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ACTS

PASSED AT A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH

OF

VIRGINIA,

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CAPITOL,

IN THE

CITY OF RICHMOND,

ON MONDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,
ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE, AND OF
THE COMMONWEALTH THE FIFTY-FOURTH.

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7. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for a majority of the stockholders of said company, at each annual general meeting thereof, to impose a tax on the proprietor of each share of stock, not exceeding fifty cents per share, for the purpose of keeping the works of the said company in a state of repair and preservation: *Provided*, That it shall not be lawful for the said company to impose any tolls whatever for the use of said water. **Tax on shares.** **Tolls not allowed.**
8. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be at all times subject to be altered, amended or repealed, as to the Legislature of Virginia shall seem necessary and proper. **Act under control of Legislature.**
9. This act shall be in force from its passage. **Commencement.**

CHAPTER 93.—An act providing for a supply of water in the town of Pearisburg in the county of Giles.
(Passed February 20th, 1830.)

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly*, That it shall be the duty of the county court of Giles county, at their next March term, or so soon thereafter, as it may be practicable, to appoint three fit and able men, to act as commissioners, whose duty it shall be to value, as soon as conveniently they can, all the houses, lots and lands within the limits of the town of Pearisburg, (and other real property, erected on a certain piece of land containing fifty acres, for the use of the county and court aforesaid,) according to its yearly rent or value; and thereupon shall make their report to said county court, in writing, and on oath. Upon which report and valuation, it shall be the duty of said court to assess and cause to be collected, on the houses, lots and land, of the persons who respectively own or occupy the same, and on the public buildings, (and other real property) erected on the fifty acres of land aforesaid, a tax, not exceeding five per centum on such valuation in any one year: *Provided*, That so much of said tax as shall fall upon the assessed value of the public buildings (and other real property) erected on the said fifty acres of land for the use of the said county and court, shall be apportioned and collected generally on the inhabitants of said county, to be collected and accounted for as other county levies: *And provided, also*, That said court shall not be bound to levy such part of said tax, as shall fall on the public buildings, (and other real property) erected as aforesaid, unless to them, in their discretion, it shall seem just and proper to levy a rateable proportion (to that on individual property) of said tax, upon the public buildings and other real property, erected as aforesaid. **County court of Giles to appoint commissioners to value lands, lots, &c. in Pearisburg.** **Tax to be assessed.** **Tax on public property how collected.** **Proviso.**
2. *Be it further enacted*, That the tax so assessed and collected, shall be applied to defray the expenses of procuring a good and plentiful supply of water for said town, incurred in the construction and repair of such works for that purpose, as may be deemed necessary in the manner hereinafter directed. **Tax how to be applied.**
3. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the freeholders and housekeepers in said town, at any time after the valuation and report aforesaid (ten days previous notice having been first given in writing, posted on the front door of the court-house of said county) to elect by *viva voce* vote, three discreet and fit persons, residents of said town, and annually at the same time Superintendents of water works, how elected.

- thereafter, as superintendents, any two of whom shall be sufficient to act in this behalf, and who in case of a failure to elect as aforesaid, shall remain in office until a new election be made; whose duty it shall be to plan, direct and manage the water works which may be deemed necessary for furnishing such supply of water, whether they be wells, or wooden or iron pipes conducting the water from a distance or otherwise.
- Their duty.** **Water free to all.** 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the water thus procured, shall at all times be for the free use and benefit of all the inhabitants of said town, and all such persons as necessarily attend the same, as the seat of justice for said county, without the payment of any tax or contribution whatsoever, except as aforesaid: *Provided, however,* That all persons using said water works, his, her or their servants, agents or apprentices, shall be subject to such rules and regulations, as may be from time to time prescribed by said superintendents, and approved by the said county court of Giles county, for preserving said works in due and proper repair, and for guarding against abuses to, and obstructions of, said water works. And all persons offending against such rules and regulations, shall be liable to forfeit and pay a fine, not exceeding in any one case, the sum of ten dollars, recoverable before any justice of the peace for said county, by warrant in the name of any one of the superintendents aforesaid.
- Proviso.** 5. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of said three superintendents, or any two of them, in the first instance, to devise the best practicable plan of works for supplying said town with water, and report the same to the county court of Giles county; which plan, when approved by said court, they the said superintendents, shall be bound to pursue: but, in case such plan be not approved; the said superintendents, or any two of them, shall devise and report to said court other plans, until some one be approved, and by which they shall be bound as aforesaid.
- Superintendents to devise plans for water works.** 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the taxes assessed as aforesaid, and to be collected from the inhabitants of said town, shall be collected by the sheriff of the county of Giles, and accounted for to said court, in the same manner as for county levies by him collected, with such compensation therefor as the said court may allow: And the money raised as aforesaid, shall be under the controul of said court, for the purposes aforesaid, and payable to the order or orders of said superintendents, signed by any two of them, when the account for which the same is drawn, shall have been presented to, and approved by, the said county court of Giles county.
- To be approved by court.** 7. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.
- Taxes, how collected.**
- Money payable to order of court.**
- Commencement.**

CHAPTER 94.—An act to authorise the Common Council of the town of Petersburg to subscribe for stock in the Petersburg Rail Road Company.

(Passed February 18th, 1830.)

- Common Council of Petersburg authorised to subscribe to stock in the Petersburg Rail Road Company.** 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly,* That it shall be lawful for the commissioners appointed by an act, entitled, "an act to incorporate the Petersburg Rail Road Company," passed the tenth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirty, to permit the Common Council of the town of Petersburg to subscribe for