

side of said Shapleigh; thence on the line of Shapleigh, to the line of the State of New Hampshire; thence Northerly on said State, to little Ossipee Pond, and on that Pond, to little Ossipee River, and down said River, to the range line first mentioned, where it meets said River; thence Southerly on said line, untill it comes to a point in square Mousom Pond, which would be struck by the continuation of the line between the Lots numbered Eight & Nine on the fourth range of Lots in Shapleigh; then from the said point due East, to the West side of Mousom long pond; then Southerly on that pond, to the East line of the Fifth range; then on that line to Lot number Two, in that Range; thence on the Northerly side of said Lot, to the Easterly line of the sixth Range aforesaid; thence on the East side of said Range, to the Bound first mentioned: Which same Parish, bounded & described as aforesaid, shall be the first parish in said Town of Shapleigh, and shall be entitled to such Immunities, & subjected to such Duties as other parishes in this Commonwealth are under.

Second parish.

And be it Enacted that the residue of the same Town shall be the Second Parish therein; and have the same privileges & be subjected to the same Duties as are legally incident to other parishes within this Commonwealth.

Warrant to be issued.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that William Rogers Esqr. be, and he is hereby authorized to issue his Warrant, directed to some principal Inhabitant in each parish aforesaid, requiring them to warn the Inhabitants thereof, qualified by Law to vote in parish Meetings, to assemble at some suitable Time & Place in said Parishes, to choose such Officers as Parishes are empowered to choose in the Month of March or April annually; and to transact all matters & things necessary and lawful to be done in said parishes as aforesaid.

Approved February 24, 1795.

1794. — Chapter 41.

[January Session, ch. 17.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE SIMON LARNED AND OTHERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVEYING WATER BY PIPES INTO THE CENTER OF THE TOWN OF PITTSFIELD, BY THE NAME OF "THE PROPRIETORS OF THE WATER WORKS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TOWN OF PITTSFIELD."

Be it Enacted by the Senate, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of

the same, that Simon Larned, John Chandler Williams, William Kittredge, Joshua Danforth, Thomas Gold & such other persons as may become proprietors in the said Water works, be, and they hereby are constituted a Corporation & Body politic, for the purpose of conveying water by pipes into the center of the town of Pittsfield, by the name of “The proprietors of the Water works in the middle of the town of Pittsfield,” and by that name may sue and be sued to final judgment and execution; and do and suffer all matters, acts or things, which Bodies politic may, or ought to do, and suffer. And the said Corporation shall & may have and use a common Seal, and the same may break and alter at pleasure.

Persons incorporated.

And be it further Enacted, that the said Simon Larned, John Chandler Williams, William Kittredge, Joshua Danforth, and Thomas Gold, or any three of them, may by advertisement posted up at the houses of Darius Larned and John Strong, in said Pittsfield, warn or call a meeting of the said proprietors to be held at said Pittsfield, at any suitable time after seven days from the posting up such advertisement: And the said proprietors by a vote of a majority of those present, or represented at said meeting, accounting and allowing a vote to each share in all cases, shall choose a Clerk who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his office; and also shall agree on a method for calling future meetings: and at the same or any subsequent meeting may make and establish any rules and regulations that shall be convenient or necessary for regulating the said Corporation, effecting, completing and executing the purpose aforesaid, and the same rules and regulations may cause to be kept and executed, and for the breach of any of them, may order and enjoin fines and penalties, not exceeding four pounds: *Provided* that said rules and regulations be not repugnant to the Constitution or Laws of the Commonwealth; and the said proprietors may also choose and appoint any other officer or officers of the Corporation; and all representations of the said proprietors, at said meetings, shall be proved by a special appointment in writing, signed by the person making the representation, which shall be filed with, or recorded by the Clerk; and this Act, and all rules, regulations, and votes of said Corporation shall be fairly and truly recorded by their said Clerk, in a Book or Books for that purpose provided & kept; which Book or Books

— Empowered to call meetings —

— to choose a Clerk and establish regulations.

Proviso.

