

T. Fry allowed
6 d.

Voted and Resolved, That six dollars be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Thomas Fry, in full for wood furnished for the Court-house in the county of Kent, as by his account presented to this Assembly.

J. Nichols allowed
30:75.

Voted and Resolved, That thirty dollars and seventy-five cents be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Jonathan Nichols, being the amount of his account presented to this Assembly for labour and materials furnished for the State's gaol in Providence, in making a door for said gaol, and ironing the same.

C. Harrington allowed
6 d.

Voted and Resolved, That the sum of six dollars be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Carr Harrington, being the amount of his account presented to this Assembly for hand-irons, shovels and tongs, candles and candlesticks, furnished for the Court-house in the county of Kent.

W. Davis allowed
9:83.

Voted and Resolved, That the sum of nine dollars and eighty-three cents be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to William Davis, in full for his account presented to this Assembly for sundries furnished for the use of the gaol in the county of Kent, and for the board of Sylvester Daily, a State prisoner confined in said gaol.

M. Whitmarsh allowed
9:52.

Voted and Resolved, That the sum of nine dollars and fifty-two cents be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Micah Whitmarsh, being the amount of his account presented to this Assembly for work done upon the Court-house in Kent.

J. Helme, jun. allowed
24:45.

Voted and Resolved, That the sum of twenty-four dollars and forty-five cents be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to James Helme, jun. in full of his account presented to this Assembly for boarding State prisoners, and digging a drain for the gaol in the county of Washington.

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An ACT to incorporate the members of the Water Society.

Charter to
the Water
Society.

WHEREAS Gustavus Taylor, Ephraim Talbot, Benjamin Hoppin, Oliver Kane, Jonathan Russell, Samuel Young, the 2d. Asa Larned, Samuel Rawson, Joseph Rawson, jun. and John Mathewson, have petitioned this Assembly, praying for leave to repair and lay a permanent drain as it now runs through their several lots, lying on the west side of Weybosset bridge, in Providence, until it comes to Union-street; thence along said Union-street northerly, until it comes to Washington-street; thence turning and running easterly along said Washington-street, until it empties into the cove, comprehending therein a small natural stream or brook, that takes its rise near the house and on the land of Thomas Laing, and

and thereby serving the double purpose of draining the said lots, and all the cellars that are or may be built thereon, in order that the same may be permanently built, so as to convey the water by means of said drain to the cove, where it will empty, for the better and more certain means of draining the said lots and cellars belonging to themselves, and all such others as shall hereafter join unto, or be admitted by them, for the carrying, making, repairing and continuing said drain: And whereas the said drain will be of public utility, and cannot be carried into effect and continued, unless those concerned therein be vested with certain powers and corporate rights and privileges; and this Assembly being willing to encourage said design,

Section 1. BE it therefore enacted by the General Assembly, and by the authority thereof it is enacted, That the said Gustavus Taylor, Ephraim Talbot, Benjamin Hoppin, Oliver Kane, Jonathan Russell, Samuel Young, the 2d, Asa Larned, Samuel Rawson, Joseph Rawson, jun. and John Mathewson, with such others as said society shall from time to time admit, shall be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession, to be known in law by the name of The Water Society in Providence; and by that name to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto; to make and use a common seal; to take, receive, and hold any gifts and grants whatsoever, not exceeding four thousand dollars, with full power to do every lawful matter and thing to complete the execution of said design.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That said society shall have power to enact such by-laws as may be necessary for the government of the same, (not being repugnant to the laws of the United States, or of this State) to appoint such officers as they may think proper, and also to assess such tax or taxes on the members of said society, as a majority thereof may think necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That there shall be an annual meeting of said society on the first Monday of April, at such place as said society shall fix and establish, for the appointment of their officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be necessary for the government of the same; and that five members of said society, at any meeting legally called, be sufficient to form a quorum.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That at each and every annual meeting of said society, there shall be appointed a committee, which, under the direction and control of said society, shall have the ordering and management of every matter and thing respecting said drain, and how and in what manner the same shall be repaired and continued, and also in what manner drains leading into said main drain shall be built.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every member of said society shall have full liberty, at his own expence, under the direction of the aforesaid committee, to
sink

