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SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION

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Chap. 489.

AN ACT to amend the act entitled "*An act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Mutual Benefit Society,*" passed April 12, 1851, and to change the name of the said society.

Passed April 14, 1855, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. The first section of the act entitled "*An act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Mutual Benefit Society,*" passed April twelve, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, is hereby amended by striking out the words "*Protestant Episcopal Mutual Benefit Society,*" and inserting in the place thereof, the "*Protestant Episcopal Brotherhood of New-York.*"

§ 2. The second section of said act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: and also, according to its ability, the aid of distressed members of the church generally.

Chap. 490.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "*An act to incorporate the Lewiston Water Works Company,*" passed June 30, 1851.

Passed April 14, 1855, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. The second section of chapter three hundred and seventeen of the laws of 1851, is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

The capital stock of said company shall be fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and the said company are hereby empowered to

increase their capital stock to five hundred thousand dollars.

§ 2. Section four of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Directors.

The concerns of said company shall be managed by five directors who shall be stockholders, and two of which shall be residents of the town of Lewiston. Said directors shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are chosen in their places. The directors shall be chosen annually on the first Wednesday of December, at a meeting of the stockholders of said company in the village of Lewiston, at such time of day and place, as the directors for the time being shall appoint. The first election shall be held on the first Wednesday of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five. Notice of said election shall be published in two newspapers in the county of Niagara, at least two weeks previous to the holding thereof, and in case any of the stockholders reside beyond the limits of said county, it shall be the duty of the secretary of said company to notify said stockholder or stockholders by mail, in due time to enable them to reach said place, for the purpose of attending said election. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote upon each share of stock held by him or her, for at least twenty days previous to an election. Voting shall be by ballot and may be in person or by proxy.

May borrow money.

§ 3. The said company are hereby authorised to borrow money to the extent of one half of the amount of capital of the said company, as determined upon by the directors, within the amount of said capital, as limited by this act, and to issue and dispose of its bonds for any amount so borrowed, and to mortgage its corporate property and franchises to secure the payment of any debt contracted by the company in the prosecution and completion of their works, and the directors may confer upon the holder of any bond issued for money borrowed as aforesaid, the right to convert the principal due or owing thereon into the stock of said company, at any time not exceeding ten years from the date of the bond, under such regulations as the directors may see fit to adopt.

§ 4. Section sixteen of the said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sale and rent of water.

The said company shall furnish water to the village of Lewiston for the purpose of extinguishing fires and for

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other public conveniences, upon such terms as may be agreed upon between them and the trustees of said village. The said company may purchase, acquire, hold and use in fee simple or otherwise, real estate, and may make any agreements, contracts, grants and leases for the sale thereof, and for the sale, use, and distribution of water that may be agreed upon between said company and any person or persons, associations and corporations, which agreements, contracts, grants and leases shall be valid and effectual in law; but the said company shall make no lease or contract for the use of the water south of the brow of the mountain, nor shall they permit the use of any water power south of the same point, except to restore to, or compensate such persons as may be deprived of water power by reason of the construction of the works of said company in crossing or interfering with streams upon their lands.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Chap. 491.

AN ACT to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorise the confinement of certain persons in cells in the village of Williamsburgh and town of Bushwick, and to increase the fees of certain officers in said town," passed May 20, 1836.

Passed April 14, 1855.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. The act entitled "An act to authorise the confinement of certain persons in cells in the village of Williamsburgh and town of Bushwick, and to increase the fees of certain officers in said town," passed May twenty, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and all acts amendatory or explanatory thereof are hereby repealed.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.