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OF THE

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SENATE.]

[No. 10.]

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company.

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

SECTION 1. Cyrus McKown, Thomas Marr, Jr., Jas.
2 Orne and William Pierce, their associates, successors
3 and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the
4 name of the Southport Bridge Company ; and by that
5 name may sue and be sued, have and use a common
6 seal, and at any meeting choose all officers necessary
7 to manage their business, and make by-laws for regu-

8 lating their affairs not repugnant to the laws of the
9 State by a majority of the votes of the proprietors
10 present allowing one vote for each share.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across tide
2 water at Southport, from a certain point of land in
3 said Southport, formerly owned by John McKown, to
4 Oak Point, so called, in Boothbay, shall be constructed
5 of good materials, of suitable height from the water,
6 and not less than twenty-four feet wide, with suitable
7 and sufficient flooring and railing for the safety of
8 passengers, and sufficient passage way shall be left for
9 the passage of boats, and said bridge shall have a
10 suitable and proper draw to allow of the passage of
11 all vessels.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established
2 for the benefit of said corporation, according to the
3 rates following, to wit: for every foot passenger, three
4 cents; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each
5 sleigh, sled, cart or wagon, drawn by one beast, fifteen
6 cents; for each chaise, chair or sulkey, drawn by one
7 beast, seventeen cents; for each additional horse or
8 other beast of burden in sleighs, sleds, carts or

9 wagons, two cents; for droves of neat cattle, horses,
10 mules or asses, two cents each; for sheep and swine,
11 one half of one cent each; and for all animals or
12 beasts of show, twenty-five cents each; and no addi-
13 tional toll shall be charged for persons actually travel-
14 ling in any of said vehicles; but this exception shall
15 not extend to any person taken in for the purpose of
16 avoiding toll; and only one person to each team shall
17 be allowed to pass free of toll; but all persons going
18 to or returning from any place of public worship on
19 the Sabbath, shall be allowed to pass said bridge free
20 of toll.

SECT. 4. At the place of collecting tolls, said cor-
2 poration shall keep constantly exposed to view, a
3 board or sign, with the rates of toll aforesaid, legibly
4 inscribed thereon; and whenever the toll gatherer
5 shall be absent from the toll house, the gate shall be
6 left open and the bridge be toll free; and said toll
7 shall commence on the day when said bridge is first
8 opened for passengers.

SECT. 5. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse
2 for the space of four years from the passage of this

3 act, to build and complete said bridge, then this act
4 shall be void and of no effect.

SECT. 6. Any two persons mentioned in the first
2 section of this act, may call the first meeting of the
3 corporation by posting up notice of the time and place
4 and purposes thereof, in two public places in each of
5 the towns of Southport and Boothbay, fourteen days
6 before the time of said meeting.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 4, 1857.

ORDERED, that 350 copies of the foregoing Bill, reported by Mr. Brown
from Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges, be printed for the use of
the Legislature.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary.*