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AN ORDINANCE

TO ORGANIZE THE

CROTON AQUEDUCT DEPARTMENT.

Aug 5, 1840

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New-York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows :

TITLE I.

§ 1. There shall be created and organized a department, to be called the Croton Aqueduct Department.

§ 2. The office of the Croton Aqueduct Department shall be opened every day in the week except Sundays.

TITLE II.

§ 1. A Committee of the Common Council shall be, from time to time, appointed, to consist of three members of each Board, to be denominated the Croton Aqueduct Committee.

§ 2. All bills for expenditures incurred in relation to the said Department, shall be carefully examined by the Croton Aqueduct Committee, and, if approved, shall be signed by the respective Chairmen thereof, and paid.

§ 3. The Croton Aqueduct Committee are hereby vested with the powers necessary for making all contracts in relation to the said department, and for conducting the water-works, purchasing materials and distributing the water; *provided always* that the powers of the said Committee shall not be construed to interfere with those now vested in the Water Commissioners, and that the contracts of such Committee shall not exceed the amount of the moneys which may, from time to time, be appropriated for the several objects aforesaid; and the said Committee is hereby required to make reports monthly to the Common Council of their proceedings.

TITLE III.

Of the Aqueduct Commissioner.

§ 1. There shall be appointed by the Common Council, a discreet and proper person to superintend and direct the aqueduct department, who shall be called the Croton Aqueduct Commissioner.

§ 2. The Croton Aqueduct Commissioner shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, well and faithfully to perform the duties of his said office; and shall also give a bond with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Finance Committees of both Boards, in the penal sum of \$5,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

§ 3. The said Commissioner shall receive for his services a yearly salary of one thousand dollars, in equal quarterly payments.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioner to take charge of all contracts, books, accounts, vouchers, and other

papers appertaining to the said department, and keep them in proper and correct order.

To file copies of all contracts immediately upon their execution in the Comptroller's office :

To keep a complete record of every transaction appertaining to the water pipes and the distribution of the water in the city, showing the cost of the pipes, from whence they were obtained, and the quantity on hand, together with a complete description, map and plan of all the different sizes of pipes now laid down and to be laid, with the exact dimensions of their offsets in each street, and the distance they are laid from the sidewalks, in order that the size of the pipes and their offsets, with their exact location, may be known thereby :

To advertise, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Committee, for estimates for all public works connected with the department aforesaid, or for the repairing or altering the same previous to any contract being concluded therefor :

To make all contracts in relation to the said department, under the advice and direction of the said Croton Aqueduct Committee :

To examine all bills for expenditures incurred in relation to the said department, previous to submitting the same to the Croton Aqueduct Committee, and if found to be correct, to sign the same :

And generally to perform all such duties as may at any time be required of him by the Croton Aqueduct Committee.

§ 5. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioner to make a

quarterly report to the Common Council, showing in detail every expenditure made in the said department, with the number of the different sizes of water pipes and their connections on hand and under contract.

TITLE IV.

Of the Water Purveyor.

§ 1. The Water Purveyor shall be attached to the Croton Aqueduct Department, and shall be subject to the directions, regulations, and requirements of the Croton Aqueduct Committee and the Croton Aqueduct Commissioner.

§ 2. The seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth sections in relation to the duties of the Water Purveyor and of the Committee on Fire and Water, and all such ordinances and parts of ordinances as are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Passed the Board of Aldermen, July 27, 1840.

Passed the Board of Assistants, August 3, 1840.

Approved by the Mayor, August 5, 1840.

SAMUEL J. WILLIS, Clerk.