

New York Call

L A W S
OF THE
STATE OF NEW-YORK,

PASSED AT THE
SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
LEGISLATURE.

THE REGULAR SESSION BEGUN ON THE FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED
THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1858;
AND THE SPECIAL SESSION BEGUN THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, AND (AFTER
A RECESS FROM THE 15TH OF APRIL TO THE 24TH OF MAY) ENDED THE
TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF JULY, 1858, AT THE CITY OF ALBANY.

N. B.—THE LAWS PASSED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION COMMENCE ON PAGE 519.



ALBANY:

WEED, PARSONS AND COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1853.

proceedings is hereby ratified and confirmed; but nothing in this act shall impair or affect the rights of any person by or against whom any action or proceeding is now depending, in which the title to lands or the right of way over the same is involved.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Chap. 337.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "*An act to incorporate the Williamsburgh Waterworks Company,*" passed 16th April, 1852.

Passed June 8, 1853, three-fifths being present.

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

Name changed.

§ 1. The name of the Williamsburgh Waterworks Company shall, from and after the passage of this act, be changed to "The Long Island Waterworks Company."

2d section amended in relation to stock.

§ 2. The second section of the said act is hereby amended, and shall read as follows: The capital stock of said company shall be three millions of dollars, to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, to be subscribed for and taken in such manner as is prescribed in the third and twenty-fifth sections of said act.

Section 14 amended respecting license to lay pipes.

§ 3. Section fourteen is hereby amended by adding the following words: The said company, upon obtaining a license from the corporation of the city of Brooklyn, shall have the right to lay pipes, conduits or aqueducts, or construct or erect works in the streets, avenues, lanes and public squares of the city of Brooklyn, upon such regulations as the common council of the said city shall prescribe.

Section 16 amended, so as to appoint commissioners.

§ 4. Section sixteen of the said act is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section as follows: In case of disagreement between the said parties, three commissioners, to settle the said terms and appraise and fix the compensation to be made, shall be appointed by the supreme court of the second judicial district, in the same manner in all respects as commissioners are now appointed under the general act for the incorporation of railroad companies, passed April 2d, 1850; and the report of the said commis-

sioners shall be confirmed by the court in the same manner as is provided in said act. In case the water should be required for the extinguishment of fires before the terms are agreed upon, as aforesaid, the city authorities shall not, for that cause, be deprived of the use of it, but the price to be paid therefor may be settled afterwards, as above provided.

§ 5. The corporations of Brooklyn and Williamsburgh are hereby authorized to make contracts for water, for the purpose of extinguishing fires, under section sixteen of the act hereby amended, for a period of not less than three nor more than five years, and so from time to time thereafter.

Contracts for water may be made.

§ 6. Section twenty-six of said act is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: The common council of the city of Brooklyn shall have an equal right to make such purchase, on the same terms and conditions as herein provided in respect to the city of Williamsburgh. And if the said cities of Brooklyn and Williamsburgh shall be united into one municipal corporation, such corporation may, at any time after the expiration of two years after the passage of this act, purchase the said rights, property and privileges of said company, on the same terms and conditions herein provided in respect to the city of Williamsburgh; but it shall not be lawful for either of said cities to make such purchase until the question shall be first submitted to the legal voters of such city, at a regular annual election, and be approved by them by a majority vote in favor of such purchase.

Section 26 amended in respecting purchases.

§ 7. The corporations of the cities of Brooklyn and Williamsburgh are hereby authorized to subscribe to the capital stock, hereby created, to an amount not exceeding one million of dollars by the corporation of Brooklyn, and not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars by the corporation of Williamsburgh, and to issue their bonds in payment therefor. And the said company shall, within a reasonable time, lay their distributing mains and pipes in any of the paved streets of the said cities of Brooklyn and Williamsburgh as may be prescribed by the corporate authorities of the said cities respectively. And the said corporate authorities may appoint one or more engineers or commissioners to see that the distributing mains and pipes are of the proper size and quality, and laid in a proper manner; the expenses of said engineers or commissioners to be borne by the said corporate authorities respectively.

Subscriptions to capital stock.

Company to
furnish
water.

§ 8. The said company shall furnish water to the citizens of Brooklyn and Williamsburgh at prices not exceeding the rates now paid by the citizens of the city of New-York to the Croton aqueduct department.

Branch
office.

§ 9. The said company may open and keep a branch office or offices for the transaction of its business in the cities of Brooklyn and New-York, as well as in the city of Williamsburgh.

Saving
clause.

§ 10. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to authorize the said waterworks company to take or purchase any ponds or supply of water on the north side of Long Island, discharging themselves into the East river or Long Island Sound; or to take or purchase any ponds or streams in the town of Hempstead, discharging themselves into the South bay. But nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the rights, privileges, powers and immunities now held by the city of Brooklyn under the charter of the said city, or by any act amending the said charter.

§ 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

Chap. 338.

AN ACT *in relation to the courts and jurors in the county of Kings.*

Passed June 8, 1853.

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

Suits of
jurors.

§ 1. The assessors of the cities and wards in the county of Kings shall make, annually, lists of persons qualified to serve as jurors in said city, and shall keep such lists open for inspection and correction during the twenty days that the tax books are required to be kept for inspection and correction. They shall give notice of the completion of said lists, and of the time and place when and where they will be open for inspection, in the manner prescribed by law in respect to said tax books; and shall hear and determine upon all claims of exemption from jury duty by persons whose names are upon said lists, and for this purpose may examine, on oath, witnesses and the claimants of such