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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION

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which may be erected agreeably to the provisions of this Act.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That instead of the toll for teams, as established in and by the Act aforesaid, the following rate shall be, and hereby is established; for each team, including cart, sled or sleigh, drawn by two beasts, twelve cents and five mills; if drawn by more than two beasts and not exceeding four, seventeen cents; for every additional beast, above four, two cents.

Toll established by former act altered.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That unless said bridge shall be completed within six years, next ensuing, this Act shall be void.

This act to be void unless the Bridge be erected within 6 years

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 8, 1827.*]

CHAPTER CCCCLXVI.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Norridgewock Falls Bridge.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Nathan Houghton, Benjamin Ellis, Thomas Heald, Jun'r. Caleb Jewett and Mark S. Blunt, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are created a body corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Norridgewock Falls Bridge; and by that name may prosecute and defend suits at law; may have and use a common seal; may make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State; and may choose a Clerk, Treasurer, and any other officers proper for the management of their corporate business, by a majority of votes present, allowing one vote to each share, provided that no individual shall be entitled to more than ten votes on all his shares.

Persons incorporated.

Powers, &c.

Officers.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said bridge shall be built across the Kennebec river, (between Madison and Anson,) at some suitable place between Weston's ferry, so called, and said Norridgewock Falls; and shall be made of

Bridge, where to be located;

dimensions and
construction.

good materials and of suitable height from the water, - of the width of twenty-five feet at least, well covered with plank or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side, for the safety of passengers.

Toll established.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll be, and hereby is granted, for the benefit of said corporation, according to the following rates, to wit; for each foot passenger, two cents; one person and horse six cents; single horse and cart, horse and sleigh, wagon or any such vehicle with one horse, twelve and a half cents; each horse and chaise or sulkey seventeen cents; each gig drawn by one horse twelve and a half cents, and for each additional horse, six cents; each team, including cart, wagon, sled or sleigh, drawn by two oxen, twenty-two cents; and for every additional beast, two cents; four wheel carriages, with two horses, twenty-five cents, and for every additional horse, six cents; neat cattle and beasts of burden, exclusive of those rode upon or in carriages or teams, two cents each; sheep and swine at the rate of six and a quarter cents per dozen; and to each team one person only shall be allowed as a driver, to pass free of toll: *Provided however*, That no toll shall be exacted by said proprietors, of any persons enrolled in the Militia, for passing said bridge, going to or returning from Military duty, either for themselves, their baggage or military apparatus, or of any persons going to or returning from public worship on the Lord's day. And at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty, at said bridge, the gate or gates shall be left open. And the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge for passengers, and may be collected in such manner as may be prescribed by said corporation: And at the place where said tolls are collected, the rates of toll shall be fairly and legibly painted on a board or sign, and kept constantly exposed to the view of passengers: *Provided however*,

Exemptions.

Gates to be left open when the gatherer neglects his duty.

Toll, when to commence.

Rates to be exposed to view.

That after the term of ten years from the commencement of taking the toll hereby authorized, the rate thereof shall be subject to the further regulation of the Legislature.

Toll may be altered.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if said corporation shall neglect or refuse, for the space of five years from the passing of this Act, to build and complete said bridge, then this grant shall be void.

Act to be void unless the Bridge be built within a certain time.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of this corporation, may be called at such time and place, as may be determined upon by a majority of the persons named in the first section of this Act, by publishing notice thereof in the Somerset Journal, seven days, at least, previous to the time of such meeting.

First meeting, how called.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 9, 1827.]

CHAPTER CCCCLXVII.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Old Town Bridge.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Samuel Veazie, Benjamin Fiske, William S. Bridge, Richard H. Bartlett, Nathaniel Haynes, Daniel Davis, Joshua Carpenter, Ira Fish, Ira Wadleigh, and Samuel Bailey, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are constituted a corporation, by the name of the Old Town Bridge Corporation, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a bridge over the Penobscot river, at or near the village of Old Town, in the town of Orono, and county of Penobscot, to connect Marsh Island with the main land in the plantation called Sunkhaze. And said corporation shall have power to take and hold such personal and real estate, as may be necessary to carry said object into complete effect; with power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have and use a common seal; to make by-laws for the management of their

Persons incorporated.

Bridge, where to be located.

Corporation may hold estate, &c.

Powers, &c.