

L A W S
OF THE
STATE OF NEW-YORK

PASSED AT THE
SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION

OF THE
LEGISLATURE,

BEGUN THE THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF
APRIL, 1854, AT THE CITY OF ALBANY.



ALBANY:
GOULD, BANKS & CO., 475 BROADWAY.

NEW-YORK:
BANKS, GOULD & CO., 144 NASSAU-STREET.

1854.

Chap. 171.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act for the supply of the city of Brooklyn with water," passed June 3, 1853.

PASSED April 7, 1854, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New - York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

§ 1. The first section of the act entitled "An act for the supply of the city of Brooklyn with water." passed June third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

The common council of the city of Brooklyn may determine, provisionally, from what source and in what manner the said city shall be supplied with water, and whether by contract or otherwise ; but before such plan shall be executed, an intelligible outline of it, with the estimated cost of its execution, shall be published in the corporation papers for fifteen days, and the sense of the electors of said city upon such plan shall be taken as hereinafter provided.

Notice of
plan to be
published
before
adopted.

§ 2. The common council of the city of Brooklyn, in case the electors of said city shall decide in favor of a plan to supply the city with water by contract, may contract with one or more parties, in such manner as they may deem proper, for the entire work and materials of the water-works contemplated by the said act, for a price which shall cover the whole cost of construction.

Contract for
work.

§ 3. The twenty-fourth section of the said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

For the purpose of paying the cost of said water-works, together with all incidental expenses and damages, the said common council are hereby authorized to raise by loan from time to time, in such amounts as they may deem expedient, a sum not exceeding four and a half millions of dollars, by the issue of bonds or the creation of a public debt or stock, to be called "The water stock of the city of Brooklyn," which shall bear an interest not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be payable or redeemable at a period of time not less than fifteen nor more than forty years from and after the passage of this act. Such bonds or stock may be sold by the

Loan to pay
cost of work.

Commissioners.

common council at public or private sale, at not less than the nominal or par value thereof.

§ 4. After any plan submitted to the electors shall have been approved as herein provided, the common council, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected thereto, shall appoint six commissioners, who shall be known as the "Water commissioners of the city of Brooklyn," and shall have power to hold their offices until the water-works hereinafter mentioned are constructed and completed, and water distributed by them, unless their office should be sooner terminated as hereinafter provided; but they, or either of them, may be removed for cause, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to the common council, after having had an opportunity to be heard in their defence; and any vacancy which may occur in said board, from any cause whatever, shall be filled by the appointment of other commissioners, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to the common council, who shall hold office for the residue of the term.

A majority of said commissioners shall be a quorum for the exercise of the powers and performances of the duties of said office.

§ 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

Chap. 172.

AN ACT in relation to the moneys levied by law on masters, mates, mariners and seamen arriving at the city and port of New-York, and the disposal of the same by the trustees of the Seamen's Fund and Retreat.

PASSED April 7, 1854.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Trustees.

§ 1. The trustees of the Seamen's Fund and Retreat, in the city of New-York, shall consist of the following persons, who shall be residents of the city and county of New-York or of the counties of Kings, Queens or Richmond,