

To the Honorable General Assembly of
 the State of Connecticut to be holden at
 Hartford on the second Thursday of May
 instant — The petition of Joseph Howland
 Levi Huntington Benjamin Coit Dwight
 Wesley Newcomb Pinney Sylvester Peck &
 Joseph Perkins. Inhabitants of the Society
 of Cheba in Norwich New London County
 Humbly sheweth — That a part of
 the Inhabitants of said Society are destitute
 of good water owing to a brook being so near
 the surface of the ground that wells cannot
 be had without great expense & in many
 instances where wells have been dug the water
 has proved so bad that they have ^{been} abandoned as
 unfit for use — That your Honor petitioners
 have associated together for the purpose of bringing
 water to their own & many of their neighbors
 houses in conduits or aqueducts under ground
 in order that said Inhabitants may be supplied
 with good Spring water. and pray your Honors
 to grant them an act of incorporation giving
 them authority to make such bye Laws &
 regulations from time to time as they shall
 find necessary for the more convenient & safe
 management of the property — & further to grant them
 permission to purchase & hold in their corporate
 capacity such lands as they shall judge
 necessary or expedient to purchase, for the
 purpose of erecting a fountain or fountains
 of Water & for the safe conducting the same to
 said Inhabitants — And your Honors

petitioners as in duty bound shall
18b. ever pray —

Norwich 5th May 1800

As Howland
 and
 Joseph Lovell

Newcomb Kinney
 Dwight Ripley

Silvester Bill
 Joseph Perkins

General Assembly May Session 1806.

In the house of Representatives, the
 prayer of the above petition is granted
 with liberty of a Bill for
 John Norman Clerk.

Concurred in the Upper House

John Samuel Wiggins Secretary