

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
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Chapter 43.CHAP. 43.

An act to incorporate the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company.

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

SECT. 1. Charles H. Allen, his associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Sullivan and Hancock Steam Ferry Company, with power to take and hold, or purchase or lease, such real estate as may be necessary to effect the objects of this charter, and with all the powers and privileges granted by the general laws of this state to corporations.

Corporators.

Corporate name and power.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered to establish and maintain a steam ferry for twenty years, between Sullivan and Hancock, in the county of Hancock, across Taunton bay, or Sullivan river, so called, from the terminus of the road, as now existing on the Sullivan shore, to the terminus of the road as now existing on the Hancock shore, with all boats, machinery and appurtenances necessary therefor, and with the right to use temporarily, boats not propelled by steam when necessary ; all boats to be of such size and character as the wants of the public require.

Corporation to establish and maintain steam ferry.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to build and maintain on the shores of said ferry, such piers, abutments, landings and wharves as may be necessary, and shall put up suitable sheds on both shores for the shelter of passengers and horses.

May build piers, wharves, etc.

SECT. 4. If the land of any individual or corporation is taken under this act, and the parties cannot agree on the damages occasioned thereby, they shall be estimated, secured and paid in the manner provided in the case of damages for the laying out of highways.

Damages, how adjusted.

SECT. 5. The following rates of toll are hereby established : for a single team or carriage, carrying not exceeding two persons, thirty cents ; for a double team or carriage, carrying not exceeding two persons, forty cents ; for each person exceeding two, five cents, and for each additional horse, ten cents ; for a foot passenger, ten cents ; for a yoke of cattle and driver, twenty-five cents ; for the same with cart, thirty cents ; for an ox, cow, or horse not driven in harness, fifteen cents, and for each additional, ten cents, the driver paying as a foot passenger ; for sheep or swine, three

Rates of toll.

CHAP. 44. cents per head : but these rates may be raised or lowered by the county commissioners, after giving the parties interested reasonable notice and full hearing, if justice requires it.

Charter void if not operated within one year.

County commissioners to certify fact when suitable boats, etc., are provided.

SECT. 6. This charter shall be void if the steam ferry is not in actual operation within one year from the approval of this act ; and when this corporation shall provide suitable boats and apparatus for said ferry, the county commissioners of Hancock county shall immediately certify that fact to the parties then operating the ferry, and notify them that all prior rights and franchises will expire on a day fixed by them in said notice, and not exceeding two weeks from the date thereof ; and at the date thus fixed, all such prior rights and franchises shall expire.

Time when ferry shall be operated.

SECT. 7. Said ferry shall be operated, when the weather permits, from sunrise until nine o'clock afternoon, between the dates of June first and September first in each year, and from sunrise until seven and one-half o'clock afternoon, between the dates of September first and June first of each year. For any unreasonable neglect or delay to transport during the hours thus named, there shall be a penalty, not exceeding one hundred dollars, to be recovered by the party injured in an action on the case.

Penalty for neglect.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 17, 1881.

Chapter 44.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company."

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

Sec. 3 of charter of Square Pond Reservoir Co. amended.

SECT. 1. Section three of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Square Pond Reservoir Company," approved February thirteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, is hereby amended by striking out, after the word "company," in the first line of said section, the words "shall have the right to take and hold any lands necessary for erecting or abutting their dams or canals, by paying damages therefor, as in case of lands taken for railroads, but they," and insert-