

# LAWS

OF THE

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

# STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

PASSED AT THE SESSION OF 1856,

IN THE

EIGHTIETH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE.

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WITH AN APPENDIX.

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HARRISBURG:

A. BOYD HAMILTON, STATE PRINTER.

1856.

gation company, in relation to the location or construction of the said Lehigh Valley railroad.

RICHARDSON L WRIGHT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WM. M. PIATT,  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The eighth day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

JAMES POLLOCK.

No. 117.

## A SUPPLEMENT

To the charter of the Easton Water Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the owners of the freehold in and upon which said water is so taken and used, shall in all cases be the parties with whom such contract for the use of the water shall be made, and the said real estate be bound for and liable for the payment of the same, reserving to the company the right to contract with the lessee or tenant, on the responsibility of the lessees or tenants, if they see proper so to do; and any person or persons within the said borough who shall take any of said water for domestic or other uses, without having previously contracted for the same with the said president and managers, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, any sum not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars to the president and managers, for the use of the company, to be recovered before a justice of the peace by action of debt or assumpsit, in the same manner as debts of equal amounts are now recoverable.

Contracts for water.

Liability of persons using water.

SECTION 2. That if any person or persons or body politic, who shall have contracted with the said company for the use of said water, shall wantonly or unnecessarily waste the same, to the injury of said company, or shall permit any other person or persons not being by the said contract entitled to the use of the same, or shall neglect or fail to pay to the said company the amount of money by him, her or them agreed upon, to be paid as a compensation for the use of said water, for the period of three months after the same shall be due and payable, according to the terms of said contract, it shall be lawful for the president and managers to withhold and cut off such water from the premises of such individual or body politic and corporate until all such damage, with interest and cost of recovering the same, shall be paid: *Provided,* That nothing herein shall be so construed as to affect, impair or take away the right

Water may be withheld.

of said company to sue for and recover the amount of such arrearages.

Penalty for injuries to works.

SECTION 3. That if any person or persons shall wilfully destroy or injure, in any manner, the pipes, aqueduct, cisterns, reservoir, hydrants, fire plugs or any of them, or any of the works of said company, and that if any person shall wilfully take, lead, conduct or carry off, or shall knowingly suffer or permit to be taken, led, conducted or carried off any offal or any putrid, nauseous or offensive matter, from any dye-house, slaughter-house, still-house, brew-house, tan-yard, or shall draw the water from the barn yard or stable, or from any manufactory, or shall cast or wilfully suffer to fall into the race, dam or head of the water-house, or into any spring, reservoir or reservoirs erected or to be erected by said company, or shall bathe or swim in said race or dam, between the water-house and the borough line, or in the reservoir or reservoirs, or shall throw or cause to be thrown any carrion or carcass of any dead body of any animal, or shall entice, throw, lead or conduct any dog or other animal therein, or any matter or liquid calculated to render the water of said rivers, springs or reservoir or reservoirs impure, or use without permission the stream or streams of water which is or shall be conveyed or brought through the borough of Easton by the said company, on being convicted thereof before any justice of the peace in and for the county of Northampton, by the oath or affirmation of one or more credible witnesses, shall pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, one-half to go to the poor of said county and the other half to the informer, and shall moreover remain liable for all damages to the company.

May borrow money.

SECTION 4. That it shall be lawful for the Easton water company to borrow, on the credit of the said company, any sum of money not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and to issue bonds therefor in any sums not less than one hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the said company is hereby authorized to sell or dispose of the bonds so issued, for any sum or sums less than the amount for which the same shall be issued.

RICHARDSON L. WRIGHT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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