

issue his Warrant directed to some principal Inhabitant within the said fourth Precinct, requiring him to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said Fourth Precinct, qualified by law to vote in Precinct Meetings, to assemble at some suitable time and place in said Fourth Precinct, to choose such officers as precincts are empowered to choose in the Months of March or April annually, and to transact all matters and things necessary to be done in said Precinct.

Approved June 27, 1798.

1798. — Chapter 27.

[May Session, ch. 26.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING WATER FROM A CERTAIN SPRING IN SAID TOWN, FOR THE USE OF A NUMBER OF INHABITANTS THEREOF BY SUBTERRANEOUS PIPES.

SECT. I. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same*, That Doctr. Thomas Bucklin, Samuel Haven junr. Phillip Briggs, Aaron Claffin, John Gouldon, Samuel Welch, Benjamin Norcross junr. Thomas Freeland and Isaac Claffin, with such others as are or may be joined or associated with them, or their Successors, be and they hereby are incorporated by the name of the Proprietors of the Aqueduct in Hopkinton, and by that name may sue and be sued. *Provided* that nothing in this Act shall authorize the said Proprietors to enter on or to make use of private property without consent of the Owner.

Persons incor-
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SECT. II. *Be it further Enacted*, that the said Proprietors at any Meeting warned, as by this Act is (or as by the said Proprietors in legal Meeting shall be) directed, may elect and choose a Clerk and other Officers proper for a Corporation to choose and have, for effecting the object of their incorporation. And the Clerk so chosen, shall be duly sworn, and shall make true record of all the Votes, Acts & Doings of the said Corporation. And the said Proprietors in Meeting as aforesaid, may make any rules, regulations or bye Laws respecting the calling & governing the Meetings and ordering the transactions and concerns of the said Corporation & the welfare and interest of the same, which they may think expedient, and impose any fines and forfeitures, not exceeding Ten Dollars and levy the same in due form of Law. *Provided always*

May choose
officers.

May make
rules, etc.

First meeting.

that the said rules, regulations & by Laws aforesaid, shall not be repugnant to the Constitution or Laws of this Commonwealth. And any three of the persons before named, may call the first Meeting of said Proprietors, to be holden in said Hopkinton, at any suitable time and place, seven days after Notification thereof is posted up at the Meeting-House or some other public place in the said Town.

Highways may be dug up.

Penalty for injuring aqueduct.

SECT. III. *And be it further enacted* that the said proprietors may dig up any public or Town way for conducting water as aforesaid: *Provided* they do not obstruct the rightful use of the same; and any person wilfully injuring the said Aqueduct, shall be subject to the same pains and penalties as are provided in the second Section of the Act entitled “An Act for the more effectually preventing of Trespasses in divers cases” — and shall also be liable to make good all damages so done to the said Aqueduct or Proprietors.

Approved June 27, 1798.

1798. — Chapter 28.

[May Session, ch. 29.]

AN ACT TO SET OFF WILLIAM WATSON AND JAMES WATSON WITH THEIR ESTATES FROM THE TOWN OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN TO THE TOWN OF THOMASTOWN.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that William Watson and James Watson of Warren in the County of Lincoln, together with their Real Estate within the following Metes and Bounds, to wit, Beginning at a Stake at the head of the Narrows, so called, thence East South East to St. George's River, thence Northerly up said River to the first bounds, be and hereby are set off from said town of Warren and annexed to the town of Thomastown in said County: *Provided* that the said William and James shall pay all taxes heretofore assessed upon them & their estates by the town of Warren aforesaid. *provided also* that the said William & James shall be assessed & held to pay all their respective state taxes hereafter to be assessed upon them & their estates in & to the said town of Warren until the next valuation of this Commonwealth, in the same manner as though this Act had never been passed.

Proviso.

Approved June 28, 1798.