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An ACT incorporating *Cook's* FOUNTAIN-SOCIETY.

WHEREAS by certain Indentures in Writing, dated the Eighteenth Day of *August*, A. D. 1773, between *Hopkins Cooke*, of *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, in the Colony of *Rhode-Island*, Esq; of the One Part, and *Thomas Aldrich*, and *James Mitchel Varnum*, Esqrs. *Job Pearce*, and *Richard Matteson*, Merchants, all of said *East-Greenwich*, and *Silas Casey*, of *Warwick*, in said County, Esq; of the other Part, the said *Hopkins Cooke* hath granted unto them, and to their Heirs and Assigns, forever, a Spring, or Fountain of Water, in said *Warwick*, in Order that the same may be conveyed, by Means of Pipes or an Aqueduct, through the compact Part of said Town of *East-Greenwich*, as far as the Sea, or Salt Water, for the better supplying themselves, and all such others, as should thereafter join unto, or be admitted by them, for the carrying on, making, repairing and continuing, said Works: And whereas said Works will be of public Utility, and cannot be carried on to Effect, and be continued, unless those concerned therein be vested with certain Powers, and corporate Rights and Privileges:

AND this Assembly being willing to give all due Countenance, and Encouragement, to so beneficial a Design, do, for themselves and their Successors, Enact, Grant, Ordain and Declare, and by the Authority vested in them, It is Enacted, Granted, Ordained and Declared, That the said *Thomas Aldrich*, *James Mitchel Varnum*, *Job Pearce*, *Richard Matteson*, *Silas Casey*, together with *HopkinsCooke*, *Thomas Fry*, & Company, *Nathaniel Greene*, and Company, *Gideon Mumford*, *Archibald Crary*, *William Arnold*, *Samuel Smith*, *Daniel Greene*, *Micah Whitmarsh*, *James Searle*, *Augustus Mumford*, *Jabez Greene*, *Nathan Greene*, *Samuel Tripp*, *Samuel Upton*, *William Sweet*, jun. *Hope Campbell*, *John Reynolds*, *Thomas Spencer*, (Son of *Abner*) and *Joseph Whitmarsh*, with such others as the said Society shall, from Time to Time, admit as joint Members with them, shall be a Body corporate and

and politic, with perpetual Succession, to be known, in Law, by the Name of *Cooke's Fountain-Society*; and by that Name to sue and be sued, to take, receive and hold, any Gifts & Grants, of what Kind & Nature soever, with full Power to do every lawful Matter and Thing to complete the Execution & Continuance of said Design: And that, to this End, the said Company shall have an annual Meeting forever, on the First Thursday in *November*, for the Appointment of their annual Officers, and occasional Meetings, at such other Times as may, from Time to Time, be found necessary or convenient to be called, or convoked, in Manner hereafter mentioned; each Meeting to be held in such Place as they shall order and determine; and that Nine Members, being convened at any regular Time of Meeting, shall constitute a Meeting, and are hereby declared a *Quorum* of said Society: At each and all of which Meetings the said Society shall have full Power to make and enact any By-Laws or Regulations, to appoint such Officers as to themselves shall seem necessary, to assess & levy Monies on themselves, for said Purpose, in such way and Manner as they shall judge most expedient; and to cause all their Laws and Orders, not repugnant to the Laws of England, and this Colony, to be carried into full Effect and Execution: Provided always, That at said Annual Meeting, among other Officers, they shall appoint a Committee, who under the Direction and Control of the said Society shall have the whole Ordering and Management of every Matter and Thing respecting said Works, and how and in what Manner the same shall be repaired and continued; and also in what Manner, and to whom leading and conducting, Pipes shall be formed from the main Aqueducts: And that every Member of said Society shall have full Liberty, at his own Expence, to convey Water from the main Aqueducts, to and for the supply of one House, being the Property of one Person, as also Members, being Owners of Manufactories, to and for the Supply of their Works, each under the Direction of the aforesaid Committee, and agreeable to the Rules and Regulations of said Society.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Society shall appoint a Clerk, who shall make Record of all Grants, Leases, and Agreements, respecting said Aqueducts, and all such By-Laws, and Regulations, as they may, from Time to Time, make and pass.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any special Occasion shall make it needful to hold a Meeting at any other Time than on the First Thursday in *November*, yearly, the same may be done, either by the major Part of the Committee, or any Five of the Members applying to the Clerk therefor, who shall thereon issue his Warrant, directed to any Member, or the proper Officer for calling the same.

AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Society shall, and may, at all Times forever hereafter, have full and free Liberty to dig in any of the Streets, Lanes, or Highways, for the sinking and making said Aqueducts, and all Pipes leading therefrom, and for repairing the same, leaving the said Streets, Lanes and High-Ways, in as good Order as before, and doing the same as soon as may be.



Report of *W. Greene*, who is allowed 18s.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

To the Honorable the General Assembly, to be holden at *South-Kingstown*, on the last Wednesday in *October*, A. D. 1773.

GENTLEMEN,

PURSUANT to the Resolve, passed at the last Session, appointing *George Taylor*, Esq; and me, a Committee to inquire particularly into the several outstanding Debts, as stated by a former Committee, annexed to the said Resolve, &c. I, the Subscriber, for the County of *Kent*, have applied to, and obtained of, the Clerk of said County, a Certificate that it doth not appear that any Actions have been brought to said Court, by *George Brown*, Esq; as Deputy to the Grand Committee, either
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