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TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE.

NO. 15.

HOUSE.

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TO INCORPORATE THE

EBEME COMPANY.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Ebeme Company.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and*
2 *House of Representatives in Legislature as-*
3 *sembled, That Samuel Thatcher, Jr., Domini-*
4 *cus Parker, George W. Coffin and James A.*
5 *Ide, with their associates and successors be, and*
6 *they hereby are created a corporation by the*
7 *name of the Ebeme Company, for the purpose*
8 *of removing the obstructions in and opening and*
9 *improving the navigation of the east branch of*
10 *the Pleasant river above the town of Brownville,*
11 *with power to sue and be sued, to have a com-*
12 *mon seal, to make any by-laws for the proper*
13 *management of their affairs not repugnant to*
14 *the laws of the State; to hold real and personal*

15 estate not to exceed in value the sum of ten
16 thousand dollars, and to exercise all the powers
17 and privileges incidental to corporate bodies.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the
2 said corporation shall have power to construct
3 canals with sluices, and side dams, and erect
4 dams at the outlet of ponds and on or near the
5 falls on the east branch of Pleasant river, for the
6 purpose of raising a sufficient head of water to
7 float the logs and timber from the sources of said
8 east branch of Pleasant river into and down
9 said river; said dams, sluices and side dams to
10 be constructed of suitable and durable materials,
11 and the whole to be completed within two years
12 after the passing of this act. And the said cor-
13 poration shall have power to take and hold such
14 land along the course of said canals and the land
15 where said dams shall be erected as shall be
16 necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That if any
2 person or persons shall suffer damage by the
3 exercise of the power herein granted to said
4 corporation, and in case the parties are unable
5 to agree, upon the amount of such damages,
6 the same shall be mutually submitted to three

7 disinterested persons whose determination shall
8 be binding and final in the premises; and in case
9 of their disagreement, to be submitted to the
10 Court of County Commissioners for the County
11 of Piscataquis whose decision in the premises
12 shall be final.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That this
2 grant shall continue in force twenty years from
3 the passage of this act. *Provided* said canals,
4 sluices and dams shall have been erected and
5 finished to the satisfaction of the Land Agent
6 within the term of two years aforesaid. And if
7 any person or persons shall wilfully or mali-
8 ciously destroy or injure said canals, sluices or
9 dams, or any part thereof, or divert or obstruct
10 the waters, to the damage of the proprietors
11 thereof, he or they shall pay treble the amount
12 of such damage, to be recovered before any
13 court of competent jurisdiction.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll
2 shall be and hereby is granted for the benefit of
3 said corporation, according to the following
4 rates, to wit: ten cents for every pine log, mast
5 and spar—six cents for every spruce log or other
6 timber and two and a half cents for every clap-

7 board bolt which may pass said dams. And the
8 said proprietors shall have a lien upon all the
9 logs, masts, spars, bolts or other timber which
10 may pass said dams, for the payment of the toll
11 due and payable thereon according to the rates
12 of toll as herein prescribed.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That any
2 owner of timber or timber lands above said
3 dams may become an owner of the stock in the
4 corporation aforesaid, in proportion to the value
5 of the timber or timber lands owned by any
6 such person. *Provided* application is made to
7 said company between the months of June and
8 February in each year, and shall pay to said
9 company for each share in said corporation to
10 which he may become a subscriber the cost of
11 the same to be calculated at the period of the
12 application.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That said
2 company shall cause the names of the Stockhold-
3 ers to be registered in the Registry of Deeds,
4 for the County of Piscataquis, with the amount
5 of stock held by each. And no sale or transfer
6 of said stock shall be valid until said sale or

7 transfer shall be registered as heretofore provided.
8 And that the private property of each stock-
9 holder, shall be holden for all debts contracted
10 during the time he or they held such stock.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted,* That any
2 two of the persons named in this act, may call
3 the first meeting of the proprietors by giving
4 seasonable notice of the time and place of said
5 meeting to each member of said corporation in
6 such manner as they may deem proper. And all
7 the powers, privileges and rights herein given
8 shall, at all times be subject to the control of
9 the Legislature to alter or revoke the same.

STATE OF MAINE.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 10, 1840. }**

ORDERED, That this Bill be laid on the table, and three hundred copies printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

ELBRIDGE GERRY, Clerk.