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SENATE. No. 9.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Cherryfield Village Corporation.

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

The territory in the town of Cherryfield SECTION 1.

- 2 comprising all of "Union School District" together with 3 the inhabitants thereon, is hereby created a body politic
- 4 and corporate, by the name of Cherryfield Village Corpo-
- 5 ration, with all the rights and privileges provided by the 6 laws of the State relating to corporations.
 - Said corporation is hereby authorized and
 - 2 vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the
- 3 purpose, to raise money to defray the expenses of a night
- 4 watch, a police force, of lighting the streets, and all other
- 5 necessary measures for the better security of life and
- 6 property, and for the promotion of good order and quiet
- 7 within its limits; for the purchase, repair and preserva-

- 8 tion of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose, 9 buckets, ladders or other apparatus for the extinguish-10 ment of fires, for the construction and repair of reservoirs
- 11 and aqueducts to supply water, and for organizing and
- 12 maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient
- 13 fire department.
- SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the 2 purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property 3 and polls within the territory aforesaid, by the assessors 4 of said corporation in the same manner as is by law pro-5 vided for the assessment of town taxes, and said assessors 6 may copy the last valuation of said property by the asses-7 sors of the town of Cherryfield and assess the tax thereon; 8 or if the corporation shall so direct, may correct said 9 valuation or make a new valuation thereof, according to 10 the principles established by the last State tax, and assess 11 the tax on that valuation.
- SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors 2 of said corporation by the clerk thereof of the amount of 3 money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, 4 it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, 5 to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of the 6 persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the 7 estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and lists of 8 the assessments so made, to certify and deliver to the •9 collector whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like 10 manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by 11 towns, and to pay over the same to the treasurer of said 12 corporation, who shall receive the same and pay it out to 13 order or direction of the corporation, and keep a regular 14 account of all moneys received and paid out, and exhibit

15 the same to the assessors whenever requested; and said

16 corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode

17 of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of

18 town taxes.

Sect. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist 2 of a clerk, treasurer, collector, assessors, fire wardens, 3 board of police officers, and such other officers as may be 4 provided for in the by-laws of said corporation; the said 5 fire wardens to have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire wardens 7 have or may have chosen by towns at town meeting; the 8 said board of police officers to consist of such number as 9 the corporation may decide, who shall be duly sworn, and 10 have power to execute all warrants, and have the same 11 power to prevent public disturbances, and preserve public 12 peace within said corporation as is given by the laws of 13 this State to constables, and to restrain all infractions of, 14 and carry into effect such by-laws as said corporation shall

SECT. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting 2 thereof called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws 3 and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this State and the United States, as they may 5 deem expedient and necessary for the better government 6 and regulation of the municipal affairs within said corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions so adopted 8 shall extend to said corporation as fully to all intents and 9 purposes as the other provisions of this act, subject only 10 to alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote at a legal 11 meeting of the corporation called for the purpose.

15 adopt in pursuance of this act.

- SECT. 7. All the officers of said corporation shall be 2 chosen by ballot, and sworn to the faithful performance of 3 their duties, the first election to be at the meeting of the 4 legal voters of the corporation called to accept this charter, 5 and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of 6 April.
- SECT. 8. The clerk shall keep a record of all the doings 2 and proceedings at the meetings of the said corporation.
- SECT. 9. The collector and treasurer shall give bond in 2 double the amount of the taxes so raised, to the inhabitants 3 of said corporation, which bond shall be approved by the 4 assessors and clerk.
- SECT. 10. H. C. Bartlett, F. I. Campbell, W. M. Nash 2 and G. R. Campbell or either of them are authorized to 3 call the first meeting of said corporation, by posting three 4 notices in public and conspicuous places in said village, 5 stating the time, place and objects of said meeting, at 6 least seven days before the time of holding the same; all 7 subsequent meetings shall be called and notified in like 8 manner by order of the assessors; and a meeting shall at 9 any time be called on the written application of seven 10 legal voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and 11 purposes for which said meeting is requested.
- SECT. 11. All persons liable to be taxed for polls, 2 residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal 3 voters at any meeting of said corporation.
- SECT 12. At the meeting prescribed in section ten of 2 this act the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question 3 of accepting this charter, and if a majority shall vote in 4 favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and the 5 corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers.

SECT. 13. This act shall take effect when approved, but 2 shall not be binding on said corporation unless accepted by 3 them as hereinbefore provided.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 28, 1891.

Reported by Mr. PETTENGILL from Committee on Towns and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.