

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 192.

An Act to vest the franchise and property of the proprietor of the Middle bridge, so called, on Eastern River, in the town of Dresden.

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

SECT. 1. The proprietor of the Middle bridge, so called, on Eastern river, in the town of Dresden, which bridge was built under an act incorporating the Centre Bridge Company, in acts of eighteen hundred and forty-nine, chapter two hundred and forty-one, page three hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby authorized to transfer and convey, by sale, the said bridge, with all the franchises, land and appurtenances thereto belonging, upon appraisal as provided for in the third section of this act, to the said town of Dresden; and when the said bridge shall have been conveyed to said town, all the franchises of said proprietor together with all the powers, rights and privileges now exercised by him, shall vest in the said town of Dresden.

Town of Dresden authorized to purchase Middle bridge.

SECT. 2. The town of Dresden is hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold said bridge as a free bridge, with all the franchises, land and appurtenances thereto belonging, and to maintain the same in suitable repair.

To be made free.

SECT. 3. The municipal officers of the town of Dresden shall, upon the transfer of said bridge to said town, which shall be upon the appraisal of three disinterested persons to be chosen, one by the proprietor of said bridge, one by the municipal officers aforesaid, and a third by the two parties thus chosen, assume control of said bridge, lay the same out as a free town way, provide a suitable draw-tender, and in all other respects be governed as is provided in the act incorporating the Centre Bridge Company aforesaid. When the report of said appraisers is published, the town may pay or tender the amount of such report to the proprietor of said bridge, and thereupon it shall be free.

—to be transferred on appraisal.

Town to assume duties of bridge company.

SECT. 4. This act shall be inoperative unless the inhabitants of said town at a legal meeting shall, by a majority vote, accept the same. The municipal officers of said town shall insert in their warrant for said meeting an article for this object. The vote at said meeting shall be by ballot, thus: 'Middle bridge free: 'yes.' 'Middle bridge free: 'no.' The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared as votes for town officers are, and shall be recorded

Act inoperative, unless accepted by inhabitants.

CHAP. 193 by the clerk in the town record; and if there be a majority of ballots with 'yes,' it shall be deemed to be an acceptance of this act, and said act shall then be in force; and if there be a majority of ballots with 'no,' then the provisions of this act shall be deemed to be suspended as to such bridge, until the town at a subsequent meeting, legally called, shall in the manner indicated in this section accept the provisions of this act as to said bridge.

Town authorized to raise money.

SECT. 5. The town of Dresden is hereby authorized to raise money for the purposes of this act, by loan, taxation or otherwise.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 8, 1883.

Chapter 193.

An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of a dam, at the mouth of the Little Madawaska Lake, on Township fifteen, Range four, Aroostook County.

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

Hiram Stevens et als. authorized to build dam at Little Madawaska lake.

SECT. 1. Hiram Stevens, Levi W. Stevens, Amasa Howe, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby authorized and empowered to locate, build and maintain, at the mouth of the Little Madawaska lake, on township fifteen, range one, in the county of Aroostook, a dam and necessary sluice-ways, for the purpose of facilitating the driving down the Little Madawaska river, of logs and lumber intended for use and manufacture, in mills situated within said county.

Powers and privileges.

SECT. 2. The parties named in the foregoing section, their associates, successors and assigns, for the purposes named in said section, and for connecting the dam named therein with the shores, may enter upon and pass over the shores of said lake with their agents, servants and teams, and may also, for said purposes, and to aid in driving logs and lumber as aforesaid, take such lands and timber as may be necessary for said purposes, and may flow such lands adjacent to said dam, as may be necessary in order to raise a sufficient head of water within said dam, making compensation therefor

Damages.