

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1874.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

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CHAP. 212. the authority, in writing, from the proper party or parties therefor.

Town and city officers, powers of, to regulate and control doings of corporation.

SECT. 12. The selectmen of the said towns and the mayor and aldermen of said city, for the time being, shall at all times have the power to regulate, restrict and control the acts and doings of said corporation, which may, in any manner, affect the health, safety, or convenience of the inhabitants of said towns and city.

Corporation may issue bonds.

SECT. 13. The said corporation may issue its bonds for the construction of its works, upon such rates and time as it may deem expedient, not exceeding in all, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and secure the same by mortgage of the franchises and property of said company.

Taxation.

SECT. 14. The city council of the said city of Bath may, by vote, exempt any property of said corporation, not now in existence, from taxation, for the term of ten years.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 15. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by a notice, signed by any two of the incorporators, published three weeks successively, before the day fixed for such meeting, in the Brunswick Telegraph.

SECT. 16. This act shall be taken and deemed to be a public act.

Approved March 3, 1874.

Chapter 212.

An act relating to judicial courts.

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

Judge may charge jury on matters of law.

During the progress of a jury trial the presiding justice shall rule and charge the jury, orally or in writing, upon all matters of law arising in such cases, but shall not, during the progress of the trial, including the charge to the jury, express an opinion upon issues of fact arising in the case, and any such expression of opinion shall be deemed sufficient cause for a new trial, if either party aggrieved thereby and interested shall desire it, and the same shall be ordered accordingly by the law court upon exceptions.

—not to express opinion on issues of fact.

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