

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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1856.

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 32.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the proprietors of the Winslow
Free Bridge.

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

SECTION. 1. Robert R. Drummond, Amasa Ding
2 ley, Isaac W. Britton, John Richards, Alfred Marshall,
3 Thomas J. Hayden, Joseph Percival, Josiah H. Drum-
4 mond, Isaac Britton and Howard G. Abbott, with
5 their associates and successors, be, and they hereby
6 are, incorporated into a company by the name of the
7 Proprietors of the Winslow Free Bridge, with power
8 to prosecute and defend suits at law ; use a common
9 seal ; make by-laws for the management of their

10 affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the state ; choose
11 all necessary officers, and have and exercise all the
12 powers usually granted to bridge corporations, except
13 the power of demanding and receiving tolls.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is authorized to purchase
2 the toll bridge across the Sebasticook river, at Wins-
3 low, in the county of Kennebec, on application to the
4 proprietors thereof, by paying to them the value of
5 said toll bridge, together with the toll house attached
6 to same, and land on which said bridge is erected,
7 to be mutually agreed upon by the parties ; or ap-
8 praised by persons mutually agreed upon ; or in case
9 no such agreement can be had, the value at which the
10 same may be purchased, shall be ascertained by three
11 disinterested persons to be appointed by the supreme
12 judicial court for the county of Kennebec, on appli-
13 cation of either party. Said appraisers shall give to
14 the parties notice of the time of their meeting to ex-
15 amine and appraise said property, and make to them
16 a written award signed by at least a majority of said
17 appraisers, for whose services compensation shall be
18 made by the free bridge corporation. After applica-
19 tion made to the proprietors of Winslow bridge for a
20 sale thereof, said proprietors shall have sixty days

21 within which to give their answer. And in case the
22 value of said property shall be ascertained by apprai-
23 sal, said proprietors shall have two months in which
24 to decide whether they will sell according to said ap-
25 praisement. And if within that time they shall elect
26 to sell and convey said property, at the price at which
27 the same shall be appraised by such persons, and shall
28 give notice thereof to a majority of the corporators
29 named in the first section of this act, then said free
30 bridge corporation shall within six months from the
31 receipt of such notice, pay such appraised value to
32 such person as said proprietors shall in said notice
33 designate, and for their use, or take no benefit by this
34 act; and if said free bridge corporation shall pay
35 said appraised value within the time and in the man-
36 ner aforesaid, then they shall be entitled to a convey-
37 ance of said property. But the proprietors of said
38 toll bridge shall take and receive their tolls, until the
39 amount of said appraisement is paid, as herein pro-
40 vided.

SECT. 3. If the proprietors of said toll bridge shall
2 not within sixty days allowed as aforesaid, make
3 known their consent to sell said property at the price
4 ascertained as aforesaid, the proprietors hereby incor-

5 porated are authorized to erect, maintain, rebuild and
6 repair a bridge across the Sebacook river, between
7 its mouth and the mile brook, so called, *provided*,
8 *however*, the same shall not be built within ten rods
9 above the present toll bridge, nor within two rods
10 below the railroad bridge, or between said bridges.
11 *And provided further*, the town of Winslow is hereby
12 authorized to lay out and maintain such town ways as
13 may be necessary to connect any existing highways
14 or town ways by means of said bridge, and the same
15 proceedings shall be had in the estimation and pay-
16 ment of the damages to land owners, over whose
17 land said ways may be laid out, as is now provided by
18 law in similar cases.

