

CHAP. 167. agents, superintendants, clerks or officers; to make such contracts, purchases or agreements, of all such matters and things, in behalf of the said company, and of all such privileges, permissions, rights, and advantages of every kind and nature whatsoever, as they shall judge necessary for completing, in an effectual and proper manner, the introduction, distribution, and supply of water, to the town of Williamsport, with any individual, companies, firms or corporations; and to use and dispose of any surplus water to the best interest and advantage of the said company, and all such contracts to rescind, alter, abridge or enlarge, with consent of the parties thereto respectively; and to lease, sell, convey, transfer and bind, by their contracts, deeds and writing, under the hands of the president and seal of the company, all the property, estate, common stock, and joint funds of the said company, subject to the ratification of the stockholders, or a majority of them, at some general meeting, if the value of the matter in question shall exceed five hundred dollars, but not the persons or separate property of themselves or any of the stockholders.

Corporation may purchase real estate, &c

10. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation may purchase and hold, in fee simple or otherwise, all such land and real estates suitable for the erection of the necessary works, and that may be necessary in whole or part, for the proper accomplishment of their undertaking, as they shall judge proper, and may divert from the usual bed and course, for the purpose aforesaid, at such place or places as they shall think fit, any stream or streams which they may think suitable for the purpose, or any part or parts thereof, they obtaining the consent of all persons having any right, interest or property, in the stream or streams respectively, so to be diverted in whole or in part, 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 a canal and tunnel, or either of them, for the conveyance of the said water under and along any public highway, or any street or streets, lane or lanes, alley or alleys, of the county, or town of Williamsport, and to lay a pipe or pipes in such highway, or in any of the said streets, lanes or alleys, for the purpose of conveying and distributing the said water, and the said pipes from time to time to renew and repair, and for those purposes to dig, break up and open, at their own expense, all or any part of such highway, or of such streets and alleys, and of the pavements and footways thereof, leaving at all times a sufficient passage way for carriages, horses and foot passengers, and restoring forthwith to their former condition all such highways, or all such of the said streets, lanes and alleys, pavements and footways, as shall from time to time, and at any time, be so dug, opened or taken up.

To establish reservoirs and public fountains, and grant privileges of using water

11. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to establish reservoirs and public fountains in such parts of the streets and squares of the said town as they may think proper; and to grant to all persons whomsoever, and to all bodies politic and corporate, 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 water, so to be introduced, together with all the reservoirs, pipes, canals and tunnels, engines, buildings, and ma-