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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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**Chapter 39.**

An Act granting William S. Hopkins the right to establish and maintain a Ferry between North Haven and Vinalhaven.

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

Section 1. William S. Hopkins of North Haven in the county of Knox in the state of Maine, his associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a ferry across tide-waters of Fox island thoroughfare, from the shore of land formerly owned by Andrew Kent in North Haven, to the shore of land of Martin M. Hopkins in Vinalhaven, the termini of said ferry to be substantially the same as the termini of the ferry now operated by said Hopkins between said towns; with the right to keep and maintain suitable boats to be propelled by oars, sails, cable, horse-power, steam or electricity, as the public convenience may require, for the prompt and safe conveyance and transportation of passengers, teams, carriages and freight; and they are authorized, for this purpose, to lay and maintain a cable across said Fox island thoroughfare, between the termini above mentioned, but in no way to obstruct navigation. Said Hopkins or his associates or assigns are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain at the terminal points of said ferry such wharves, slips, landings, toll houses, waiting-rooms and other structures as may be necessary for the proper and convenient operation and maintenance of said ferry; and for that purpose to take and hold, or purchase and lease, real estate at the terminal points of said ferry. If the parties cannot agree as to the value of any land taken under this act, the value shall be fixed and the damages assessed in the manner provided by law in cases where real estate is taken for railroads.

William S. Hopkins authorized to maintain ferry.

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—shall keep suitable boats for transportation of passengers and freight.

—may lay a cable across thoroughfare.

—may maintain wharves and landings, etc.

—may take real estate.

—damages, how assessed.

Section 2. The rates of tolls on said ferry shall be established from time to time by the selectmen of the towns of North Haven and Vinalhaven, acting as a joint board, on application of said Hopkins or his associates or assigns.

Tolls established.

Section 3. Said Hopkins, his associates and assigns, shall provide and maintain a suitable bell at the terminal point of said ferry on the Vinalhaven side, so placed and of such size that the ringing of said bell can be readily heard on the North Haven side of said ferry by the ferryman; they shall also maintain a suitable waiting room on the Vinalhaven side of said ferry for the accommodation of passengers. For any unreasonable neglect or delay promptly to transport teams or passengers across said ferry the person operating said ferry shall be liable

Shall provide bell and waiting room on Vinalhaven side.

—penalty for unreasonable neglect.

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to a penalty of five dollars for each violation hereof, to be recovered in an action on the case by the county of Knox for the benefit of said county.

Exclusive right.

Section 4. Any person who keeps a ferry contrary to the provisions of this act, or who transports passengers, teams or freight between said towns of North Haven and Vinalhaven, across said Fox Island thoroughfare, within a statute mile above or below the ferry established by this act, for hire, or who furnishes for hire a boat or other craft for such a purpose, forfeits four dollars for each day such ferry is kept or for each time of transportation, the same to be recovered by said Hopkins or his associates or assigns, to their use in an action on the case.

—penalty for infringement.

Section 5. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

Section 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 21, 1899.

### Chapter 40.

An Act to amend Section two, Chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act creating the Fort Fairfield Village Corporation."

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

Section 2, chapter 166, special laws of 1887, amended.

Section two of chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven is hereby amended by adding after the words "extinguishment of fires" in the seventh line of said section, the words 'and for sprinkling streets,' so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Corporation authorized to raise money for certain purposes.

'Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to purchase, repair and preserve one or more fire engines, and all other necessary apparatus for the extinguishment of fires, to build and repair engine houses, to construct reservoirs and aqueducts, to contract with individuals or corporations for a supply of water for the extinguishment of fires and for sprinkling streets, and to maintain within said limits, an efficient fire department to defray the expenses of a night watch, a police force, and all other necessary measures for the better security of life and property, and the promotion of good order and quiet within its limits.'

Approved February 21, 1899.