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**ACTS**  
AND  
**RESOLUTIONS**  
OF THE  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
OF THE  
*State of South-Carolina.*

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18. An ACT to enable the Intendant and Wardens of the town of Columbia, to borrow money for the purpose of supplying the said town with water, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

**W**HEREAS, it would conduce much to the health and convenience of the inhabitants of the town of Columbia if they could be supplied with good water: And whereas, the intendant and wardens of the said town, have by their petition represented that if they were empowered to borrow a sufficient sum of money, this desirable end may be easily accomplished :

*Be it therefore enacted by the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in general assembly, and by the authority of the same,* That the intendant and municipal wardens of the town of Columbia, shall be, and they are hereby empowered to borrow of any corporation or individual or individuals, a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, at such interest and payable at such times and in such manner as shall be deemed prudent by them.

Intendant & wardens authorized to borrow money.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the said intendant and wardens to levy by tax on the taxable property of the town of Columbia, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the said loan from year to year, and to discharge the principal of the said loan when the same shall become due, and to constitute a sinking fund for the redemption thereof.

To levy a tax on the taxable property.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, shall be by the said intendant and wardens laid out and expended in supplying the town of Columbia with water, in such manner as may be by them deemed most expedient.

To supply the town with water.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioner of the town of Columbia shall be and he is hereby required to convey to the corporation of the said town, a square of four acres of land, bounded by Pickens, Lady, Henderson and Washington streets, and lots number forty-three and forty-four on Washington street, and also so much of Lady, Henderson, and Washington street, as lie adjoining the said square and lots.

Lots to be conveyed to them.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That for the purpose of supplying the said town of Columbia with water, that the said corporation shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to divert from its usual channel any stream, or streams of water in or adjacent to the said town, making to the person or persons

May turn streams of water, and use private property.

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injured thereby adequate compensation for the same, which compensation shall be ascertained by five commissioners to be appointed by the court of equity or common pleas, on application by petition for that purpose by the said corporation or person injured: And the said intendant and wardens shall have power to appropriate to the uses aforesaid, any private property which may be necessary for the purpose of constructing such reservoirs of water, and laying down such pipes and aqueducts as are necessary to collect and distribute water through the said town; and if the said intendant and wardens, and the owner or owners of such property, shall not be able to agree on its value, then the same shall be ascertained by five commissioners to be appointed by the court of equity or common pleas, on application by petition for that purpose, by the said corporation, or the person whose property shall be so appropriated; and on paying the said sum so ascertained, the said property shall be vested in the said corporation of the said town of Columbia.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That as soon as the said water works are constructed, and water shall thereby be introduced into the town, the Comptroller-general shall draw his warrant in favor of the said corporation on the treasury of the state, for the sum of five thousand dollars; and in case the said town shall take the said draft and receive the said money, the colleges and all the buildings connected therewith, the public academies, court house, gaol, state house, and other buildings which the state may hereafter erect in the said town, in consideration thereof, shall be forever exempted from any charge for supplies of water, which may be at the expense of the trustees of the said colleges and academies, and of the state, conveyed from the said water works or distributing pipes thereof to the said colleges, academies, and other public buildings.

Public buildings to be supplied with water.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in case the said intendant and wardens shall not be able or shall deem it inexpedient to raise by loan or otherwise the monies necessary for the construction of the said works, that then and in that case the said intendant and wardens are hereby authorized to transfer to any individual or company of individuals, all the powers granted to them by this act, excepting the powers of borrowing money by loan and levying taxes on the property of the said town; and the individual or company of individuals to whom such transfer shall be made, shall be authorized to supply

Intendant & wardens may transfer their powers.

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Persons receiving said transfer, to be called the Columbia Watering Company.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in case the said transfer shall be made to a company of individuals, the said company, on lodging in the office of Secretary of state the said articles of transfer, shall receive letters patent, constituting the said company a corporation or body politic by the name of the Columbia Watering Company, with all the powers incident to corporations.

No billiard table to be kept in Columbia.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the intendant and wardens of the town of Columbia aforesaid, shall not hereafter upon any pretence whatever, issue a licence to keep a billiard table in the town of Columbia.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any person or persons shall hereafter set up or continue in the town of Columbia any billiard table after his, her or their license now granted shall expire, every such person or persons shall forfeit his, her or their billiard table to the use of the said town, and the marshal of the said town is hereby authorized, empowered and required to enter into any house in which a billiard table shall be kept, and the same to seize, take and dispose of to the use and benefit of the said town; and in addition thereto, every person or persons who shall be convicted of keeping a billiard table in said town, shall be imprisoned for the space of six months in the common gaol of the district of Richland, and shall also forfeit and pay the sum of two thousand dollars, and shall stand further committed for the space of twelve months, unless the said fine is sooner paid.

Nor within 15 miles of that place.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the commissioners of the roads in and for the districts of Richland and Lexington, shall not hereafter grant a license for keeping a billiard table within fifteen miles of the said town of Columbia; and every person or persons keeping a billiard table within fifteen miles of the town of Columbia, shall be adjudged to keep a billiard table without license, and be subject to the pains and penalties herein before prescribed in the next preceding clause.

*In the Senate House, the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and in the forty-third year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

JAMES R. PRINGLE, *President of the Senate.*

PATRICK NOBLE, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*