

*Rules and Regulations, for the Distribution of Water from the Aqueduct, as established by the Aqueduct Corporation; November 4th, 1797.*

**RULE 1.** ALL contracts made by the Corporation with individuals, respecting the distribution of water, will be for one year, commencing with the first day of January, April, July, or October following the day of contracting, and signed, on their part by an agent, chosen for that purpose.

2. Mansion houses or families, will be divided into three classes. The first, having five persons, or a less number will pay eight dollars per annum: The second, having six or a number less than twelve, will pay ten. The third, having twelve or more persons will pay twelve dollars.

3. Each Contractor for a West-India store, will pay from eight to sixteen dollars per annum, as may be agreed on with the Agent.

4. When a Mansion house and West-India store shall be under the same rods, occupied by the same person, and water drawn from the same tubes, for the use of both, the contractor will pay for such extra use, a sum not less than four, nor more than sixteen dollars per annum, as may be agreed on with the Agent.

5. For Taverns and Manufactories, applications will be made through the Agent to the President and Directors, who are authorized to establish rates for those and all other uses, not specially provided for.

6. The Contractor for a Mansion-house, shall appropriate the water to no other use, than that of his own family; the Contractor for a West-India store, to no other, than that of his own store.

7. The Corporation will convey the water in cross tubes forty feet, including the perpendicular tube at their own expense; beyond that distance it will be at the expense of the consumer, at a price not exceeding twenty-five cents a foot; the relaying of pavements, on private property, not being included.

8. The Corporation will convey the water in perpendicular tubes four feet above the lower floor of each house, and into the cellar, if convenient. The consumers will furnish brass, or wooden cocks, at their own expense, and the same keep in good order.

9. The consumer shall not convey the water to any other place, by means of tubes, or conductors, without a special contract therefor.

10. To insure an uninterrupted supply of water, the Corporation will keep, at their own expense in constant repair, the main tubes. Should there be any deficiency of water, by their failure, or any other means, on notice thereof being given to the Superintendent, the pay therefor shall cease, until the tubes shall be repaired, or the cause removed. The same shall rule shall be observed respecting the small tubes; unless the injury should arise from the act, or negligence of the consumer.

11. The Corporation by their agent or agents, will at all hours in the day time, inspect the small tubes, and the same repairs on occasion may require.

12. The Corporation will not be responsible for any injury arising to the perpendicular tubes from frost.

13. Each Contractor for the water will, upon signing the contract, advance half a year's pay, and upon the expiration of six months the other half. To render the collections periodical, the Corporation will exact prompt pay, for the time intervening the date and commencement of the contract, at the rates herein established.

14. When the monies receivable by the Corporation for cross tubes, shall amount to ten dollars or less, prompt payment will be required—When they exceed that sum, a distance of time not exceeding ninety days will be given at the discretion of the Agent.

*N. B.* Each head of a family intending to take the water, will signify the same by endorsing the Rules and Regulations, and returning the same to the Superintendent, or Master-workman upon the works, as soon as convenience may require.

The water will then be led into such a place as the receiver may direct—Before the tubes are covered; the owner of the house or store, must sign the contract, see the measurement of the cross tubes, (when exceeding 40 feet) and pay the bill on presentment; after that, the tubes shall be covered, and the street repaved when the earth becomes settled; and the surplus earth and stones removed, upon application to

NATHAN BOND, Superintendent.