

PUBLIC LAWS,

PASSED AT THE

MAY SESSION, 1879.

[The Chapters of the Public Laws are numbered continuously from the
General Statutes, Revision of 1872.]

CHAPTER 776.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 619 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, ENTITLED "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 59 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, 'OF LAYING OUT AND MAKING HIGHWAYS AND DRIFTWAYS.'" Passed May 29, 1879.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 619 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to embrace the towns of New Shoreham and Little Compton, within the provisions of the said chapter; and the said chapter 619 shall hereafter apply to the said towns of New Shore-

Towns of New Shoreham and Little Compton embraced with in provisions of highway act.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NATIONAL RUBBER COMPANY," AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF. Passed May 30, 1879.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The par value of each share of the capital stock of the National Rubber Company is hereby reduced to the sum of fifty dollars per share.

SEC. 2. The National Rubber Company is hereby authorized and empowered to increase its capital stock to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each.

SEC. 3. So much of the charter of the National Rubber Company, and of the several acts in amendment thereto, to which this is an amendment, as are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall go into effect immediately.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROVIDENCE GAS COMPANY." Passed May 30, 1879.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. In addition to the powers heretofore conferred, said company is hereby authorized to engage in the production and distribution of heat by means of gas, water, steam or otherwise; and such distribution through streets and highways shall be under the same restrictions and with the same privileges, and to the same extent, as are by law applicable to the distribution of gas by said company.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEWPORT WATER WORKS. Passed May 30, 1879.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. George H. Norman, William P. Sheffield and Norman Weaver, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a body corporate and

such times as they shall deem proper, any three of them to constitute a quorum. They shall have the immediate government and direction of the business and affairs of the company; shall appoint a treasurer and such other officers as they may deem expedient, who shall give bond to the company, with sureties to the satisfaction of the directors, for the faithful performance of their duties. The said president and directors may make contracts, to manage and dispose of the property and funds of the company in such manner as they shall deem for the interest of the stockholders; they shall make such dividends of the profits, at least once in every year, as to them shall appear proper; and the said president and directors, as such, shall receive no compensation, unless by a vote of a legal meeting of the stockholders.

SEC. 6. The stock and shares of each and every stockholder shall be pledged and liable for all debts and demands due and owing from said stockholder to said corporation, whether overdue or due at a day future, and whether the same shall arise from assessments or installments or in any other manner; and said stock or shares may be sold for the payment of such debts or demands, in such manner as the by-laws of the corporation may prescribe; and in case the proceeds of such sale shall be insufficient to discharge such debts and demands, with incidental expenses of sale, this corporation may have their action against the debtor for the balance due

SEC. 7. If any person shall willfully do or cause to be done any act whatever, whereby the works of said company, or any pipe, conduit, gate, dam, reservoir, hydrant, faucet, or any engine, machine or structure, or any matter or thing appertaining to the same, shall be stopped, obstructed, impaired, weakened, injured or destroyed, or shall corrupt the water supply belonging to said company, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay to said company, double the amount of damages sustained by means of such offence or injury, to be recovered in an action of debt to be brought in the name of said company in any court of competent jurisdiction, together with all costs of suit.

SEC. 8. In all proceedings at law or in equity in which this corporation shall be a party, the leaving of an attested copy of any process with the treasurer, or the person acting as such, or at his last and usual place of abode or business, shall be deemed a good and sufficient service thereof.

SEC. 9. Any one of the persons named in the first section of this act is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of stockholders for organization, and any other business of the corporation hereby formed, at such time and place, and giving such notice of said meetings as they may deem reasonable and proper.

SEC. 10. Said corporation shall have an office and place of business in said city of Newport.

SEC. 11. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in any way to affect any contract or arrangement heretofore made or had between said George H Norman and said city of Newport.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

Passed May 30, 1879. AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PONTIAC BRANCH RAILROAD COMPANY."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows :

SECTION 1. The eleventh section of said act of incorporation, relating to the time when said company shall complete its railroad, is hereby amended by striking out the figures "1880" in the last line of said section eleven and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1881."

SEC. 2. Section 11 of said act of incorporation, as thus amended, shall read as follows :

"SEC. 11. If the location of said railroad shall not have been filed in the clerk's office of the court of common pleas for the county within which the land proposed to be taken for the use of said railroad is situated previous to the first day of January, A. D. 1878, and the final completion of said railroad previ-