

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION

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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.

Officers.

Voting.

concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and at any meeting, called pursuant to said by-laws, to choose a Clerk, Treasurer and other officers, by a majority of the votes of those present, allowing one vote to each share; provided that no one individual of said corporation shall be entitled to more than twenty votes.

Construction and dimensions of the Bridge.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said bridge shall be constructed of suitable materials, of the width of thirty feet at least, well covered with plank or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers; and with passage ways for rafts of timber, boards and other lumber, of the width of forty-five feet at least, and of suitable height from the water. And if said corporation shall neglect or refuse, for the space of three 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 erected within three years.

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, namely; for each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each sled, sleigh, cart or wagon, drawn by one beast, twelve cents, and for each additional beast three cents; for each chaise, chair or sulkey, drawn by one horse, twenty cents, and for each additional horse three cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon, used for the conveyance of merchandize, drawn by two horses, seventeen cents, and for every additional horse or ox, three cents; for every coach, phaeton or curriole, drawn by two horses, thirty-two cents; for each coach, or other vehicle, drawn by four horses, thirty-seven cents; for droves of neat cattle or horses two cents a head; for sheep, goats or swine, at the rate of six cents per dozen; and for each ox team, one person may pass free of toll as a driver; and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually travelling in the vehicles aforesaid; but this exemption shall not be extended to per-

sons taken in for the purpose of evading toll. And said tolls may be commuted by this corporation with any person, town, or corporation, by taking of him or them a sum certain for any specified time instead thereof. And said tolls shall commence on the day when said bridge is first opened for passengers; reserving to the Legislature the right to revise and change the rates of toll aforesaid at any time after ten years, as to them, shall appear reasonable. And all persons passing said bridge, when actually going to, or returning from any place of Military parade or Military duty, and all persons, when passing said bridge on their way to, or return from any place of public worship on the sabbath, shall be exempt from toll.

Toll may be commuted;

— when to commence;

— may be altered.

Exemptions.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That at the place where the toll shall be collected, there shall be erected and constantly exposed to view, a board or sign, upon which shall be legibly expressed the rates of toll aforesaid. And when the toll gatherer shall not be at the toll house of said bridge, the gate shall be left open, and the bridge free from toll.

Rates of tolls to be exposed to view.

Gate to be left open when the gatherer shall neglect his duty.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That any three of the persons named in the first section of this Act, may call the first meeting of said Proprietors, by publishing a notification thereof in the Penobscot Gazette and Bangor Register, thirty days, at least, prior thereto, which meeting shall be held at such convenient place, as shall be expressed in said notification.

First meeting, how called, &c.

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

CHAPTER CCCCLXVIII.

AN ACT to change the name of the town of Montgomery.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act, the town of Montgomery, in the county of Kennebec,