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An Ordinance for the organization of a Water Department for the City of Baltimore

Examined by the joint Committee on Enrolment and found correct.

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Presented to the Mayor.
December the 29th 1854
Wm. L. Spriers
President of 1st Branch

Section 5.— And be it enacted and ordained, that any vacancy of said offices occur=
=ring whilst the City Council is not in session, shall be filled by the Mayor until the meeting of said Council; and the Mayor shall have power, during the recess of the Council, to suspend for good and sufficient cause, any one or more of the Com=
=missioners or officers, and shall report the facts to the first meeting of the Coun=
=cil.

Section 6.— And be it enacted and ordained, that the salary of the Presi=
=dent shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum; ($1500;) that of the As=
=sistant Commissioners, twelve hundred dollars each ($1200) per annum, pay=
=able quarterly.

Section 7.— And be it enacted and ordained, that the Water Board shall receive, and take charge of, all the books, records, original accounts, plats and mu=
=niments of title appertaining to the property purchased from the Baltimore Water Company, and shall be charged with the preservation of the Water Works, with the devising and executing of such measures as may be necessary to pre=
=serve the quantity of water and keep it pure; with the management, preserva=
=tion and repair of the dams, reservoirs, mains, pipe-yard, and property of every description belonging to the Water Works; and shall have charge of the purchase and laying down of such mains and pipes as the City Council may authorize.

Section 8.— And be it enacted and ordained, that the Water Board shall have power to employ firemen, mechanics, keepers, watchers, labourers and other persons, whom they may judge to be necessary for the performance of their