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sons of the instructors or preceptors; and the students belonging to said academy, shall, during their continuance therein, be exempt from taxes and military services.



CHAPTER CLXXIX.

Passed Nov. 6,
1800.

An act to incorporate the proprietors and owners of an aqueduct in the east parish of Rutland, into a company, for the purpose therein mentioned.

Preamble.

Whereas Israel Smith, Darius Chipman, Nathaniel Osgood, and others, their associates, inhabitants of the east parish in Rutland, and its vicinity, have been at great expence in conveying water in an aqueduct from the mountain in Medway, to that vicinity, and cannot continue to enjoy the benefit of the same, without legislative assistance: Therefore;

SECTION I.

Incorporation
of Rutland a-
queduct compa-
ny.

IT is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, That the said Israel Smith, Darius Chipman, Nathan Osgood, and their associates, proprietors and owners of the aqueduct aforesaid be, and they are hereby incorporated into a company, for the purpose of enabling them to enjoy the benefits contemplated by said aqueduct, and the said proprietors & owners be, & they are hereby authorized and empowered, to meet at some place in said vicinity, on the fourth Monday of November instant, being thereto notified at least three days before such meeting: and the said proprietors and owners, when met as aforesaid, may appoint a moderator, clerk and any other officers necessary for said company; may make bye laws for the due regulation thereof; may pass votes and resolutions; may determine on the mode for notifying future meetings of said proprietors; may assess such tax on themselves, as a majority shall judge necessary; may adjourn from time to time, and may do any other act for the due regulation and management of the said aqueduct, and for carrying into effect, its beneficial purposes.

Their first
meeting.

Powers.

SEC. 2. And it is hereby further enacted, That

it shall be the duty of the moderator, when chosen, to preside in all meetings of said proprietors and owners, and direct the mode of proceedings therein. And it shall be the duty of the clerk to register the names of all the proprietors and owners of the said aqueduct; to record all transfers of shares in the same, and also from time to time, all votes, proceedings and bye laws of said proprietors. And when the proprietors shall assess any tax for repairing the said aqueduct, making any addition thereto, or other purpose, and any such proprietor shall neglect or refuse to pay any tax duly assessed by said corporation, to the clerk of said corporation, within thirty days after the time appointed for the payment thereof, the said clerk is hereby authorized to sell at public vendue, the share or shares of such delinquent proprietor or proprietors, under such regulations as the said corporation may by their bye laws direct. And such clerk shall enter in the books of said corporation such sale, and the purchaser may thereupon be considered to all intents and purposes, the proprietor thereof; and the overplus, if any there be, upon such sale, shall be paid on demand, by the clerk, to the person whose share or shares shall have been so sold as aforesaid.

Moderator's duty.

Clerk's duty.

Clerk empowered to sell shares for payment of taxes.

SEC. 3. *And it is hereby further enacted,* That if any person who is not a proprietor in said aqueduct, shall impede, hinder, obstruct or injure said aqueduct, commit any trespass thereon, or do any damage to the same, or any part thereof, he shall pay all damages sustained by said proprietors thereby; to be recovered in the name of the clerk, to and for the benefit of said proprietors, before any court proper to try the same.

Persons committing trespass to pay damages

SEC. 4. *And it is hereby further enacted,* That the administrators to the estate of *Samuel Williams, Esq.* late of *Rutland*, deceased be, and they are hereby authorized to execute a lease to said proprietors, of the privilege of making said aqueduct through the lands belonging to said estate; and of assigning to said proprietors all leases which were executed to the said *Samuel Williams* in his life-time, for the purpose of said aqueduct.

Administrator of S. Williams, Esq to give & assign leases,