

# RIVAL WATER COMPANIES.

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## One Protests Against the State Department Incorporating the Other.

The Carlisle gas and water company has filed a protest with Major Barnet, deputy secretary of the commonwealth, against issuing a charter to the Carlisle water company. Major Barnet had a hearing in the matter last Saturday and will soon announce his decision. H. T. Duke, of Philadelphia, is one of the promoters of the Carlisle water company, which proposes to furnish water to the borough of Carlisle from Boiling Springs.

The Carlisle gas and water company was incorporated in 1853 under a special act of assembly and has accepted the constitution and the general corporation act of 1874. The company holds that this acceptance gives it an exclusive franchise for the borough of Carlisle and that no other water company can be chartered to supply water to it. The new company contends that the act of 1887 took away the exclusive franchise of water companies provided by the act of 1874 and that the old company not having accepted the act until after the act of 1887, taking away exclusive franchises, was passed the company no longer has an exclusive franchise. Many of the most substantial business men in Carlisle are interested in the old company.

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