

Jas M Benson <sup>agree</sup>  
 and <sup>ment</sup>  
 Jas M Farr

The State of South Carolina  
 Greenville District  
 So. Wit, Whereas there was passed  
 an Act of the General Assembly  
 of this State on the twentieth day of December  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
 hundred & fifty six entitled an Act to promote  
 the draining and improvement of Inland  
 Swamps, authorizing two thirds or more of the  
 Proprietors of the Swamp or bottom lands lying  
 on any River Creek or other water Courses owning  
 not less than two thirds of all such Swamp or  
 bottom to associate themselves together by written  
 articles of Agreement for the purpose of draining  
 & improving the same to be filed and recorded  
 in the clerks office of the District in which the  
 said land or the larger portion thereof may lie  
 & thereby become & be a Body corporate for the  
 purpose aforesaid by the name of the Proprietors  
 of said Swamp designated by the name by which  
 it is commonly called & known, and have power  
 and authority to make & ordain By laws for the  
 regulation and government of such corporation  
 not inconsistent with any law or Statute of force  
 within this State & make such Assessments of money  
 and labor on the members of the corporation as may  
 be requisite for carrying into effect the objects thereof  
 Now know all men by these presents that we the  
 undersigned proprietors of the bottom lands lying  
 on Reedy River above the drain ditch of Perry  
 & Duncan on the said River in Greenville District  
 & State of South Carolina owning more than two  
 thirds of all such bottom lands, do hereby associate  
 ourselves together by their written articles of  
 agreement for the purpose of Ditching draining  
 and improving the said bottom lands and becoming  
 a body corporate for the purposes aforesaid by  
 the name & style of the Reedy River Drainage  
Company and for the purpose of availing ourselves  
 of all the privileges advantages powers & authority  
 conferred by the said Act of the General Assembly  
 aforesaid and becoming subject to all its considerations  
 and obligations, and we do agree & covenant with  
 each other to ditch & effectually drain by ditching  
 & straightening the said Reedy River when necessary  
 all the bottom lands on the said River above the  
 head of Perry & Duncans drain Ditch at a pile of Rock  
 on said River four or five steps below said Duncans  
 line between him & James M Benson up the said  
 Reedy River to the upper line of the highest owner  
 of the said bottom lands who is a member of