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TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

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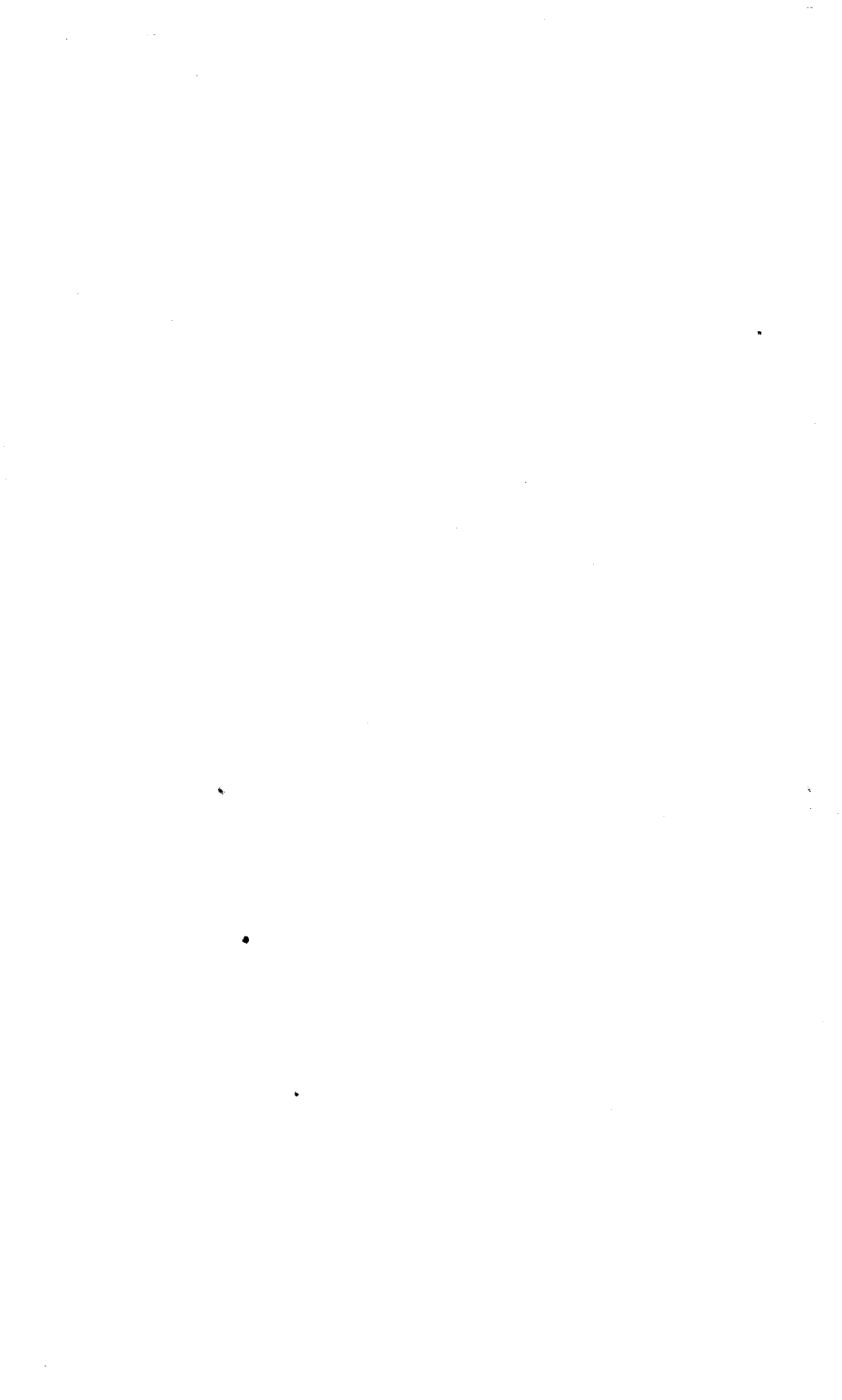
[SENATE.

A N A C T

IN RELATION TO A

DAM ACROSS AYER'S FALLS.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the erection of a Dam across
Ayer's Falls on the Penobscot river.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives in Legislature assembled*—as follows :

3 That John N. Gossler and Samuel D. Dakin, their
4 successors and assigns, be and they hereby are au-
5 thorized and empowered to erect and maintain across
6 the head of Ayer's Falls on the Penobscot river, in
7 Orono and Bradley, a dam or dams extending across
8 said river from the eastern shore thereof to a ledge
9 near the west channel thereof, and such other dam or
10 dams on the west side of said channel as the commit-
11 tee hereinafter named may authorize, for the purpose
12 of raising a head of water for the use of their mills at
13 the foot of Ayer's island.

14 *Provided*, that the said Gossler and Dakin, their suc-
15 cessors or assigns and at their expense shall before
16 they commence the erection of said dam, shall give
17 notice of one week at least to the selectmen of the
18 towns of Orono, Oldtown and Milford, specifying the

19 time at which they intend to commence said erection.
20 And the selectmen of each of said towns, on receiving
21 such notice, shall appoint two disinterested and com-
22 petent persons, inhabitants of said towns respectively,
23 who shall constitute a committee of direction and
24 superintendance to regulate all doings and proceed-
25 ings by virtue of this act. And no authority is given
26 by this act for any proceedings under the same which
27 shall not conform to the directions of a majority of
28 said committee who are hereby authorized to regu-
29 late the erection of said dam or dams in such manner
30 as to protect the interests of the public and of mill
31 owners on the Penobscot river.

32 *Provided further*, that any person aggrieved or in-
33 jured by the erection of said dam may make applica-
34 tion in writing at any time hereafter to the selectmen
35 of the several towns aforesaid, setting forth his cause
36 of complaint, and it shall be the duty of said selectmen
37 to appoint a committee as above provided, to examine
38 at the expense of said applicant, the erections which
39 may be made by virtue of this act. And if a majority
40 of said committee shall determine that any alteration
41 in the same is necessary, they shall give notice of the
42 same to the owners of said mills and dam. And if
43 said owners shall not within a reasonable time make
44 such alteration in conformity with said notice, they
45 shall forfeit all rights conferred by virtue of this act.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 11, 1843.

ORDERED: That 300 copies of the foregoing bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ATTEST:

JERE HASKELL, *Secretary.*