

and by the name aforesaid may sue and be sued, answer and be answered, in any court of law or equity in this state. CHAP. 52.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the survivor or survivors of the persons above named, shall have full power, whenever any one or more of them shall die or remove from Charles county, or whenever a vacancy may in any manner occur, to elect by ballot, any person or persons residing in Charles county, whom they may judge proper, to fill the vacancy or vacancies so occasioned by removal, death or resignation, or to elect any additional member or members, if in their judgment they may think proper so to do; who, when so elected, shall have all the power and authority, and stand in the same situation as the persons above named, and hereby created a body corporate, have by this act.

Vacancies, how to be filled.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to make by-laws, rules and regulations, for the well ordering and conducting of the business of the company, and of their meetings, the time and place thereof, and to alter, change and annul the same at their pleasure: and to impose fines and forfeitures upon the members thereof for the violation of such by-laws, and to collect such fines and forfeitures by warrant before a single magistrate; and the said corporation may in their discretion, adopt and make any device or bearing for their public seal, which, when so made and devised, shall be affixed to all warrants and official proceedings, and which, when so affixed, shall be conclusive evidence of the authenticity of such proceedings, except in cases of fraud or violence.

Corporation to make by-laws, &c

4. AND BE IT ENACTED. That the said corporation may purchase and hold in fee simple, or otherwise, all such land and real estate suitable for the erection of the necessary works, and that may be necessary in whole or in part for the proper accomplishment of their undertaking, and for that purpose may direct, from the usual course, at such place or places as they shall think fit, the water flowing from the spring near Port Tobacco, on Edward P. e's land, commonly called The Mount Spring, on the said corporation's first obtaining the consent of all persons having any right or interest in said stream of water so to be diverted, or in the lands through which such stream or streams may be intended to pass after being so diverted; and the said corporation shall have full power and authority to make and lay conduits or pipes for the conveyance of said water under ground, and the said conduits or pipes, from time to time to renew and repair, and for such purposes to dig, break up and open, at their own expense, all or any part of the land through which the said pipes are to pass; and shall have full power and authority to establish and raise reservoirs or hydrants for the distribution of said water in the public square of said town, or in such parts of the streets as they may think proper, and to grant to all persons whomsoever the privilege of using the said water so to be introduced, in such manner, and on such terms and conditions, and in such quantities respectively, as they shall think fit; and the said waters so to be introduced and distributed, together with all reservoirs, hydrants, conduits, pipes, engines, building, or machines whatsoever, to be by them made and used for the purpose of introducing, raising and distributing said water, to hold to them the said corporation, and their successors for ever, as their sole and exclusive property.

To hold real estate for erection of necessary works, &c.