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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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the name and to the use of the person or persons sending or **CHAP. 420.**
 desiring to send any such dispatch.

SECT. 7. The said company shall be bound on application Dispatches in the
 event of war, &c.
 of any officer of the United States, or of this state, acting in
 the event of any war, insurrection, or resistance of public au-
 thority, or in the prevention or for the punishment of crime, or
 the arrest of persons charged or suspected of crime, to give to
 communications of such officers immediate dispatch; and if Liability for neg-
 lect or designedly
 altering the same.
 any officer, clerk, or operator of said company shall refuse or
 wittingly omit to transmit any such communication, or shall
 designedly alter or falsify the same, for any purpose whatever,
 he shall be subject to indictment therefor; and on conviction,
 shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred
 dollars, or to be imprisoned in the county jail not more than
 one year. But the company shall receive for transmitting such
 communication, the same compensation that shall be paid for
 transmitting private communications of similar length.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act contained shall exonerate said Damages for
 breach of con-
 tract.
 company from liability at common law, for the payment of
 damages for any breach of contract on their part.

SECT. 9. Any one of the persons, named in the first section First meeting.
 of this act, may call the first meeting of the company, by giving
 notice thereof to each of his associates, and this act shall take
 effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved May 28, 1851.]

Chapter 420.

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Portland Society of Natural History.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
 in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. The first section of the act to incorporate the Port-
 land Society of Natural History, approved the seventh day of
 June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and
 fifty, is hereby amended, by inserting after the names of the
 persons mentioned in said act, the words "and their associates
 and successors," so that said section, as amended, shall read as
 follows, viz: John W. Chickering, William Wood, John Neal, Corporators.
 Sylvester B. Beckett, Edward Gould, Jedediah Jewett, Charles
 Jones, James T. McCobb, Daniel C. Colesworthy, Edward P.

CHAP. 421. Banks, William Senter, Luther Jewett, and Josiah Pennell, and their associates and successors, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Portland Society of Natural History, for the purpose of promoting the study of Natural History, with power, for such purpose, to take by purchase, bequest or otherwise, and to hold, transfer, and convey real and personal property to the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

Corporate name.

Authorized to hold and convey property to the amount of \$50,000.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved May 28, 1851.]

Chapter 421.

An act to incorporate the Bank of the State of Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Corporators.

SECT. 1. D. B. Hinckley, Leonard March, Samuel F. Hersey, Charles Stetson, Jonathan Eddy, George K. Jewett, George Stetson, Caleb Billings, Elijah L. Hamlen, Seth Paine, Joseph Shaw, Samuel H. Dale, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby incorporated into a company by the name of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of State of Maine.

Corporate name.

Capital stock.

When to be paid in.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said bank shall be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and one-half of the same shall be paid in and said bank shall be put in operation on or before January next ; and the other half within one year thereafter, said bank to be located in Bangor, county of Penobscot.

Rights, powers and privileges.

SECT. 3. Said corporators are hereby authorized and empowered to exercise all the rights and privileges conferred upon such corporations by the laws of this state and shall be subject to all the liabilities and restrictions thereof.

[Approved May 30, 1851.]