

CHAP. 50. they, or a majority of them, may think necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

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Passed Jan. 5, 1816 *An Act for introducing a copious supply of Water into the Town of Cumberland.* Lib. TH. No. 4, fol. 471.

Company incorporated.

1. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a company be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and that the said body politic shall be known and distinguished by the appellation of The President and Directors of the Cumberland Water Company, and shall have full and ample power and authority to do, perform and execute, all and every matter and thing which a similar corporation may or rightfully can do, and shall have succession during the continuation of this act; and to that end, for perpetuating the said incorporate body, the heirs, devisees, representatives and assignees, of the individual members thereof, shall be and are hereby declared to be, members thereof, and by the name aforesaid may sue and be sued, answer and be answered, in any court of law or equity in this state or elsewhere.

Capital. Subscriptions to be opened.

2. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That the capital stock of the said corporation shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, to be divided into five hundred shares of twenty dollars each, and that subscriptions to the said capital stock shall be opened in the town of Cumberland, under the direction of John Scott, Peter Lowdermilk, Samuel Smith, George Thistle, David Schriver and Michael C. Sprigg, or any two or more of them, on a day appointed by them for that purpose, and notified in the papers published in said town at least three weeks previous thereto, who shall meet on the day appointed for receiving subscriptions at ten o'clock A. M. and continue the same open until five o'clock P. M. and if the subscriptions shall exceed the capital, the commissioners shall apportion the same, according to the subscribers, by proportionate deductions, so that the whole be reduced to the proper limit; but if the said subscriptions shall not be filled on the first day, the commissioners aforesaid may adjourn from day to day until the whole stock is subscribed, and those who have previously subscribed shall be entitled to the stock in said company, from each of whom the said commissioners shall exact the first instalment of two dollars and fifty cents on each share so subscribed.

Commissioners to hold election for president and directors.

3. **AND BE IT ENACTED**. That within ten days after closing the subscriptions, two or more of the commissioners shall meet at Cumberland for the purpose of holding an election for the president and directors.

Stockholders to elect them.

4. **AND BE IT ENACTED**. That the stockholders aforesaid, or such as shall be present in person, or by proxy, shall elect, by ballot, out of the stockholders, five directors to serve until successors to them shall be chosen, and the said corporation shall annually thereafter, upon the same day, in each and every year, or within ten days thereafter, in like manner elect five directors for one year, or until successors to them shall be chosen; and the said directors immediately after their appointment, and so after every subsequent appointment as aforesaid, shall choose from among the stockholders by ballot, a president, to serve for one year from the time of