

for the purpose of conducting water into the town street of said Durham, by means of subterraneous pipes, and their successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated for said purpose, and made a body politic, by the name of the "*Aqueduct Company of the Town of Durham*," and by that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and may purchase, hold, sell and convey, estate real and personal to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars, to be holden by said corporation at any one time, and the first meeting of said company shall be holden at such time and place in the town of Durham as the said Jeremiah Butler, and John Johnson Jr. shall appoint, they causing two days previous notice thereof to each of their associates, and the subsequent meetings of said company shall be holden at such time and place in said Durham, and to be convened in such manner as shall be agreed on by said company, and the said company at any legal meeting, shall have power to choose and appoint by ballot from the members, a Chairman, Treasurer, Clerk and five Directors to manage the prudential business of said corporation, and such officers shall in like manner be annually chosen, and in case of vacancy the same may be filled at any legal meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the votes, and proceedings of said corporation, and to give copies thereof when required, and shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the duties of his office, and the Directors, or major part thereof, may at any time call a special meeting, and each of the stockholders in said company shall have right either in person, or by attorney, at any meeting of said corporation to give, in all questions, a number of votes equal to his number of shares—and the said company in legal meeting assembled shall have power from time to time by their vote, to assess taxes to be paid by the several proprietors or stockholders in proportion to their stock, for the purpose of completing and keeping in repair the said aqueduct, to make rules and ordinances, relative to the forfeitures, or penalties for non-payment of such taxes, relative to the admission of new members, and the transfer of shares, the maintenance of outlets, and the quantity of water for each, and in general for the good regulation and management of the property of said company, which shall be binding on the members thereof, and the profits and emoluments accruing from a disposal of the water from said aqueduct after deducting necessary expenses, and charges for repairs &c., shall be divided among the stockholders in proportion to their shares, at such times as shall be agreed upon by said company in legal meeting assembled.

**RESOLVE INCORPORATING THE BEAN HILL AQUEDUCT COMPANY OF
NORWICH—PASSED, MAY 1832.**

Resolved by this Assembly, That Eber Backus, Stephen Tracy, Erastus Huntington, Abial B. Sherman, and Erastus Wentworth, with all others, who are or shall hereafter become associated with them, be, and they hereby are, with their successors and assigns, made and established a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Bean Hill Aqueduct Company of Norwich," for the purpose of conducting water into the town street in said Norwich, in the most advantageous manner; and by that name, they and their assigns and successors shall be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy to them and their successors,

any goods, chattels and effects, of whatever kind they may be, the better to enable them to carry on such business to advantage; also to purchase, take, hold, occupy, possess, and enjoy any such lands, tenements, or hereditaments in the county of New London, as shall be necessary for the views and purposes of said corporation, not exceeding in the whole ten acres, unless the same be taken in payment of, or as security for debts due the corporation; and the same to sell and dispose of at pleasure; or to take a lease or leases thereof for a term of years; also to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, answer and be answered unto, in any court of record, or elsewhere. And said corporation may have and use a common seal, and may alter the same at their pleasure. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and that a share of said stock shall be twenty-five dollars, and shall be deemed and considered personal estate, and be transferable only on the books of said company in such form as the directors of said company shall prescribe. And said company shall at all times have a lien upon all the stock or property of the members of said corporation invested therein for all debts due from them to said company. The stock, property, and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by not less than three nor more than five directors; one of whom they shall appoint their President; who shall hold their offices for one year; which directors shall be stockholders and citizens of the United States, and shall be annually elected at such time and place as the regulations of said corporation shall prescribe. A majority of the directors shall on all occasions when met in said town of Norwich, constitute a board for the transaction of business; and a majority of the stockholders present at any legal meeting, shall be capable of transacting the business of such meeting, each share entitling the owner thereof to one vote. And the said Backus, Tracy, Huntington, Sherman and Wentworth, shall be the first directors of said corporation. The said president and directors for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to fill any vacancy which may happen in their board, by death, resignation or otherwise, for the then current year, and to appoint and employ, from time to time, a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers, mechanics and laborers, as they may think proper for the transaction of the business and concerns of the said company; and also to make and establish such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they shall think expedient for the better management of the concerns of the said corporation, and the same to alter and repeal: provided always, that such by-laws, rules, and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this State, or the United States. And said directors shall and may, as often as the interest of the stockholders shall require, and the affairs of said company will permit, declare a dividend or dividends of profit on each share, which shall be paid by the treasurer of said company. If it shall so happen that an election of directors should not take place in any year at the annual meeting of the corporation, the said corporation shall not for that reason be dissolved; but such election may be held thereafter on any convenient day within one year, to be fixed on by the directors, they previously giving public notice thereof. The books of said company containing their accounts shall at all reasonable times be open for the inspection of any of the stockholders of said company; and as often as once in each year, a statement of the accounts of said company, shall be made by order of the directors. The directors may call in the subscriptions to the capital stock by instalments, in such proportions and at such times and pla-

ces, as they may think proper, giving such notice thereof as the by laws and regulations of said company shall prescribe; and in case any stockholder shall neglect or refuse payment of such instalment or instalments, for the term of sixty days after the same shall become due and payable, and after he, she, or they have been notified thereof, such negligent stockholder or stockholders shall forfeit to said company all his, her, or their previous instalments, together with all his, her, or their rights and interest whatever in said stock. Provided, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to authorize or empower the said corporation to use their funds for any banking transactions: And also provided that this grant shall be subject to be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

RESOLVE INCORPORATING BRIDGEPORT GOLDEN HILL AQUEDUCT COMPANY,
PASSED, MAY 1833.

Sec. 1. *Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened,* That Jesse Sterling, Stephen Hawley, Seth B. Jones, Ziba Northrop, Nickols Northrop, Edwin Porter, and George Kippen, and all such persons as are or may be from time to time associated with them, and their successors, and assigns, for the purpose of conducting pure and wholesome water into, in, and about the borough of Bridgeport, by means of subterraneous pipes laid along the streets of said borough, be, and they hereby are incorporated for that purpose, and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Bridgeport Golden Hill Aqueduct Company,*" and by that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in any courts in this State, and may purchase, hold, sell and convey real estate, for the purposes aforesaid, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, unless for security of debts, due said company by mortgage, and also to make, ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws and ordinances, as shall be deemed necessary and convenient for the well ordering and government of said corporation, consistent with the laws of this State, and the United States; and to do all which to them may appertain to do, subject to the rules and regulations hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. The capital stock of said company, may consist of any sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, which may be found necessary for the purpose aforesaid, which sum shall be divided into forty shares to be held and possessed by the members of said corporation, in such manner and proportion as by their by-laws shall be established, which shares may and shall be transferable and assignable, subject to the regulations and provisions of said by-laws.

Sec. 3. The first meeting of said company shall be holden at such time and place, as the said Jesse Sterling, Stephen Hawley, Seth B. Jones, Ziba Northrop, Edwin Porter, George Kippen and Nickols Northrop shall appoint, by publishing a notification thereof in some newspaper, printed in said Bridgeport: and the subsequent meetings of said company, shall be holden annually, and at such times and places, and convened in such manner as said company shall designate by their votes.

Sec. 4. Said Company, shall have power at any legal meeting to appoint a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and any number of Directors, not exceeding three, to manage the concerns of said Company, and such Clerk,