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**ACTS**  
*Public and Private*

OF THE

***Fiftieth General Assembly***

OF THE

**STATE OF NEW-JERSEY,**

AT A SESSION BEGUN AT TRENTON, THE TWENTY-FIFTH  
DAY OF OCTOBER, ONE THOUSAND EIGHT  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE.



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8. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully do, or cause to be done, any act or acts whatsoever, thereby to injure any conduit, pipe, cock, machine, or structure whatsoever, or any thing appertaining to the works of the said corporation, or whereby the same may be stopped, obstructed, or injured, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said corporation double the amount of the damage sustained by means of such offence or injury, and the same may be recovered in the name of the said corporation, with costs of suit, by action of debt, brought in any court of this state having cognizance of the same.

Penalties for injuries.

9. *And be it enacted*, That the said company shall cause to be kept at their office proper books of accounts, in which shall be fairly and truly entered all the transactions of the company, which books shall be at all times open for the inspection of the stockholders.

Books to be accessible at all times to stockholders.

10. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall continue in force until the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred, and no longer, when the rights, powers, and privileges, by this act granted, shall cease and determine.

Limitation of charters.

C. Passed December 9, 1825.

## AN ACT to incorporate the Paterson Water Company.

1. **BE IT ENACTED** by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Mark W. Collett, John Colt, Daniel Holsman, Robert King, and Robert Robertson, and such other persons as may become interested, shall be, and are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic, in fact and in name, by the style and title of "The Paterson Water Company," and, by that name, shall and may have continual succession, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all manner of actions, matters, and causes whatsoever, have a common seal, and make, change, or alter the same at pleasure, and to hold and enjoy such real and personal estate as may be necessary for the object aforesaid; that the stock of the said corporation shall be deemed personal property, and shall consist of two thousand shares, of five dollars each, with the privilege of extending the same to ten thousand shares; that the management of the concerns of the said company shall be intrusted to eleven directors, being stockholders, and inhabitants of the town of Paterson,

Style of incorporation.

Their powers, privileges, &c.

Time of annual meeting.

Elections, &c.

Vacancies, how to be filled.

Names of commissioners, and their powers.

which directors shall hold their offices for one year from the first Wednesday of February in every year; that an election shall be held on the Monday immediately preceding every such first Wednesday of February in every year, at such place in the town of Paterson, and at such hour as the said directors shall from time to time appoint, by notice, to be published in one of the newspapers printed in the said town of Paterson, at least three weeks before such election day; that all elections shall be by ballot, by the stockholders personally or by proxy, under the direction and inspection of three stockholders, not being candidates, each share having a vote, and the eleven persons having the greatest number of votes, shall be directors; that if any two or more persons have an equal number of votes, so as that eleven directors shall not be elected, the stockholders shall, on the ensuing day, at the same place and hour, in like manner, elect, out of the persons so having an equal number of votes, so many as shall complete the number of directors, out of which number they shall proceed, by plurality of votes, to elect one for their president, and in case of vacancy in the office of any of said directors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, others shall be elected by the directors to fill such vacancy; that in case it shall at any time happen that an election of directors shall not be made on the day appointed by this act for that purpose, the said corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful to hold any election for directors on any other day, in such manner as shall be provided for by the by-laws of said corporation.

2. *And be it enacted*, That John Colt, Mark W. Collet, Daniel Holsman, James Van Blarcom, and Nesbit Taylor, be commissioners to receive subscriptions for the stock, and shall open books for that purpose, at Paterson, on the first Tuesday of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, having given two weeks previous notice in one or more newspapers printed in the said town of Paterson; that each subscriber, at the time of subscribing, shall pay one dollar on each share, and whenever one thousand shares shall be subscribed, the said commissioners shall call a meeting of the stockholders within ten days thereafter, by public advertisement in one or more newspapers published at Paterson, for the purpose of electing directors, at such place and hour as they may deem proper, and to such directors lawfully elected they shall pay over such money as they shall have received.

3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the directors, or a majority of them, to require payment of the stock subscribed, in such proportion, and at such times as they, or a majority of them, think fit, with the penalty of the forfeiture of all previous payments thereon, and that

previous notice of the instalments required, and of the time when the same are to be made, shall be published, at least thirty days, in one or more of the newspapers published at Paterson.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the directors shall be authorized, in their discretion, to appoint a secretary and other officers, agents, and servants, as they shall from time to time deem necessary for carrying into effect the powers vested in said company, to establish rules, regulations, and by-laws, for and concerning the conduct and government of such officers, agents, and servants, and for determining the compensation to which they shall be entitled, and for and concerning the manner of making transfers of the said stock, and the conduct and government of all such persons as shall use the water from their works, so far as respects the preservation of the water furnished by said company, and the use thereof, and to restrain the waste thereof, and by such laws and ordinances, to impose penalties and forfeitures for a neglect or refusal to comply therewith, so as that such penalty and forfeiture in any one case shall not exceed four dollars; which penalties or forfeitures shall be recoverable, in the name of the said corporation, before any justice of the peace of the county of Essex, with costs, in an action of debt; and that for the purpose of effectually supplying the said town and its inhabitants, it shall and may be lawful to and for the said directors and company to lay out and conduct any number of conduits necessary for, and calculated to supply such water through or over lands in the town of Paterson: *Provided*, that the same shall not be done without consent and permission of the owners of property over or through which it may be necessary to pass.

Directors may make by-laws, &c.

Penalties for non-compliance &c. how recoverable.

Proviso.

5. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully do, or cause to be done, any act or acts whatsoever, whereby the works of the said corporation, or any pipe, conduit, aqueduct, plug, cock, reservoir, or any engine, machine, or structure, or any matter or thing appertaining to the same, shall be stopped, obstructed, impaired, weakened, injured, or destroyed, the person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay to the said corporation triple the amount of damages sustained by means of such offence or injury, to be recovered in the name of said corporation, with costs of suit, by action of debt, to be brought in any court in this state having cognizance of the same.

Offences, how punished.

6. *And be it enacted*, That no part of the capital stock created by this act shall be applied to any other purpose whatever than the supplying the town of Paterson with water, conformably to the provision of this act.

C. Passed December 9, 1825.