

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE LEGISLATURE,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

**A. D. 1838.**

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# EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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**No. 23.**

**HOUSE.**

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND THIRTY-EIGHT.

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### AN ACT to Incorporate the Vassalborough Boom Company.

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SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House*  
2 *of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That*  
3 William Redington, John G. Hall, Willard Bailey,  
4 and Samuel Cole, their associates, successors and  
5 assigns, be, and they hereby are, constituted a bo-  
6 dy corporate, by the name of Vassalborough Boom  
7 Company, with the powers and privileges, and  
8 subject to the liabilities of similar corporate bodies.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted, That said Com-*  
2 *pany be, and hereby is, authorised to erect and*  
3 *maintain a Boom or Booms on the eastern shore of the*  
4 *Kennebec River, in the town of Vassalborough, be-*  
5 *tween Hedge's Point and a point opposite—Day's*  
6 *Point—with the right to extend the Boom into the*  
7 *river, from Hedge's Point ten rods; and from*  
8 *thence on a line following the general course of the*

9 eastern shore, to a point in the river opposite Day's  
 10 Point, not more than fourteen rods from the eastern  
 11 shore, for the purpose of stopping and securing  
 12 masts, spars, logs, and other lumber which may  
 13 be floated down said river ; and to erect such piers  
 14 and other structures as may be necessary to accom-  
 15 plish the objects of said corporation ; and to use  
 16 so much of the shore, for which they may have  
 17 the consent of the owners, between Lovejoy's Fer-  
 18 ry, and a point fifty rods above the Seven Mile  
 19 Brook, as may be necessary and convenient in se-  
 20 curing rafts : *Provided*, That said Boom and piers  
 21 shall not extend so far into the river, as to impede  
 22 the free navigation thereof ; nor shall said Compa-  
 23 ny secure or fasten to said shore, rafts that shall  
 24 extend therefrom a distance exceeding three times  
 25 the usual length of mill logs, or so far as to ob-  
 26 struct the free navigation of the river aforesaid.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Com-  
 2 pany shall have the right to receive into their Boom  
 3 aforesaid, and secure the logs, masts, spars, and  
 4 other timber, of all persons who shall request them  
 5 so to receive and secure the same, and no other ;  
 6 and shall have the right to demand and receive  
 7 the following rates of boomage, upon all such tim-  
 8 ber for booming and rafting out the same, (the own-  
 9 ers furnishing or paying for suitable and sufficient  
 10 warps to secure the same) viz : for each and all  
 11 logs sufficient to make equal to one thousand feet

12 of board measure, forty cents ; for each ton of hard  
13 wood timber, twenty-five cents ; for each ton of  
14 pine timber, twenty cents ; for each hundred  
15 feet of ranging timber, fifteen cents ; and for all other  
16 kinds of timber in           proportion ; to be estima-  
17 ted from the bills of some surveyor, appointed by  
18 the selectmen of either of the towns of Vassalbo-  
19 rough, Sidney, Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner or  
20 Waterville, and sworn to the faithful discharge of  
21 the duties of his office. And said Company shall,  
22 from time to time, as they raft from their Booms  
23 such logs and other timber, notify the owner there-  
24 of to receive the same ; and unless said owner shall  
25 take delivery of the same within thirty days of  
26 such notice, and pay the boomage thereon, said  
27 Company shall not be held accountable for such  
28 logs and other timber ; but shall be entitled to such  
29 boomage, and said Company shall have a lien on  
30 all logs and other timber stopped by them, as  
31 aforesaid, for the boomage thereon, and may sell  
32 sufficient to pay such boomage and expenses, at  
33 public sale, after having given the owner or own-  
34 ers thirty days notice, in writing, of the time  
35 and place of such sale, and advertised the same in  
36 a paper printed in Augusta. And it shall be the  
37 duty of said Company to turn out of their booms,  
38 as soon as may be, not exceeding three days, and  
39 in the day time, free from all charge, all timber  
40 which they have not been requested to stop as

41 aforesaid ; and also, immediately, all rafts and  
 42 boats, which may by accident be drawn into said  
 43 Boom ; and said Company shall be liable to the  
 44 owners thereof for all damage sustained by reason  
 45 of the unnecessary detention of such rafts, boats,  
 46 and timber.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That for the  
 2 purpose aforesaid, the said Corporation be and is  
 3 authorised to purchase, take by lease, hold and  
 4 dispose of real estate adjacent to said Boom, or  
 5 convenient thereto, not exceeding one thousand  
 6 acres, with all such machinery, buildings and ap-  
 7 purtenances, as may be necessary or convenient  
 8 for the management of their affairs.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the pow-  
 2 ers granted by this Act may be enlarged, restrain-  
 3 ed, or annulled, or any part thereof, at the pleas-  
 4 ure of the Legislature.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
 March 3, 1838. }

The foregoing Bill was read twice, laid on the table, and  
 300 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from Journal.]

GEO. C. GETCHELL, Clerk.