Towns have lately erected and Built an expensive Bridge across Saugatuck River so called which divides said Towns in conformity to the Resolve of the Legislature in May 1798 that said Towns are now by the existing Laws obliged to support a Bridge across said River about 80 rods North of said New Bridge that said Old bridge is not now wanted by the Public or the Inhabitants of said Towns praying to be exonerated and excused in future from keeping up and supporting said Old Bridge as Per said Petition on file.

*Resolved by this Assembly* that said Towns be and they are hereby exonerated and excused from keeping up and supporting said Old Bridge during the pleasure of the General Assembly, any thing in the Laws of this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Upon the Petition of Joseph Emerson of New London in New London County shewing to this Assembly, that for some Years past he hath been in trade, That in the Year 1795 he purchased a Ship in which he went to France that by the misconduct of the Captain and said property being taken by the French Republic<sup>50</sup> who paid for the same in Paper Currency of small value also that he was confined in Goal at New York by one of his Creditors, where he remained more than a Year by means of which he was prevented from taking care of what property remained, Together with other losses and Misfortunes, he has now become Insolvent and Unable to pay his Just debts, Thereupon Praying for an Act of Insolvency in his favour &c as Per Petition on File. dated the

<sup>49</sup> The original petition and act are located in Arch., Corporations, ser. 2, II, 18-19.

<sup>50</sup> The depredations of French vessels in the late 1790's and early 1800's were extremely numerous and very costly to American shipping. In fact, in 1798 many Federalists had clamored for a declaration of war against France, but President Adams by great effort succeeded in preventing such a step. John M. Blum *et al.*, *The National Experience* (New York, 1963), pp. 154-56.