

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 54.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize Isaac S. Bangs, junior, and others, to clear the channel and navigate the Kennebec river between Waterville and Augusta.

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

SECTION 1. Isaac S. Bangs, junior, Edward G. Meader, John P. Caffrey, Nathaniel Meader, Willard B. Arnold, Charles E. Gray and Timothy Wentworth, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to clear the channel of the Kennebec river from Waterville to Augusta, and to build a dam and locks, if necessary, at Six Mile falls, and are hereby vested with the sole and exclusive right against all persons of employing and navigating all and every kind of boats or water craft propelled by

11 steam, as common carriers, between the foregoing
12 described points on said river, for a term of twenty
13 years from and after the passage of this act, excepting
14 that nothing in this act is to be construed to interfere
15 with the erection and maintenance of any dam or
16 dams at any point on said river where there may be a
17 feasible water power, or with any boom or booms that
18 may be requisite for the preservation of logs or lumber,
19 or with the crossing of said river at ferries or
20 bridges which now are or may hereafter be established.
21 And any person or persons who shall use, employ or
22 navigate on the said waters any boat or water craft as
23 common carriers as aforesaid, without being properly
24 authorized by said corporators, their associates, succes-
25 sors, and assigns, shall forfeit and pay for each and
26 every such offence a sum not exceeding two hundred
27 dollars nor less than fifty dollars, to be recovered by
28 an action of debt to the use of said corporators, their
29 associates, successors and assigns, *provided*, that if the
30 said corporators, their associates, successors and assigns
31 shall neglect for the term of two years from the passing
32 of this act to clear the channel of said river, and to
33 have in operation on said waters a good steamboat of
34 the burthen of thirty tons or more, or if they shall
35 neglect for the term of one year to operate such a
36 boat on said waters, then this act shall be void.

SECT. 2. Said corporators, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby vested with all the powers, duties and privileges usually granted to corporations for similar purposes, and may regulate the tolls to be demanded and received for the services of such steamboats as they may employ on the said waters between the points aforesaid, subject to the revision of the legislature.

SECT. 3. Any corporation, person or persons, not common carriers, who may navigate any portion of the channel of said river by steam, which may have been cleared or improved by lock or dams, shall pay to the corporators, their associates, successors and assigns, a reasonable sum therefor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 15, 1873. }

Read three times, laid upon the table and ordered printed on
motion of Mr. NASH.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*