Act, rules and regulations to be recorded.

shall be subject to the inspection of any person, or persons for that purpose appointed by the Legislature.

Proprietors
impowered to
construct and
complete the
work.

And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the said Proprietors be, and they are hereby authorized and impowered within the term of three years from the passing this Act, to construct & complete said pipes, & for the purpose aforesaid to enter on, and dig up any Highway or town road, which may be necessary to complete said Water works, and therein to put and place such pipes as may be necessary, & at all times to enter thereon for the purpose of repairing said pipes, whenever they may require it; *provided* they do not thereby obstruct the passing and repassing of such as may have occasion to use the same road or highway.

Contracts may
be made with
Guardians, &c.:
in case of in-
ability.

And be it further Enacted, that if in any instance it may be necessary for the said proprietors to lay the said pipes over or through the land of any infant, *feme covert*, or person *non compos mentis*, the husband of such *feme covert* and the Guardian of such infant or person *non compos mentis* respectively, may make any agreements, or do any other matter or thing respecting the damage occasioned by said pipes, which they might do, if the same land was by them holden in their own rights respectively.

Shares may be
transferred by
deed, and sub-
ject to attach-
ment.

And be it further Enacted, that any proprietor's share or shares in said Water works may be transferred by deed, acknowledged and recorded by the Clerk of said Corporation, in a Book to be kept for that purpose; and when any share or shares of said Water works shall be attached as the property of any of said proprietors, on *mesne* process, an attested copy of such process shall be left with the said proprietor's Clerk, at the time of such attachment, otherwise the same shall be void.

Time limited
to complete the
work.

And be it further Enacted, that if the said Corporation shall not complete the said Water works within three years from the passing this act, then this act shall be void and of no effect: *Provided always* that if at any time the said proprietors, after the end of said three years find it convenient to make or lay down any additional pipes to complete & carry the said Water works to a further extent, they may do the same, notwithstanding the said limitation.

Injuries done,
subject to pen-
alties provided.

And be it further Enacted, that if any person shall injure or destroy any of the said pipes, he shall be subjected to the same pains and penalties as are provided by the

second Section of the Act, intituled “An Act for the more effectually preventing of trespasses in divers cases,” passed the twenty third day of November, One thousand seven hundred and eighty five, and shall also be liable to make good all damages so done, to the said proprietors.

Approved February 25, 1795.

1794. — Chapter 42.

[January Session, ch. 18.]

AN ACT FOR INTRODUCING THE DOLLAR AND ITS PARTS AS THE MONEY OF ACCOUNT, IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

Be it Enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the first day of September next, the Money of Account of this Commonwealth shall be the Dollar, Cent and Mille; and all accounts in the Public Offices, and other public accounts, and all proceedings in the Courts of Justice, including Courts of Probate, shall be kept and had in conformity to this regulation.

The money of account established.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the forms of Writs or Processes or Instruments used in the Courts of Justice or Courts of Probate, or in any Public Office in this Commonwealth, in which any Sum or Sums are now required to be expressed in Pounds, Shillings or Pence, shall and may be altered to an equivalent sum in Dollars and parts of a Dollar, expressed as above mentioned: *Provided* that this Act shall not be understood to vitiate or nullify any Account, Charge or Entry originally made, or to be made, or any Note, Bond, or other Instrument expressed, or which shall be expressed in any Money of Account, existing at the time of passing this Act; but the same shall be reduced to Dollars and parts of a Dollar as herein before directed, in any Suit or Declaration thereupon.

Forms of Writs and Instruments used in Courts, to be expressed agreeably to the alteration.

Proviso.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that until the Laws for establishing Fees shall be revised and rendered conformable to the Money of Account intended by this Act to be introduced, it shall and may be lawful in taxing any Bill of Cost, or giving any Account or Bill of Fees in any case, by any Public Officer, to set down the particulars of such Bill or Account in the present Money of Account, the foot of said Bill or Account being reduced to the Money of Account by this Act established.

Present Money of account may be used in taxing costs till the alteration is established.

Approved February 25, 1795.