

# ACTS

PASSED AT

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE  
EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Property* OF THE *State*

STATE OF TENNESSEE,

BEGUN AND HELD AT KNOXVILLE, ON

MONDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH DAY

OF SEPTEMBER, ONE THOU-

SAND EIGHT HUN-

DRED AND

NINE.

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED A COPY OF THE  
CONSTITUTION

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KNOXVILLE, PRINTED BY GEORGE WILSON, PRINTER  
TO THE STATE.

1809.

CHAP. XIII.

*AN ACT making provision for certain Grants.*

WHEREAS, a number of Grants have been issued by the Registers of the land office of this state, which have been filled up in the body of said grants, with the name of John Sevier, esquire; then governor of this state, without having been signed by him previous to his going out of office, and in order that said grants may not be prejudiced thereby,

Sec. 1. **B**E it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee, That from and after the passing of this act, it shall be lawful for Willie Blount, esquire, the present governor of this state, and he is hereby required to sign the said grants, whose signature is hereby declared to be as good and valid, both in law and equity, as if the same had been signed by the said John Sevier, esquire, while in office.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said Willie Blount, esquire, at the time of signing said grants, to date the same to the end that it may clearly appear he was Governor of the state at the time they were signed, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

JOS. DICKSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOSEPH M'MINN,

*Speaker of the Senate.'*

18th October, 1809.

CHAP. XIV.

*AN ACT to establish a Water Company in the town of Columbia.*

*Water Compa-  
ny.*

Sec: 1. **B**E it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee, That Isaac Roberts, John Spencer, William Bradshaw, Joseph Brown, William Berryhill, William W. Thompson, Simon Johnston, Abram Whiteside, and L. B. Estis, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Columbian Water Company, and by that name, may sue and be sued, in all courts of law and equity in this state, and may take and hold, to themselves and their successors in office, for the use and benefit of said town, any lands or tenements over which the said water doth pass, or any right or interest therein, which hath been or may be conveyed to them.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted,* That should any vacancy happen in the said company, by the death, removal, or resignation of any of the members, it shall then be the duty of the said

company, or a majority of them, to nominate some proper person to fill such vacancy.

Sec. 3. *Be it enacted*, That the above company be authorized to draw, from the commissioners of the town of Columbia, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars of the monies arising from the sale of the lots of Columbia, for the purpose of procuring water as convenient to the public square as may be found practicable, and the receipts of the said company shall be sufficient vouchers for the said commissioners in their settlement.

*Appropriation*

Sec. 4. *Be it enacted*, That the said company shall have power to prescribe such rules and regulations for their own government, and for the regulation of their pipes and other works, as they may deem proper and necessary, and they shall be entitled to the same protection from wanton and malicious persons injuring their works, and be allowed the same privileges as are allowed to the Knoxville water company, by an act passed the twenty-second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

*Protection for the works.*

Sec. 5. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of January next.

JOSEPH DICKSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOSEPH M'MINN,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

18th October, 1809.

CHAP. XV.

*AN ACT to establish and confirm the name of a certain person, hereafter named.*

WHEREAS, John Ragan, of the county of Hawkins, hath heretofore passed, and was known by the name of John Ragan, which was not the proper name of him the said John—And whereas, for divers good causes, appearing to this General Assembly, it is proper to establish and confirm said name—Therefore,

*Preamble.*

**B**E it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Tennessee, That from and after the passage of this act, the aforesaid name of John Ragan, shall be, and is hereby established and confirmed as the proper name of him the said John Ragan.

*John Ragan.*

JOSEPH DICKSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives,*

JOSEPH M'MINN,

*Speaker of the Senate.*

18th October, 1809.