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Laws of Her Majesty's Province of Newfoundland, passed in the year 1859.

22 Victoria – Chapter 8

An Act to provide for the payment of the Owners' Assessment to be levied under the Provisions of an Act to Incorporate the General Water Company. (Passed 20th April, 1859.)

Whereas by the operation of the said recited Act, Owners, within the meaning of the said Act, are subject to a certain Assessment to provide for a supply of Water for the Town of St. John's, and Tenants are subject to a certain Water-rate, to be fixed by the Directors of the said Incorporation, with the assent of the Governor in Council. And whereas it is not just that the Owners' Assessment should be paid by the Tenant.

Be it Enacted, by the Governor, Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Legislative Session convened:—

That the Tenant or Occupier of any House or Building shall not be liable to pay the Owner's or Landlord's Water Assessment, to be levied under and by the provisions of the said recited Act of Incorporation, notwithstanding any provisions, covenants, conditions or terms, contained in any lease, agreement or demise, to the contrary.

This Act shall not come into operation until Her Majesty's pleasure be known thereon.