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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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shall be known and called by the name of Troy; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 10, 1827.]

CHAPTER CCCCLXIX.

AN ACT additional to "An Act to establish the Damariscotta Canal."

Act of incorporation to be void unless the Canal be completed within six years.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That if the said Canal Corporation shall not complete said Canal within six years from the passage of this Act, then the Act to which this is additional shall be void.

Part of former act repealed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the seventh section of the Act to which this is additional, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 15, 1827.]

CHAPTER CCCCLXX.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Edgecomb Bridge.

Persons incorporated.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Stephen Parsons, William M. Boyd, James Drummond, William M. Read, Aaron Blaney, John McKown, Abiel Wood, Moses Shaw, Moses Davis, and Rufus Sewall, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Edgecomb Bridge, for the purpose of building a bridge across Sheepscot river from Davis's Island in Edgecomb to some suitable point in Wiscasset, northwardly of Union Wharf; with power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have and use a common seal; to make any by-laws for the convenient management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State; to make such contracts and purchases as may be necessary for

Location of the Bridge.

Powers, &c.

the objects of their association; and generally to have and exercise all the powers and privileges incident to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to erect a bridge over said Sheepscot river, and the right of building and maintaining the same, is hereby fully granted to said corporation, on condition that said corporation pay to the owner or owners of any estate upon, or contiguous to which, said bridge may be erected, all damage which the erection of said bridge may cause to such estate beyond the benefit which said bridge may be to such estate, to be estimated and ascertained, in case of disagreement by the parties, by three disinterested men, to be appointed by any Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court, and their award in writing to be conclusive; and said bridge shall be built of good and durable materials, of the width of at least twenty-five feet, and well covered with plank or timber suitable for such a bridge, with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers.

The right to the Bridge, &c. granted upon certain conditions.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a draw shall be constructed at some suitable place in said bridge, with piers or wharves for vessels to pass through conveniently, and the Proprietors shall cause the same to be raised and opened for the accommodation of all such vessels as may have occasion to pass through the same free of expense and without any unnecessary delay; and said draw shall be thirty-six feet wide, at least, and so constructed that open boats and gondalas can conveniently pass under the same.

Draw to be constructed,

and opened free of expense.

Dimensions of the draw.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That a toll be, and hereby is established for the use and benefit of said corporation, according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot passenger two cents; for each person and horse eight cents; for each sleigh, drawn by one horse, twelve and a half cents; for each chaise, or other carriage, drawn by one horse, eighteen

Toll established.

cents; for each coach, chariot, sleigh, phaeton, or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by two horses, twenty-five cents; for each coach, sleigh or other pleasure carriage, drawn by four horses, thirty-eight cents; for each cart, wagon, sleigh or sled, drawn by two beasts, twenty cents, and for each additional beast five cents; for neat cattle and horses, exclusive of those rode upon and not loaded, or in teams or carriages, two cents; for sheep or swine one cent each; and to each team one person, and no more, shall be allowed as a driver, to pass free of toll; and in wagons, sleighs or other carriages, drawn by one horse only, no more than two persons shall be allowed to pass without paying toll as foot passengers. And for every hand-cart or wheelbarrow the toll shall be five cents; and all persons who shall actually be on Military duty, with their baggage, and all persons going to or returning from public worship on the sabbath, shall be permitted to pass and repass said bridge free of toll: And at all times, when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty, the gate shall be left open; and the toll shall commence on the day of opening the bridge for passengers, and continue for the benefit of said corporation, at the rates aforesaid, for and during the term of seventy-five years, and be collected as shall be prescribed by said corporation, and at the end of seventy-five years, the said bridge shall be delivered over in good repair, to and for the use of the State: *Provided*, The said corporation shall at all times keep the said bridge in good and passable repair, and also shall at the place where said toll is collected, keep a sign constantly exposed to view, with the rates of toll legibly written thereon: *Provided nevertheless*, The Legislature may dissolve said corporation whenever it shall appear to their satisfaction that the income arising from said toll, shall have fully compensated said corporation, for all monies they may have expended in building, repairing and taking

Exemptions.

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

Toll to commence when the Bridge shall be open for passengers, and continue 75 yrs. after which the Bridge shall revert to the State.

Bridge to be kept in good repair.

Rates of tolls to be exposed to view.

Corporation may be dissolved in certain case.

care of said bridge, together with an interest at the rate of twelve per cent.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That unless said bridge shall be erected and finished within the term of six years, from the passing of this Act, then this grant shall be void.

Act to be void unless the Bridge be erected within six years.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of the Proprietors shall be called at such time and place as a majority of the persons named in the first section of this Act shall direct.

First meeting, how called, &c.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 17, 1827.]

CHAPTER CCCCLXXI.

AN ACT to extend the time of building Oxford Bridge.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That the further time of four years, from the passing of this Act, be, and the same is hereby granted to the Proprietors of Oxford Bridge, in the town of Jay, and county of Oxford, to build and complete said Bridge.

Time, within which, to erect the Bridge, extended.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 17, 1827.]

CHAPTER CCCCLXXII.

AN ACT additional to An Act incorporating the Merchants Bank.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the number of Directors of the Merchants Bank, at Portland, from and after the first Monday of October next, shall be *seven*, instead of *nine*, as is provided in the charter of said Bank.

Number of Directors reduced.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any seven of those who may be in the direction of said Bank, at the time of the next annual meeting for the choice of officers, may be re-elected, and shall be subject from that time, to the principle

Mode of choosing Directors regulated.