

AN ACT incorporating *Rawson's Fountain Society*.

WHEREAS, by certain Indentures, in Writing, Act incorporating Rawson's Fountain Society. dated the 19th Day of October, 1772, between *Stephen Rawson*, of *Providence*, in the County of *Providence*, in this Colony, Esq; of the one Part, and *Samuel Nightingale, Jacob Whitman, Job Sweeting, Amos Atwell, Benoni Pierce, Edward Hawkins, and Nicholas Clarke*, all of *Providence*, aforesaid, Gentlemen, and their Associates, herein after named, of the other Part; the said *Stephen Rawson* granted unto them, and to their Heirs and Assigns, for the Term of Nine Hundred and Ninety-nine Years, a Spring, or Fountain of Water, in said *Providence*, in order that the same might be conveyed, by means of Pipes, or an Aqueduct, as far as *Weybosset Bridge*, or the Long-Wharf, near thereto, for the better supplying themselves, and all such others as should hereafter join unto or be admitted by them, for the carrying on, making, repairing, and continuing said works, as by said Indentures may appear. 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 & their Successors, Enact, Grant, Ordain and Declare, and, by the Authority vested in them, It is Enacted, Granted, Ordained and Declared, That the said *Samuel Nightingale, Jacob Whitman, Job Sweeting, Amos Atwell, Benoni Pierce, Edward Hawkins, Nicholas Clarke, Archibald Stewart, Nathan Waterman, Zephaniab Brown, Joseph Carver, Jonathan Badger, William Rhodes, Benjamin Gladding, Joseph Hoyle, John Carpenter, John Matthewson, Joseph Snow, jun. William Checkley, Silas Talbut, Nathaniel Frothingham, Daniel Snow, James Snow, Samuel Ingrabam, Barzillai Richmond, Charles Stevens, Samuel Carew, Daniel Test, Benjamin Hoppen, David Bacon, Joseph Willson, Elijah Bacon, Sherebiab Talbut, Solomon Searle, jun. John Wyley, James Sheldon, Oliver Carpenter, Abram Smith, Joseph Potter, jun. Joseph Bennet, Benjamin Talbut, Joseph Snow, 3d. Benaijab Carpenter,*

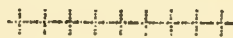
*Carpenter, Daniel Jackson, Grindall Rowson, Jonathan Ellis, Nicholas Cook, John Smith, John Jenckes, Samuel Hamlin, Solomon Drown, Ephraim Otis, William Rogers's Heirs, Josiab Ware, Hopestill McNeill, Peter Ritto, Joshua Lindley, James Dyer, William Logan, Robert Taylor, Peter Taylor, Willson Jacobs, David Hatch, David Tefft, Richard Seaver, Nathan Williams, William Compton, Benjamin Tallman, Daniel Whitaker, Caleb Harris, William Dexter, James Matthewson, Joseph Hewes, Andrew Waterman, the Heirs of Thomas Manchester, and John Mumford,* with such others as the said Society shall from Time to Time admit as joint Members with them, shall be a Body Corporate and Politic, with perpetual Succession, to be known, in Law, by the Name of RAWSON'S FOUNTAIN SOCIETY ; and by that Name to sue and be sued, to take, receive, and hold any Gifts and Grants of what Kind or Nature soever ; with full Power to do every lawful Matter and Thing to complete the Execution and Continuance of said Design : And that, to this End, the said Company shall have an annual Meeting yearly forever, on the First Wednesday 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 Fifteen 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 and 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 Meetings, 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,

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, Leafes 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 Wednesday in November, yearly, the same may be done, either by the major Part of the Committee, or any Seven 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, they at all Times avoiding the doing any Injury to the Aqueducts or Pipes of *Field's Fountain Society* ; and in Case of any inadvertently done, making ample Satisfaction therefor ; and also leaving the said Streets, Lanes, and Highways, in as good Order as before, and doing the same as soon as may be.



*It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Sheriff of the County of *Providence* be, and he is hereby directed, to purchase a good green Cloth for covering the Tables in the

Chairs, &c.  
to be provided for the  
Court-House  
in *Providence*