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AN ORDINANCE

The Mayor and Common Council of
Los Angeles do ordain as follows:

SEC. 1st. There shall be an Overseer of water, to be appointed by the Council and approved by the Mayor, who shall hold office during the pleasure of a majority of said Council or the Mayor.

SEC. 2d. It shall be the duty of the Overseer of Water, 1st, to deliver to the Mayor for presentation by him to the Common Council an abstract containing a description in numerical order, of the names of the water canals, with the arms and branches of the same, said abstract to be delivered to the Mayor on or before the first Monday of February of each year; also a list of the person or persons engaged in cultivation, showing the number of acres tilled by each one, as the same shall appear on the roll of the City Assessor.

2d. To assist and direct the repairs and work upon the main canals

the amount of work to be done is so small as not to need the whole number of men herein provided for, then the Overseer of water shall call a less number of men, pro rata, as provided for above.

SEC. 4th. All complaints that the cultivators of lands have to make because of injustice done them in the distribution of water, shall be laid before the Mayor, who upon hearing the cause, shall forthwith decide the case with as little expense and delay as possible, and any person not satisfied with his decision, shall, if they choose, appeal to the Common Council, when in session.

SEC. 5th. The prices for water for one day, \$2; for one night, 75 cents; half day \$1; a day's water shall be from sunrise to sunset, and the night's water from sunset to sunrise; during the busy season of irrigation no time will be set apart for supplying water for domestic purposes, and no person shall be entitled to water permits until they have paid for them in advance.

SEC. 6. All persons are prohibited from making or causing to be made any apparatus in any place where water is drawn out of the river into a water canal, or making or causing to be made any water canal, raising or causing to be raised any flood gate, destroying or causing to be destroyed the same, placing or causing to be placed any obstruction to the course of the water in any canal thereby impeding the free current and distribution of the same, placing or causing to be placed anything that shall injure the banks of the canals or render the water unclean; taking or using water destined for irrigation out of the proper time to the injury of another, or using water without a permit and to the injury of another, shall be fined by the Mayor in a sum not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, at the discretion of the Mayor.

4th. To grant punctually the water to the cultivators on those days wherein it has been set apart to them, and to take care that no one disturbs them in the free use and enjoyment of the water due them.

5th. To examine the petitions for water of those that may have had the same to use previously, and to see whether such petitions are made through necessity; and if otherwise he may postpone granting them the water until some subsequent period.

6th. To get from the Mayor on the first day of every week a certain number of water permits to be printed in full and for one day each; also a certain number for nights, and also for half days and in like manner, and each water permit shall only be good for the time mentioned on its face; the said permits shall be signed by the Mayor and Overseer; the said permits shall be sold only for cash, and the said Overseer of water shall, at the expiration of each week, make a full and satisfactory settlement with the Mayor for the said water permits; and the Mayor shall keep a book wherein shall be set down the number of permits issued to the Overseer of water, together with the number of days, nights, half days, and amount of said permits in cash, and if any are returned unsold then the same to be entered in said book, and the Mayor shall, at the expiration of each month, pay over all monies so collected, to the City Treasurer, and take his receipt for the same, which receipt and book he shall present in settlement to the Common Council at their first meeting in each month. If from any just cause cultivators are prevented from using the water on the days their permits call for it, the Mayor at his discretion shall give them other days instead thereof, if in his judgment they are entitled to it.

SEC. 2d. Every owner of lands to be irrigated shall contribute to the work done upon the canals and their outlets, in proportion to the use which each one makes of the water, in the following manner, to-wit:

Sec. 8. Every person who shall take out water from any canal or branch of the same for irrigating lands shall do so at the customary place or places heretofore used, and shall not open any new place for that purpose, without the previous consent of the Water Overseer.

Sec. 9. No person shall make any breach in the bank of any water canal or branch thereof, so as to cause the water to waste, to the great injury of others; nor is any person allowed to keep their own or private water ditches in such bad condition as to cause a waste of water, either by running on the public roads or otherwise; and any violation of this section shall subject the offender to a fine of five dollars for the first offense, and for all subsequent offences not less than ten nor more than thirty dollars, at the discretion of the Mayor; and it shall be the duty of the Water Overseer, or any other public officer, to enforce this Ordinance.

Sec. 10. Each cultivator shall prepare his land in such manner and to the best advantage, and shall make all such water canals through his land leading from some main water canal in such manner as shall be satisfactory to the Overseer of Water; and if the said cultivator shall fail to prepare his land and make such water canal through it as aforesaid to the full and entire satisfaction of the said Overseer, then such cultivator shall not have any water from the said water canals for irrigation of his land until he so prepare it and make his said water canals as aforesaid.

Sec. 11. The Overseer of Water shall be at the Mayor's office, each day, from 5 o'clock P. M. until 7 o'clock P. M. He shall not sell the water for more than thirty days in advance, and shall appoint one day in the fore part of each month for each zanja or water ditch, for sale of said water, and he shall give due notice to the irrigators on each particular water ditch, when the water will be disposed of in said ditch, and the sale of water shall take place for the

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Whoever irrigates fifteen acres or less, shall furnish one man to the work.

Whoever irrigates over fifteen and not more than thirty acres, shall furnish two men.

Whoever irrigates forty-five acres, shall furnish four men, and for every additional fifteen acres, one man.

These hands shall be furnished after due notice to the respective owners, from the day indicated by the said Overseer to commence the work, until the same be completed, but in no case shall the Overseer of water make such demand on the said cultivators without permission of the Mayor or Common Council; and if any person, so notified, shall neglect or refuse to comply with said notification, then the Overseer shall hire for said work the number of men due by said parties, and shall collect from said parties one and one-half dollars for each per day, to pay the said hired men, and shall report the same to the Mayor; and if the said parties refuse to pay the said amount, then the Mayor shall proceed to collect according to the law made and provided for other delinquent taxes. If

advance, and shall appoint one day in the fore part of each month for each zanja or water ditch, for sale of said water, and he shall give due notice to the irrigators on each particular water ditch, when the water will be disposed of in said ditch, and the sale of water shall take place for the same water ditch on the same day of each month, (Sundays excepted,) and no water must be sold on the streets, nor anywhere but in his office. He must be particular that all are served alike; that no injustice be done any one; he must keep enough assistants to perform all the necessary work, and he shall be responsible for their acts and wages.

Sec. 12. This Ordinance goes into effect immediately, and all Ordinances in contravention of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

JOHN KING,

President *Pro Tem*.

Approved this 18th day of June,
A. D. 1868.

C. AGUILAR,

Mayor.

Queen Victoria has directed that her Journal shall be translated into Welch. Sir Thomas Bidwell, by command of Her Majesty, has requested Rev. J. Jones, Vicar of Llan-oi-siliogogo, near New Quay, Cardiganshire, an eminent Welch scholar, to undertake the work. This act of the Queen has given great satisfaction to the Welch speaking population of the principality.