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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

OF THE

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania,**

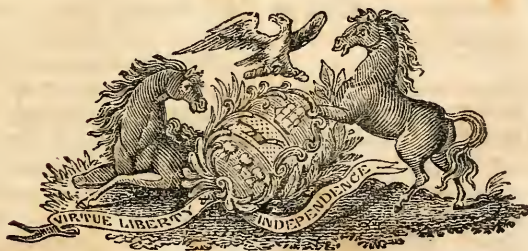
PASSED AT THE SESSION OF 1840,

IN THE

SIXTY-FOURTH YEAR OF INDEPENDENCE:

INCLUDING TEN ACTS AND FOUR RESOLUTIONS,

PASSED BY BOTH BRANCHES OF THE LEGISLATURE, AT THE SESSION OF 1838-9.



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## A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT

To the act entitled, "an act to incorporate the Norristown Insurance Company, of Montgomery county," passed the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

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 Joseph Thomas, Adam Slemmer, William H. Slingluff, John B. Sterigere, George Rundle, William Miller, James Wells, Jacob Fry, junior, George Reichard, George W. Holstein, John Freedly, George H. Pawling, Henry Scheetz, Dr. James Anderson, Henry Longaker, Matthew Roberts, John Boyer, Bernard McCreedy, Samuel Jemison, Jacob Spang, Joseph Fornance, Levi Roberts, Mordecai R. Moore, Henry Kerr, James Hooven, Jacob Freedley, George W. Thomas, George W. Roberts, William Z. Mathews, Benjamin F. Hancock, Philip Hahn, Dr. Henry D. W. Pawling, John Jacobs, Isaac H. Miller, Jacob Bodey, William Henry, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, in the place of the persons named in the first section of the act to which this is a further supplement, who, or any six of them, shall do and perform the duties mentioned in said section as therein directed; and when the said commissioners shall have certified to the Governor, as directed by the second section of said act, the Governor shall thereupon, by letters

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patent under his hand and the seal of the state, erect and create the subscribers into one body corporate and politic, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of the "Norristown Insurance and Water Company," by which name the subscribers to and holders of the stock subscribed under this act, and the act to which this is a further supplement, shall have perpetual succession, and all the privileges incident to a corporation, and shall be capable of exercising all the powers granted by the above recited act, and by this act, and of taking and holding the capital stock, and the increase and profits thereof, and of enlarging the same by new subscriptions, if it shall be found necessary to fulfil the intent of the said acts, and of purchasing taking and holding to them, their successors and assigns, and of selling and transferring in fee simple, or any less estate, such lands, tenements and hereditaments, and estate, real and

personal, as shall be necessary in the prosecution of their works under this act, and necessary for the transaction of the business under the act to which this is a further supplement, or shall be taken or held in security for the payment of debts due the corporation, and of suing and being sued, pleading and being impeaded, in all courts of justice and elsewhere, and of doing every matter and thing which a corporation, or body politic, may lawfully do: *Provided*, That the subscriptions taken, and all other things lawfully done by the commissioners named in the first section of the act to which this is a further supplement, or any of them, shall be as good and valid, to all intents and purposes, as if done by the commissioners above named; and the monies received by said commissioners shall be paid over in the same manner as if received by the commissioners, named in this section. Proviso.

SECTION 2. The county commissioners of Montgomery county, are hereby authorized and required to subscribe on the part of the county, for any number of shares of stock in the said company, not less than twenty, nor more than fifty, at their discretion, and the town council of the borough of Norristown, are hereby authorized and required to subscribe on the part of the said borough, for any number of shares of stock in said company, which may be authorized by a meeting of the citizens of the said borough, called for that purpose, not less than twenty. And the town council of said borough, is hereby authorized to borrow money to pay for the said stock, on the faith and credit of the borough, or raise the same by an assessment of tax to that amount, whichever they may deem most expedient. And in case money shall be borrowed for said purpose, may at any time thereafter, raise the amount by an assessment as aforesaid to pay off such loan. Comms. of Montgomery co. to subscribe for stock.  
Town council to subscribe.  
To borrow money.

