

# SPECIAL ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

WITH

### AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

A LIST OF CORPORATIONS ORGANIZED UNDER GENERAL LAW SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF VOL. VII.

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### VOLUME IX.

FROM 1881 TO 1884 INCLUSIVE.

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HARTFORD, CONN.:  
PRESS OF THE CASE, LOCKWOOD & BRAINARD COMPANY.

1885.

[House Joint Resolution No. 214.]

[204.]

CONCERNING MYSTIC ISLAND AND FAULKNER'S ISLAND.

*Resolved by this Assembly:* That Mystic Island be, and it is hereby, added to and made a part of the fourth voting district of the town of Stonington: and Faulkner's Island be, and it is hereby, added to and made a part of the town of Guilford.

Approved, April 14, 1881.

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[House Joint Resolution No. 204.]

[205.]

PROVIDING FOR COMPILATION OF TAX LAWS.

*Resolved by this Assembly:* That the secretary be, and hereby is, directed to compile the laws of this state, including those of the present session, relating to the assessment and collection of taxes (except such laws as relate to taxes paid by private corporations to the state), omitting all repealed portions, and causing all sections and chapters amended by subsequent acts to read as so amended, and to publish such compilation, and to send at least ten copies of said compilation to each of the town clerks in this state.

Approved, April 14, 1881.

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[Senate Bill No. 82.]

[206.]

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, AND THE NEW HAVEN WATER COMPANY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:* SECTION 1. The city of New Haven has the power to purchase, take, hold, and operate the franchises, property, and assets of the New Haven Water Company, pursuant to the terms of the contract between said city and said water company, of date of February twentieth, 1862; and said the New Haven Water Company has power to make

such sale, and to transfer its franchises, property, and assets to said city.

SEC. 2. Said water company shall, on or before the first day of August, 1881, deliver to the auditor of said city an itemized statement, verified by the oath of the president or secretary of said water company, of the amount which would be claimed by said water company under the said contract of February twentieth, 1862, in the event of the purchase of said franchises, property, and assets by said city, and of the amount actually paid in by the stockholders of said water company under each call, and the amount of such money expended in the construction of the works of said company, the amount of dividends declared by said company, with date of each, and also a statement of all bonds and other liabilities of said water company.

A committee, composed of one alderman, to be appointed by the board of aldermen, one councilman, to be appointed by the board of councilmen, and two citizens, not members of the city government, to be appointed by the board of aldermen, has power to employ an accountant, and shall have access to, and power, with the assistance of said accountant, to inspect the books, records, papers, and vouchers of said water company from time to time, and make abstracts thereof; and said committee has power to subpoena and examine witnesses.

SEC. 3. The question whether said city shall purchase said franchises, property, and assets, shall be submitted to the freemen of said city, by order of the court of common council, at such time and in such form as said court may determine; and said court shall so submit said question on or before the first day of November, 1881, upon the written request of one hundred taxpayers resident in said city: *provided*, that the vote thereon shall be by ballot; and, so far as applicable, all provisions of law touching other city elections shall apply to such meeting of said freemen. At least six days' notice of such meeting shall be given by the mayor of said city.

If at such meeting the freemen of said city determine to purchase said franchises, property, and assets, the mayor shall immediately notify said water company that said city has elected to make such purchase, and thereupon said franchises, property, and assets shall vest in said city, pursuant to said contract, as soon as the same are paid for.

SEC. 4. To provide money to pay for such purchase the court of common council of said city are authorized to issue, under the corporate name and seal and upon the credit of said city, bonds or other certificates of debt, to an amount not exceeding in the whole the par value of two million dollars, which bonds shall be designated "Water Works Bonds;" and the avails thereof, when sold as hereinafter authorized, shall be appropriated for said purpose.

Said bonds may be issued in such sums, and on such time, and at such rate of interest, not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be prepared and authenticated in such form and manner, with coupons or otherwise, as said court of common council may determine; and the same may be sold from time to time under the direction of the mayor and board of aldermen of said city, at any rate not

less than par value and accrued interest; and said bonds or certificates, when issued as aforesaid, shall be obligatory upon said city of New Haven to all intents and purposes, and may be enforced and collected in the same manner and to the same extent that debts lawfully contracted by municipal corporations in this state are enforced.

SEC. 5. If said city and said water company fail to agree touching any question that may arise concerning said purchase and sale, or the transfer of said franchises, property, and assets to said city, as to the amount to be paid therefor, or the amount to be assumed by said city, either party may apply to the superior court in New Haven county, and said court, having given reasonable notice to the other party, shall appoint a committee of three disinterested freeholders of this state to determine the matters in controversy; and the determination of said committee, having been returned to said court and accepted and recorded, shall be final and conclusive. But said court shall have power to reject the doings of said committee for improper or irregular conduct, and submit said question to said committee, or to another committee, to be appointed in the same manner.

Either party has the right to revise questions of law by motion in error or for a new trial to the supreme court of errors.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved, April 14, 1881.

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[Senate Bill No. 84.]

[207.]

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATING TO THE VOTING DISTRICTS OF THE TOWN OF NEW HAVEN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:* SECTION 1. So much of the town of New Haven as is included within the following boundaries, to wit: By a line commencing at the point of intersection of the central lines of Grove and Temple streets, thence continuing northeasterly through the center of Temple street to the point of intersection of the central lines of Temple street and Whitney avenue, thence northeasterly through the center of Whitney avenue to the town limit, thence westerly by the town limit to a point six hundred feet westerly of the center of Dixwell avenue, thence southerly by a line parallel with and six hundred feet westerly of the center of Dixwell avenue, and running to a point two hundred feet north of the center of Munson street, thence westerly by a line parallel with and two hundred feet northerly of the center of Munson street to the center of Crescent street, thence southerly through the center of Crescent street to the center of Goffe street, thence southeasterly through the center of Goffe street to the point of intersection