sink a drain from the main drain, to and for the use of one house or building, of forty feet square, or of such other size as said society may allow of or permit; and also members, being owners of manufactories, to sink a drain or drains from said main drain to said manufactories, subject to such regulations as said society shall establish.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That those persons through whose land said main drain shall pass, shall have the same privileges they now enjoy, without paying any thing more than they subscribe for laying the said drain, and their proportion of repairs for the same after it is completed, to be levied on the owners of the cellars or houses drained thereby; but that no member of said society shall have a right to run a drain from his land to said main drain, through the land of any other member or person, or body corporate, without the consent of such member, person or body corporate.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That whenever any three or more members of said society shall apply to the Clerk of said society, requesting him to call a special meeting of said society, it shall be the duty of said Clerk immediately to give notice to all the members thereof, by notification in writing, to be read to each member, or a copy thereof left at his usual place of abode, stating the time and place of holding the said meeting, which meeting shall be within three days from the time of giving such notice.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That said society shall annually appoint a Clerk, who shall make a record of all grants, leases and agreements respecting said drain, and all such by-laws as said society may from time to time enact.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That said society shall at all times hereafter, with the consent of the town of Providence, have liberty to dig in any of the streets, lanes or highways of said town, for the making and laying said drain, and all drains leading therefrom, and for repairing the same; said society at all times avoiding the doing any injury to the lands through which said main drain passes, or to the aqueduct or pipes of Rawson's Fountain Society; and in case any injury or damage shall be done by said society, or their agents, to said aqueduct or pipes, or to the property of any person or persons, or body corporate, and that said society shall, as soon as may be, make ample satisfaction therefor, and shall also leave the streets, lanes and highways aforesaid, in as good order as before the building and repairing the same.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the privileges and immunities hereby granted, shall not extend, or be construed to extend, to authorize said society, or any person or persons whomsoever, to sink, lay, repair or build said drain, through the land of any person or persons, or body corporate, not members thereof, unless said person or persons, or body corporate, consent to the same.

Sec. 11.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the powers hereby granted to said society shall not authorize it to levy or assess any tax or fine on any person, who having been a member of said society, shall have withdrawn himself from the same, and shall have given notice thereof in writing to the Clerk of said society.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That every person who shall have withdrawn himself from said society, in manner as aforesaid, shall not thereafter have or receive any benefit or advantage from said drain, over and above what he would have enjoyed had he never been a member of said society; and that said society may stop up any private drain, leading from or out of said person's land or building, to the aforesaid main drain.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the original proprietors shall and may dispose of the money they may receive on new rights among themselves, until the price of each original right be reduced to twenty dollars; reserving, however, the sum of five dollars from each new right, for the purpose of raising a fund for the benefit, and subject to the option of said society.

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Upon the petition of Richard Peirce, and Marcy Peirce wife of the said Richard, praying, for certain reasons therein stated, that they may be authorized and empowered to make sale of a small lot of land, situate in the town of Warwick, the fee whereof is in the said Marcy, who is an infant within the age of twenty-one years, and one of the heirs of Henry Rice, jun. late of said Warwick, deceased; and also one fourth part of the right of dower said deceased widow had in said estate, and that Phebe Rice now has in said estate, *Voted and Resolved,* That said petition be received and the prayer thereof granted, and that the said Richard Peirce and Marcy his wife, be authorized and empowered to make sale of the premises aforesaid, in the same manner as they might do if the said Marcy were of full age; and that a deed or deeds thereof, by them executed, be equally valid in law.

Petition R.
Peirce, &c.
sale of real estate.

Upon the petition of Russell Arnold, of Warwick, in the county of Kent, in said State, guardian to the person and estate of Deborah Rice, daughter of Henry Rice, jun. late of said Warwick, deceased, praying, for certain reasons therein stated, that he may be authorized to make sale of a small lot of land, situate in said Warwick, containing about one acre, belonging to the said Deborah, and also the reversion of one fourth part of the right of dower the widow so deceased had in said estate, and that Phebe Rice now has in said estate, *Voted and Resolved,* That the said petition be received and the prayer thereof granted, and that the said petitioner be authorized to make sale of all the right, title and interest of the said Deborah Rice, in and to the said estate, and that the same be done under the direction of the Court of Probate for the said town of Warwick; and

R. Arnold
sale of real estate.