

granted to the Chelsea aqueduct company, with a capital not to exceed ten thousand dollars, to be divided into forty shares.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN AQUEDUCT COMPANY IN THE CITY OF  
NORWICH—PASSED, OCTOBER 1808.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, That Thomas Leffingwell, John Hyde, Joseph H. Strong, Uriah Tracy, Nathaniel Shipman, John Fanning, Thomas Fanning, Ebenezer Carew, Joshua Huntington, David Nevins, Hezekiah Perkins, and Calvin Goddard, and all such persons as have or shall from time to time associate with them for the purpose of conducting water to the plain between Norwich town, and Chelsea landing, and thence if they shall think fit, to said Chelsea landing, in subterraneous pipes, their successors and assigns be, and they are hereby incorporated, for that purpose, by the name of "The Norwich Plain Aqueduct Company;" and made a body politic and corporate, and by that name, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and may purchase and hold, sell and convey estate, real and personal, to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars, to be holden at any one time.*

Sec. 2. The capital stock of said company may consist of five thousand dollars to be divided into shares of twenty-five dollars each, or of such less sum as said corporation may find necessary for said purpose, to be held by the members of said corporation, and assigned and transferred in such manner and subject to such regulations and restrictions as said corporation by their by-laws shall direct: And each proprietor be entitled to as many votes, in any meeting of said company as he holds shares, and may vote in person or by attorney, and all questions shall be decided by a plurality of votes.

Sec. 3. The first meeting of said company shall be holden at such time and place as shall be appointed by a notification under the hand of John Hyde, one of said company, and which shall be communicated to each member of said company; and all future meetings shall be warned and holden in such manner and at such time and place as said company shall direct.

Sec. 4. Said company shall in any legal meeting, have power to appoint a chairman, treasurer and clerk, and also three directors, to manage the prudential affairs of said company, and to make such by-laws and regulations, as shall be necessary for the due use, and improvement of the water aforesaid. And all officers chosen as aforesaid, shall continue in office until others are chosen in their place; and said clerk shall be sworn faithfully to discharge the duties of his office; and he shall record the votes, orders and proceedings of said company; and also all transfers of the stock, or interest of the proprietors in said company, and give true copies of such records, when thereto requested.

Sec. 5. Said company are hereby authorized, to open the ground in the streets and highways, in said city of Norwich, for the purpose of sinking and repairing and securing the pipes and conduits, necessary for conducting of water in manner aforesaid; and shall also have power to secure, preserve and protect the same when sunk, from injury or destruction. Provided, however, that such highways shall not be opened in such manner, as to prevent

the passage of teams thereon with convenience; and said company shall be holden to put the same again in good repair, under the same penalty, as is provided by law, in case of nuisance.

Sec. 6. Said company shall have power, in any legal meeting by their votes, taken as is provided in this act, to assess taxes, to be paid by the proprietors of said company, in proportion to their number of shares; to be applied for the purpose aforesaid. And if any member shall neglect to pay any tax so assessed, within twenty days after said tax shall become payable, the directors, or any two of them, shall have power to call on a justice of the peace, for the county of New London, for a warrant to collect the same, in the same manner that town and society taxes are collected in this State; and it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace aforesaid, to sign a warrant for the purpose aforesaid, upon application of said directors; they producing to him, an attested copy of the votes assessing such tax, signed by the clerk of said corporation.

Sec. 7. The emoluments and profits arising from the sale of the water conduit, in manner aforesaid, after deducting the necessary charges and expenses, shall be divided among the members of said corporation, at such times as said company in any legal meeting assembled, shall appoint, according to the number of shares subscribed for, by each individual member of said corporation.

RESOLVE INCORPORATING POQUETONNOCK AQUEDUCT COMPANY,

PASSED, MAY 1833.

*Resolved by this Assembly, That Isaac Gallup, Henry Davis, Joseph Tyler, Oliver S. Tyler, Elisha W. Miner, and Thomas W. Gay, 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 Poquetonnock Aqueduct Company;" for the purpose of conducting the water in subterraneous pipes, from the springs on the land of Isaac Gallup, to the village of Poquetonnock in Preston, aforesaid, 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, any goods, chattels and effects, of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on such business to advantage; also to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy any such lands, tenements, or hereditaments in the county of New London, as shall be necessary for the views and purposes of said corporation, not exceeding in the whole two thousand dollars; also to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto, in any court of record, or elsewhere. And said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at their pleasure.*

The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two thousand dollars; and that a share of said stock shall be one hundred dollars, and shall be deemed and considered personal estate, and be transferable only on the books of said company in such form as the directors of said company shall prescribe. And said company shall at all times have a lien upon all the stock