

To *Nathaniel Hazard, Esq.* ten dollars, for his services as a committee to inspect the several ferries in this State.

To *Philip Taylor*, one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and two cents, for cost in the case of the State *vs. Timothy Peckham*.

To *Nathaniel S. Ruggles* and *Lewis Rousmaniere*, twelve dollars, in full for their account for auditing and settling the General Treasurer's accounts.

To *Jeremiah Thurston* and *Peleg Cross*, thirteen dollars and eight cents, for their services as a committee on the merits of James Paul's petition, one of the Narragansett tribe of Indians.

UPON the petition of Francis Fuller and others against the Providence and Norwich turnpike company, *Voted and Resolved*, That said petition be further referred, and that the petitioners, at their own expence, cause the same notice to be given to the said company, that they ought to have given at the present session, and that said notice be given in the same manner pointed out in the vote passed at the last session, on said petition.

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### An ACT to incorporate Dyer's fountain society.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted*, That Benjamin Dyer, Charles Dyer, Elisha Dyer, Olvey Dyer, James B. Mason, Smith Bosworth, Benjamin Hoppin, Thomas C. Hoppin, Henry Hoppin and John Wilson, and such others as they may hereafter associate with them, shall be and hereby are created and made a corporation and body politic, with perpetual succession, by the name and style of Dyer's fountain society, for the purpose of sinking a fountain or fountains in the westerly part of Providence, and conducting the water thereof to different parts of said town, for the use and accommodation of themselves

and others; and by that name shall be and hereby are made capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and effects, of what kind or nature soever, not exceeding in the whole the value of twenty-five thousand dollars, and the same to sell, grant, demise and dispose of; to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, to defend and be defended, in all courts of law and equity, and all other places whatsoever; and also to make, have and use a common seal, and the same at pleasure to break, alter and renew; and also to make, ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and resolutions, as shall seem necessary and convenient for said corporation; not being contrary to the laws of the State, or of this United States; to assess and levy such sum and sums of money as may be found necessary for the objects of said corporation, on the several shares in said corporation, or the capital stock thereof.

**Sec. 2.** *And be it further enacted,* That all the right, title, interest, claim and demand, which the said Benjamin Dyer and others aforementioned, have in and to one certain lot of land, situate in said Providence, on the west side of the river, and on the north-westerly side of Friendship-street, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point, seventy-five feet south-westerly from the corner formed by the junction of said Friendship-street and Claverack-street, thence extending south westerly on said Friendship-street seventy feet, thence north-westerly ninety-five feet, thence north-easterly seventy feet, and thence south-easterly ninety-five feet, to the first bound, being the same lot which Daniel Proud and his wife Abigail originally conveyed to the said Benjamin Dyer, by deed dated the fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1818, and recorded in said Providence, in book number forty-three, and page ninety-five; shall be and hereby is vested in said corporation, as a part of the funds and capital stock thereof.

**Sec. 3.** *And be it further enacted,* That the funds or capital stock of said corporation be and the same is hereby divided into forty-eight shares, whereof the said Elisha Dyer, James B. Mason, Henry Hoppin,

are and shall be the proprietors of six shares each, the said Benjamin Hoppin of nine shares, the said Benjamin Dyer, Charles Dyer, Olney Dyer, and Smith Bosworth, of four shares each, the said Thomas C. Hoppin of three shares, and the said John Wilson of two shares; that the shares in said corporation shall be personal estate, and transferrable by deed only, to be recorded in the books of said corporation; and no transfer shall be valid, until the same shall be recorded in manner aforesaid.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall hold an annual meeting, on the first Wednesday of June in each year, for the election of a president, clerk, treasurer, collector, and a standing committee to consist of not less than three nor more than five, and such other officers as said corporation shall from time to time think proper, who shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until others shall be elected in their stead; that it shall be the duty of the clerk to record all the proceedings of said corporation, and all transfers of shares therein; and that it shall be the duty of said standing committee to manage and conduct all the prudential affairs of said corporation, subject to the controul of said corporation, and to assess and apportion on the several shares in said corporation, all such sums of money as shall be voted by said corporation, for the purpose of accomplishing the objects thereof; and that six members, holding twenty shares at least, shall constitute a quorum for doing business at all meetings.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have power to hold other meetings, at such times as they shall think proper, to be called and notified in such manner as they shall direct, for the purpose of transacting the ordinary business of said corporation, and for filling all vacancies which may happen among their officers.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That if said corporation shall, by accident or otherwise, neglect to hold any of their said annual meetings, on the day appointed for the same, they shall not thereby forfeit any of their corporate rights, privileges or authority.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That any person who shall hereafter become the proprietor of a share in said corporation, shall thereupon become a member thereof; and each member of said corporation, at all meetings thereof, shall be entitled to as many votes as he holds shares, and may vote by himself or proxy; provided however, that no member shall in any case be entitled to more than nine votes.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That all assessments made on any share or shares in said corporation may be recovered by said corporation of the proprietor or proprietors of such share or shares, by action of debt, before any court proper to try the same; and further, said corporation shall have a lien on each and every share therein, for all assessments thereon, and if the proprietor or proprietors thereof shall neglect to pay any assessment or assessments made therein, for the space of ninety days, next after the same shall become due and payable, the treasurer of said society shall have the right, power and authority, to sell such share at public auction, first giving three weeks notice of such sale, in one of the public newspapers printed in Providence, and out of the neat proceeds of such sale to pay the amount of such assessment or assessments, and the balance, if any, to pay over to the proprietor or proprietors of such share.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation be and they are hereby empowered, at any legal meeting, by vote or resolution, to create any number of new shares in said corporation, which may be sold by the standing committee, and the proceeds thereof applied to the use and benefit of said corporation.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall and may, at all times forever hereafter, have full and free liberty, to dig in any of the public streets, lanes or highways, for sinking and making all necessary aqueducts leading from their fountain or fountains, and all leading pipes therefrom, and for repairing the same; they at all times avoiding doing any injury to the aqueducts or pipes of Field's fountain society, and of Rawson's fountain society, and in case of any inadvertently done, making ample