

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 37.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize Thomas Taylor to employ and use steam power to transport passengers and freight in the towns of Farmington, New Sharon, Phillips and other places.

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

SECTION 1. Thomas Taylor of Farmington, in the
2 county of Franklin, his associates and assigns, are
3 hereby vested with the sole and exclusive right of em-
4 ploying and using steam power for the purpose of
5 transporting goods, wares, merchandise and passengers
6 upon and over the public highways, causeways and
7 bridges from Phillips upper village in said county of
8 Franklin, through the towns of Phillips, Avon, Strong,
9 Farmington and New Sharon, to New Sharon village

10 in said county, for the term of twenty years from the
11 first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thou-
12 sand eight hundred and seventy-one; *provided*, the
13 the said Thomas Taylor, his associates or assigns, shall,
14 on or before the first day of June, in the year of our
15 Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, put
16 into actual operation on said highways, or some part
17 thereof, one or more machines for transportation by
18 steam power of passengers and freight under the terms
19 of this act.

SEC. 2. In no event shall the towns in which said
2 highways are situated be liable for any damages which
3 may be sustained by the said Taylor, his associates or
4 assigns, in the use of steam power for the purposes
5 aforesaid, by reason of any defect in such highways,
6 causeways or bridges, or for want of repair thereof.

SECT. 3. The said Taylor, his associates and assigns,
2 shall be liable to the towns in which such highways,
3 causeways and bridges are situated for all damages
4 other than natural wear done to the same by reason of
5 their being so used for transportation by steam power,
6 to be recovered in an action of the case in any court
7 of competent jurisdiction, and any machines or other
8 property used by the said Thomas Taylor, or his asso-
9 ciates or assigns, for the purposes named in this act,
10 shall be liable to attachment, seizure and sale for the

11 payment of any damages recovered against the said
12 Thomas Taylor, his associates and assigns, under the
13 provisions of this act. .

SECT. 4. Any person who shall be injured in his
2 person or property by reason of said steam power upon
3 said highway as aforesaid, may recover damages of the
4 said Thomas Taylor, his associates or assigns, for such
5 injuries, in an action of the case; and said Thomas
6 Taylor, his associates and assigns, in exercising the
7 powers herein granted, shall have all the rights and
8 privileges, and be subject to all the duties and liabili-
9 ties, under the law of common carriers by land, and to
10 the law of the road.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 10, 1871. }

Reported from the Committee on Railroads, Ways and Bridges,
laid on the table, and ordered printed on motion of Mr. HARRI-
MAN of Belfast.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*