**HISTORICAL NOTE**

“The great and highly advanced Roman waterway system known as the Aqueducts, are among the greatest achievements in the ancient world. The running water, indoor plumbing and sewer system carrying away disease from the population within the Empire wasn't surpassed in capability until very modern times. The Aqueducts, being the most visible and glorious piece of the ancient water system, stand as a testament to Roman engineering. Some of these ancient structures are still in use today in various capacities.”

“Maintenance of the water system was a continuous task, and the Romans assigned a Curator Aquarum to oversee this undertaking. Paid laborers, slaves and the legions all had parts in building parts of the water system. The Curator Aquarum maintained the aqueducts of Rome, while similar curators oversaw those in the provinces. The legions however, when building new colonies or forts, were responsible for providing their own water supply. Just as they were the great road builders of the Empire, they most assuredly took part in the aqueduct construction of outlying areas.” [Roman Aqueducts, http://www.unrv.com/culture/roman-aqueducts.php]

![Fig. 1 Section of the Roman Aqueduct that is still standing for approximately 2000 years.][1]

The Curator Aquarum was involved in the planning, design and construction of new sections of aqueduct to assure that these additions could be maintained.