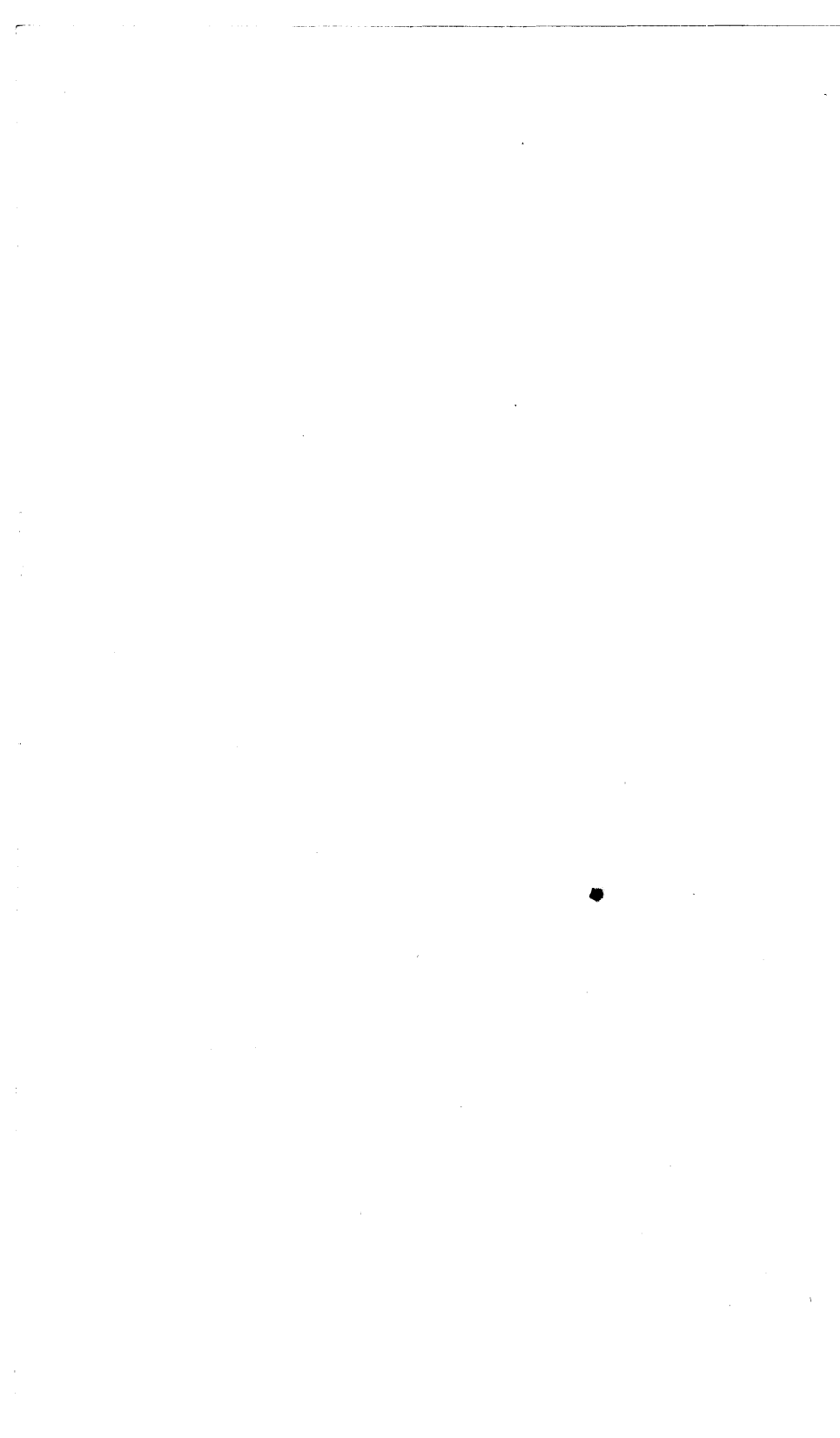
SECT. 4. No toll shall be demanded or received by
2 the proprietors hereby incorporated, whether they pur-
3 chase the said toll bridge, or erect a new bridge. And
4 any three of the persons named in the first section of
5 this act, may call the first meeting of said corporation,
6 by publishing the time and place thereof, two weeks suc-
7 cessively in some newspaper printed in the county of
8 Kennebec. And any bridge purchased or erected by
9 said proprietors, shall be so constructed as to permit
10 the full and free use of said river as now enjoyed, for

11 the passage of boats, rafts, logs, lumber and all other
12 purposes, thereon.

SECT. 5. It shall be lawful for the town of Winslow,
2 at a legal meeting of its inhabitants called for that
3 purpose, to raise a sum not exceeding two thousand
4 dollars, towards the purchase of the Winslow bridge
5 herein authorized to be made by the Winslow Free
6 Bridge Corporation, or towards the erection of an-
7 other bridge, as provided for in section three, should
8 said corporation be unable to purchase said Winslow
9 bridge. And in case said town shall raise a sum as
10 herein provided, and it shall be expended towards the
11 purchase or erection as aforesaid, then said town shall
12 be bound to maintain said bridge, so purchased or
13 erected, and keep it in repair, safe and convenient for
14 travelers, and shall be subject to the same liabilities
15 in relation thereto, that towns are subject to in rela-
16 tion to public highways within their limits.

SECT. 6. This act shall be void, unless the propri-
2 etors hereby incorporated, shall have purchased said
3 toll bridge, or erected another as herein provided,
4 within four years from its approval.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its approval by the governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 21, 1856. }

ORDERED, That 350 copies of this bill be printed for the use
of the Legislature.

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*