

system of charges for the use of the water from the water-works in said city, and to provide for the protection of the buildings and property of said water-works belonging to said city, and for the collection of said water rents or charges by an officer appointed for that purpose by the Board of Water Commissioners, and to be known as the water rent collector and superintendent, who shall before entering upon the discharge of his duties, give bond to the mayor and city council of Cumberland, to be approved by said city council, in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars, for the collection of the water rents and the faithful discharge of his other duties, and he shall collect and pay over said water rents in such manner as may hereafter be provided for by the ordinance of the city aforesaid. And in all suits upon the bond of said water rent collector and superintendent for any neglect of duty or for default in not collecting or failing to pay over after collection by him, any water rents placed in his hands for collection, proof of the delivery to him of the list of water takers shall be sufficient *prima facie* evidence to entitle said mayor and city council to recover judgment in said suits.

Water-works and Rents

78 A. The mayor and city council of Cumberland shall have the right to enlarge, improve, alter and reconstruct the waterworks and system of the city of Cumberland, with power, from time to time, to contract for, purchase, lease and hold in fee simple or for a term of years any land, real estate, spring, brook, water and water course, and also the right to use and occupy forever or for a term of years any land, real estate, spring, brook or water course which they may deem expedient and necessary for the purpose of conveying water into said city, for the use of said city, and for the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof; and also the right to enter, pass through, from time to time, as occasion may require, and to use and occupy the said lands through which they may deem it necessary to convey said water, and they are hereby invested with all the rights and powers necessary for the introduction of water into the said city.

Power to enlarge water-works.

78 B. The said mayor and city council of Cumberland are hereby authorized to issue bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, to be denominated "Cumberland Improvement Water Bonds," at an interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and payable in gold, and to levy and collect a tax on the assessable property of said city to pay the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the same, provided, however, that no issue of bonds under this section shall be made without first submitting the question of their

May issue water bonds.