SECTION 3. That besides the privileges granted by the act to which this is a further supplement, the company shall have full power and authority, to make and effect insurance on the lives of horses, cattle, sheep and other domestic animals, at such rate of premium as may be agreed upon, and to make execute and perfect such contracts, bargains, agreements, policies and other instruments, as may be necessary therefor, under such rules and regulations as are prescribed in said recited act. To effect insurances.

SECTION 4. That in addition to the powers authorities and privileges, granted by the act to which this is a further supplement, the President and Directors of said company, are hereby authorized and required as soon as may be after they shall be organized, to proceed to bring and convey into the borough of Norristown, by means of pipes, trunks, aqueducts or other means, water from the river Schuylkill, or other stream of water, or from some spring in the neighborhood of said borough, the right to which shall have been previously To convey water into the borough of Norristown.



vested in said company, and shall also provide proper cisterns or reservoirs for the reception thereof; and for the purpose aforesaid, they may enter into such land or enclosure as may be necessary, and dig ditches, and lay pipes and trunks through the same, doing as little damage as possible to private property, and paying for whatever injury may be done by them; and if the parties cannot agree on the amount of damages, the same shall be assessed by three disinterested men on oath, to be appointed by the court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county, on the application of either party. And the said President and Directors shall at all times, (paying the damages as aforesaid,) have liberty to renew and repair the said pipes or trunks wherever laid, as often as may be necessary. The said President and Directors shall have liberty at all times, to dig and lay pipes or trunks, along the streets, roads, lanes and alleys, and on the public grounds, within the said borough, and along the public roads and highways in the adjoining townships, if necessary, and renew and repair the same, shutting up and mending any breaches which they may make as soon as possible, and it shall also be lawful for them to make cisterns or reservoirs in the streets, or on the public grounds within said borough, when the same may be deemed necessary, if the constituted authorities of said borough consent thereto.

To enter upon  
lands.

Damages as-  
sessed.

Reservoirs.

To erect hy-  
drants.

Water for  
private use,  
to be contract-  
ed for.

SECTION 5. The said President and Directors shall in such streets or parts of said borough, where pipes shall have been laid, erect hydrants to be used solely for the extinguishment of fires, the expense of which hydrants shall be paid by the said borough. They shall suffer individuals at all times to be supplied with water from the pipes laid by said corporation, for domestic or manufacturing purposes, for such reasonable compensation as shall from time to time be agreed upon by the President and Directors of the company; and such individuals according to such uniform rates as the President and Directors shall adopt, having regard to the probable quantity of water which applicants are likely to consume, and to their distance from the place where the water is to be drawn; and any person or persons who shall take any of said water for domestic, manufacturing or other use, without having previously contracted for the same, with the President and Directors, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence to the said company, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by the company as debts of the same amount are recoverable; but nothing herein contained shall be construed, to compel the inhabitants of said borough to use the water introduced by said company, or prevent them from using water obtained in any other way.

SECTION 6. Any person or persons who shall wilfully destroy, or in any manner injure, the pipes, trunks, aqueducts, cisterns or reservoirs, hydrants, buildings, machinery or any

of them, or any of the works of the said company erected in pursuance of this act, or any property belonging to the company, shall wilfully corrupt, or otherwise render unwholesome the or spring or stream of water which shall be conveyed or brought into the said borough, by said company, or shall so corrupt or otherwise render unwholesome the water in the reservoirs, cisterns, aqueducts, trunks or pipes of the company, on being thereof convicted, before the court of Quarter Sessions of the county of Montgomery, shall be sentenced to pay a fine to the company of not less than ten, nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall also be sentenced to an imprisonment, at the discretion of the said court, not exceeding five years.

Penalty for injuring works or corrupting water.

WM. HOPKINS,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

EBEN'R. KINGSBURY, JR.

*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty.

DAVID R. PORTER.

[No. 163.]

## A N A C T

To incorporate the Honeybrook Presbyterian Church of the village of Waynesburg, in Chester county, and for other purposes.

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 members of the Honeybrook Presbyterian Church, in the village of Waynesburg, be and the same are hereby created and erected into one body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style, and title of the "Honeybrook Presbyterian Church, in the village of Waynesburg, in Chester county," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and shall be able and capable to take and hold lands and tenements, goods and chattels, real, personal, and mixed, which are now, or may hereafter become the property of said congregation or body corporate, by gift,

Church incorporated.

Name and style.

Privileges and franchises.