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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

—OF THE—

# STATE OF VERMONT,

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corporation to an amount sufficient to carry into effect the object of this act, and said corporation may provide for the sale and mode of transfer thereof as said corporation may from time to time deem expedient, and may levy and collect assessments on such shares according to law, and fix rates and rents on the same at pleasure, and shall have the power to sue for and collect said water rents when necessary.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 13, 1882.

No. 144.—AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTHFIELD HOUSE AQUEDUCT COMPANY.

SECTION

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- ferred; damages sustained, how determined.
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8. Subject to general laws and future legislation.
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*It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:*

SEC. 1. Such persons as shall hereafter become stockholders are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Northfield House Aqueduct Company with powers incident to corporations, and may hold real and personal estate not exceeding five thousand dollars in value, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an aqueduct, for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the village of Northfield with water for domestic and other purposes.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may at its annual meeting, and at any other meeting legally notified for that purpose, make, alter and repeal such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be thought necessary, not repugnant to the laws of this state.

SEC. 3. The capital stock of said company shall consist of one hundred shares of twenty-five dollars each, which stock may be increased by said corporation to an amount sufficient to carry into effect the object of this act. And said corporation may provide for the sale and mode of transfer thereof, as said corporation may from time to time deem expedient, and may levy and collect assessments on said shares according to law, and fix the rate of rents and the

same alter at pleasure, and shall have the power to sue for and collect said water rates or rents when necessary. If at any time this corporation shall become indebted to an amount exceeding its paid up capital stock the directors and stockholders shall be personally liable for such indebtedness.

SEC. 4. The said corporation may take the water of such fountains, streams and springs as they may purchase of the owners for that purpose, may dig up or open any street, common or highway for the purpose of constructing and laying down or repairing such aqueduct or reservoirs connected with the same. Provided, the same may be done in such a manner as not to prevent their use for travel, and to be completed in a reasonable time and in such a manner as not to disfigure or injure said street, common or highway, and in all cases when said corporation shall lay or repair any of their pipes in any enclosed field they shall pay all damages done to crops thereon, and leave the surface of said lands as near as may be in as good condition as before laying or repairing such pipes.

SEC. 5. Said corporation may enter upon and use any land or enclosure through which it may be necessary for said aqueduct to pass on the most practicable route from where its waters may be taken, for the purpose of placing such reservoirs and pipe as may be necessary for constructing, completing and repairing said aqueduct. And may agree with the owner or owners thereof for the use of the same. But in case of disagreement, or if any owner thereof be a minor, insane or out of the state, or otherwise incapacitated to sell or convey, said corporation, or the owners or persons interested in lands so entered upon, may apply to the judges of the county court for the county of Washington, by petition, who shall appoint forthwith three disinterested persons to view the premises and assess the damages sustained by the owners or occupants of said lands by the construction of said aqueduct, and said committee shall appraise said damage on oath and report the same to the county court for the county aforesaid, at its first session thereafter; and if their report shall be accepted by said court, the court shall render judgment thereon, and may issue an execution therefor with costs.

SEC. 6. Any person who shall maliciously disturb or injure said aqueducts, spring or reservoirs, or any enclosure of the same, shall be liable to be prosecuted by information, complaint or indictment, and on conviction, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty dollars and costs of prosecution, and shall also be liable to said corporation for all damages.

SEC. 7. The first meeting of this corporation may be holden at such time and place in the town of Northfield by G. M. Fisk giving written notice to all stockholders of said company, in writing, six days prior to said meeting.

SEC. 8. This act shall be subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the Revised Laws of Vermont,

entitled "Of private corporations," and may be altered, amended or repealed, as the public good may require.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 29, 1882.

No. 145.—AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SHELDON  
ART MUSEUM, ARCHÆOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY.

SECTION

1. Corporators; name; purpose;  
location.

2. Powers, rights and privileges; by-

SECTION

laws; officers.

3. To take effect; subject to future  
legislation.

*It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of  
Vermont:*

SEC. 1. Henry L. Sheldon, Albert Chapman, George C. Chapman, E. W. Judd and the vestry of St. Stephen's church of Middlebury for the time being—Henry L. Sheldon, Albert Chapman, George C. Chapman, E. W. Judd, E. B. Mussey, E. P. Russell, F. W. Halsey, William Chadwick and C. A. Chapman—and their successors are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of the Sheldon Art Museum, Archæological and Historical Society for the purpose of collecting and preserving objects of archæological and historical value, an art museum and a public library, to be located at Middlebury.

SEC. 2. Said corporation may sue and be sued by its corporate name; may have and enjoy all the privileges incident to corporations; may have a common seal and the same alter at pleasure; may purchase and hold real estate with suitable buildings thereon for the safe keeping of its collections and for janitor's rooms; may adopt by-laws and elect officers; may receive and hold any gifts, donations, legacies or bequests, and may be furnished by the proper officers with such public documents as are usually furnished by the state to other public libraries in the same.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage, and shall be under the control of future legislatures to alter or amend as the public good or the interest of said corporation may require.

Approved November 28, 1882.