

County, to be by him applied for the purposes aforesaid, under the authority of his Majesty's Supreme Court, in and for the said County.

## CAP. XV.

## An ACT for the better supplying the Town of Halifax with Fresh Water.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS, the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax suffer great inconvenience for want of a proper supply of Fresh Water. And whereas, certain of the said Inhabitants have proposed to raise by subscription sufficient Monies to form a Reservoir for Fresh Water, on the Common of the said Town, and thence to convey such Water by Pipes through the several Streets thereof, provided the subscribers shall be incorporated for that purpose, and obtain an exclusive privilege with respect to the same for a limited time:

Twenty Persons may be Incorporated, under the Title of the Halifax Water Company, for a Term of 25 years.

I. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council and Assembly.* That whenever twenty persons shall have associated themselves together, for the purposes mentioned in the preamble of this Act, and agreed to raise sufficient Monies to effect the same, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of this Province, to make, erect, and incorporate, all and singular the persons, who, from time to time, shall be adventurers in, or parties to, the said undertaking, and their assigns, into one Body Politick and Corporate, in Deed and in Name, under the title of The Halifax Water Company: And by that name to have succession, to sue and be sued, to continue for the term of twenty-five years, to have a Common Seal, and to possess and enjoy such powers, with respect to the choice of a President, and other officers, making Bye-Laws, and regulating the affairs of the said Company, and to be under, and subject, to such restrictions as shall be expressed in the same Letters Patent.

Notice of Intention to apply for Letters Patent to be given in the Gazette.

II. *Provided always, and be it further enacted,* That before the said Letters Patent shall be granted, public notice shall be given, and inserted during six weeks, in the Royal Gazette, of the intention of the said persons to apply to the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, and in the said notice it shall be expressed that the Reservoir herein after mentioned, has been made and completed; and all persons who have any cause to shew against granting the said Letters Patent, may apply to his Majesty's Council, for that purpose, and if no cause shall be shewn to his Majesty's Council, by petition or otherwise, against the granting of the said Letters Patent, on or before the first day of September next, or if the reasons shewn shall not be such, as, in the opinion of his Majesty's Council, ought to prevent the granting of the said Letters Patent, the same may, at any time after the said first day of September next, be granted, pursuant to the directions, and provisions of this Act.

Reservoir or Bason of Water—where to be formed.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the persons so associated, and who intend to apply for the said Letters Patent, to make and dig a Reservoir or Bason for Water, upon such part of the Common of Halifax, north of the Bridge on the road leading from the Jail, as they shall deem most proper and convenient for the purpose, and to surround and secure such Reservoir or Bason with the necessary dykes and embankments, for