

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 184.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Casco Bay Telegraph Company.

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

SECTION 1. Albion Little, C. W. T. Goding, Henry S.
2 Osgood, Stephen R. Small, Charles J. Chapman, Fred
3 N. Dow and Seth L. Larrabee, their associates, success-
4 ors and assigns, are hereby created a body corporate by
5 the name of the "Casco Bay Telegraph and Telephone
6 Company," with all the rights and privileges, and subject
7 to all the duties provided by the general laws of this State
8 relating to corporations, with power by that name to sue
9 and be sued ; to have and use a common seal, and the same
10 to be changed at pleasure ; to establish any and all by-
11 laws and regulations for the management of their affairs

12 not repugnant to the laws of this State, and to do and
13 perform any and all other legal and lawful acts incident
14 to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered and
2 authorized to own, construct, maintain and operate from
3 some point in the city of Portland a line or lines of tele-
4 graph and telephone along the shores of Casco bay on the
5 mainland to any desired point or points, with as many
6 wires and branches in and about the county of Cumber-
7 land as it may deem necessary or desirable; also to con-
8 struct, maintain and operate a line or lines of telegraph
9 and telephone upon any of the islands in Casco bay, with
10 the right to connect its lines upon the islands with each
11 other and with its lines upon the mainland by cross-
12 ing with cables any of the waters, channels, or arms of
13 the sea in said Casco bay.

For the purposes of this act, said corporation shall have
15 and the power is hereby granted, to erect and locate its
16 lines along and upon highways, streets and bridges as
17 now travelled by teams, within the limits of this charter,
18 but in such a manner as not to incommode or endanger
19 the customary public use thereof, and the company may
20 cut down any trees standing within the limits of said high-
21 ways, streets and bridges, except fruit or shade trees,
22 when necessary for the erection, use or safety of its lines.

SECT. 3. Said corporation is further hereby authorized
2 to lay, construct and maintain in, under, through and
3 along the streets of the city of Portland, and to take up,
4 replace and repair, all such wires, cables and underground
5 structures as may be necessary for the purpose of main-
6 taining their lines under ground, under such restrictions

7 and regulations as the city council may impose. Said
8 corporation shall be liable to pay to the said city of Port-
9 land all such sums recovered against it for damages from
10 obstructions or defects of said streets caused by said cor-
11 poration, and for all expenses including reasonable counsel
12 fees incurred in defending such suits, with interest on the
13 same.

SECT. 4. Said corporation is also hereby authorized to
2 lay, construct and maintain its wires, cables and the neces-
3 sary structures therefor under, in and over tidal waters at
4 such places as may be necessary for the purposes of said
5 corporation, but in such a manner as not obstruct navigation.

SECT. 5. The capital stock of said company is hereby
2 established at twenty-five thousand dollars, and said cor-
3 poration is authorized to issue the bonds of the corpora-
4 tion to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars
5 and secure the same on the franchises and property of the
6 corporation, the same to be used for the exclusive purpose
7 of constructing, maintaining and operating the lines of
8 telegraph and telephone hereby authorized, and said cor-
9 poration may purchase, hold and dispose of such real and
10 personal estate as may be necessary for the purposes
11 aforesaid. The capital stock of said company may be
12 raised from time to time to an amount not exceeding in
13 all two hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 6. Any two persons named in this act of incor-
2 poration may call the first meeting of this company by
3 giving written notice thereof to each of its associates.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 28, 1891. }

Tabled pending first reading, by Mr. HILL of Augusta, and ordered
printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*