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TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 18.]

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STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT additional to an act incorporating the Bangor Boom Company, approved March 22d, 1843.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Represent-

- 2 atives in Legislature assembled—as follows:
- 3 Section 1. The corporation created by the act to
- 4 which this act is additional, shall have the right to
- 5 take and use land on the shores of the Penobscot
- 6 river, on each side thereof, for the purposes author-
- 7 ized by said act, but not for a greater distance than
- 8 one mile above the foot of Treat's falls, near Bangor.
- 9 And may also take and use all necessary rights of way
- 10 over other lands contiguous to said shores, for the
- 11 purposes of access thereto.
 - Sec. 2. Any person whose land or rights therein
 - 2 shall be so taken by said corporation may make his
 - 3 complaint for damages therefor to the district court
 - 4 for the eastern district, at any term thereof, holden

5 within and for the county of Penobscot, and a com-6 mittee of three disinterested persons shall thereupon be 7 appointed by said court, after due notice to the cor-8 poration, to ascertain the damages suffered by the 9 complainant, and to estimate such other compensation 10 as is herein provided. Such committee shall be re-11 quired to be duly sworn, and to give notice of their 12 proceedings as provided in the case of commissioners 13 appointed by the supreme court to make partition of They shall ascertain all the damage suffered 14 lands. 15 by the complainant from the time his land was so 16 taken to the time of making their report, and shall 17 also estimate the annual value to such complainant of 18 his land aforesaid, for and during such time after the 19 date of said report as the same may be taken and 20 used by the corporation. And said committee shall 21 make return of their report of such damages and an-22 nual value to the district court aforesaid.

SEC. 3. If either party shall be dissatisfied with the 2 report of the committee, and shall demand a trial by 3 jury, the court shall allow and direct such trial, upon 4 a proper issue, as in cases at common law. If the 5 amount reported by the committee shall be increased 6 by the verdict of the jury, the complainant shall re-7 cover costs of such trial, and if the amount be 8 diminished, the corporation shall recover such costs, 9 but costs on the complaint and report shall in all cases 10 be paid by the corporation.

Sec. 4. If a trial by jury is not demanded, the court

- 2 shall render judgment on the report of the committee,
 3 or, in case of trial by jury, shall render judgment on
 4 the verdict, and no appeal shall be allowed from such
 5 judgment, and execution shall issue thereon for the
 6 amount of damages so ascertained, and for all taxable
 7 costs. If such execution shall not be satisfied within
 8 sixty days from the rendition of judgment, or if the
 9 corporation shall not, on or before the first day of
 10 August, in each year, pay to the complainant the sum
 11 ascertained by such judgment, as the annual value of
 12 his land aforesaid; then, in either case, the corpo13 ration shall have no benefit of any of the powers or
 14 privileges granted by this act, but the same shall be
 15 wholly vacated and annulled.
- Sec 5. Any two or more persons entitled to the 2 remedies and compensation provided by this act, may 3 unite in making complaint, as herein provided, and 4 upon such joint complaint, the proceedings shall have 5 the same course as upon the complaint of one; but 6 in such case, joint costs and not several shall be re-7 coverable by or against such joint complainants, and 8 if only one or a part of such joint complainants shall 9 demand a trial by jury, judgment upon the report of 10 the committee shall be rendered, as to the rest. And 11 in all cases of joint complaint, as herein provided, the 12 court may, in its discretion issue separate executions 13 thereon.
 - Sec. 6. The fifth section of the act, to which this 2 act is additional, and all acts and parts of acts incon-

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- 3 sistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby re-
- 4 pealed; and this act shall take effect from and after
- 5 its approval by the governor.

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STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, February 21, 1845.

Laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

SAMUEL BELCHER, Clerk.