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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION

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CHAPTER CCCCLXXV.

AN additional ACT respecting the passing of Fish in Seven Mile Brook in Vassalborough.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That an Act of the Legislature of Massachusetts, passed March first, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act for the preservation of the Fish called Salmon, Shad and Alewives, in the rivers, streams and waters within the counties of Lincoln and Cumberland, and for repealing all laws heretofore made for that purpose, so far as respects their operation in said counties," be, and the same hereby is, so far altered and modified, as that the sluice ways and passages for fish, which are by the act aforesaid required to be opened and kept open from the first day of May to the fifth day of July annually, shall, as relates to Seven Mile Brook in the town of Vassalborough, be required to be opened and kept open for such term of time only, between the first day of May and the fifty day of July, as a majority of the fish wardens of the said town, for the time being, shall think necessary; and the penalties and liabilities provided in said act, for not opening and keeping open such sluice ways or passages, shall not be in force nor held to operate until after twenty-four hours notice shall have been given, by a majority of the fish wardens of said town, for the time being, to some one of the owners or occupants of the dam or obstruction through or near, which such sluice way or passage is required, that it is necessary that it should be opened: And such notice may be either verbal or in writing, given to either of the owners or occupants aforesaid, and by which all the owners and occupants of such dam or obstruction shall be bound; or it shall be deemed sufficient if such notice be written and posted up in some conspicuous place on any mill or machinery building connected with such dam or obstruction.

Provisions of former Act altered and modified.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the acts now in force relating to the Fishery of the Seven Mile Brook aforesaid, shall not be so construed as to operate against the dams, or the owners thereof, now erected within sixty rods of the mouth of said stream, nor to prevent the future maintenance of said dams: *Provided,* Such owners shall cause a sufficient passage way for fish to go through or over the same, to be opened and kept open as provided in the first section of this act.

Construction given to former acts.

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

CHAPTER CCCCLXXVI.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of the Great Meadows Dam in Topsham.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That John Thompson, Thomas Wilson, William Mallett, Jun. James Purrington, Abel Merrill and Hugh Patten, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are created a corporation by the name of the Proprietors of the Great Meadow Dam, in Topsham; and by that name shall have power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have and use a common seal, to make and execute any contracts, necessary to carry into effect the objects of this incorporation; and generally, to have and to exercise the powers and privileges usually incident to corporate bodies.

Persons incorporated.

Powers.

Corporation to erect a Dam, at a certain place on Cathanse river.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation be, and they hereby are, authorized to make and build a dam, on the Cathanse river, below the large tract of meadow land owned principally by the Proprietors aforesaid, for the purpose of flowing it, at certain seasons of the year, for the benefit of said land: *Provided,* That, by such flowing, no injury shall be done to private property, or to the rights of individuals; and