

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 11.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Damariscotta Water Power
Company.

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

SECTION 1. William Hitchcock, Nath'l Austin, B.
2 D. Metcalf, Edwin Flye, Austin Hall, Abner Stetson,
3 Elijah Hall, Joseph J. Taylor, Everett W. Stetson,
4 Charles Pinkham, Albert Glidden, D. W. Chapman,
5 J. H. Converse, Joseph Day, Daniel Day, Joel Huston,
6 Thaddeus Weeks, Daniel T. Weeks, Joseph Cargill,
7 Thomas Kennedy, Alex'r Teague, John Glidden, Nath'l
8 Bryant, Moses Call, Thomas Chapman, Joseph Haines,
9 Caleb Maddox, Alden Hall, Newall Hall, H. P. Cotton,

10 Thos. D. Boyd, David Genthner, Robert Kennedy,
11 Elbridge Norris, Thos. J. Merrill, Isaac Chapman, G.
12 W. Tukey, James Witham, J. G. Huston, Daniel Hitch-
13 cock, with their associates, successors and assigns, are
14 hereby made and constituted a body politic and corpo-
15 rate, by the name of the Damariscotta Water Power
16 Company, with all the powers and privileges, and sub-
17 ject to all the duties and liabilities contained in the
18 laws of the state relating to manufacturing companies ;
19 and said corporation is authorized to manufacture, upon
20 the Damariscotta river in the towns of Newcastle and
21 Damariscotta, in the county of Lincoln, woolen and
22 cotton goods, and any other articles the manufacture of
23 which is not contrary to the laws of this state ; and for
24 this purpose, may purchase and hold real and personal
25 estate, not exceeding in value five hundred thousand
26 dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars
27 each, but no assessment shall be laid upon any shares in
28 said company of a greater amount in the whole, than one
29 hundred dollars ; and may construct, erect and main-
30 tain upon their own land and in the tide waters of the
31 Damariscotta river, at any point between Damariscotta
32 bridge and the Sisters, (so called,) suitable dams, piers,
33 locks, canals, flood-gates, ebb-gates, basins, building
34 and machinery as may be necessary for the purposes

35 aforesaid ; and the same may lease, sell or improve as
36 other owners of real or personal estate may lawfully do.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall construct and main-
2 tain suitable gate ways, or locks not exceeding thirty
3 feet in width, to enable vessels to pass down said river
4 as they have heretofore done without unnecessary
5 delay ; but said corporation shall not be required to
6 open their gates or locks for the passage of vessels of
7 a less burthen than thirty tons measurement, only at
8 such times as they may be opened to fill the pond
9 above the dams ; and the said corporation may close
10 the gates of said dams and locks, and retain the water
11 above the same to the point of the highest spring tides.

SECT. 3. The inhabitants of each of the towns of
2 Newcastle and Nobleborough, may be called upon at
3 any legal town meeting of said inhabitants, to vote
4 upon the following question, viz:—shall the Damaris-
5 cotta Water Power Company be required to construct
6 fish ways in these dams? And if a majority of the
7 inhabitants so assembled, shall decide the question in
8 the negative, then no fish ways shall ever be required.

SECT. 4. Any three of the persons above named may
2 call the first meeting of the corporation, by posting a
3 notice of the time and place thereof, in some public
4 place in the towns of Newcastle and Damariscotta, or

5 by publishing the same in some newspaper printed in
6 either of said towns, seven days at least before the
7 time of said meeting.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force
2 when it is approved by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 17, 1860.

This bill, reported by the Committee on Interior Waters, was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*