

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 163.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize the inhabitants of the town of Westport to construct and maintain a bridge across the tide waters of Back River, between Westport and Woolwich.

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

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Westport, 2 are hereby authorized to construct and maintain a bridge 3 over the tide waters of Back River, so called, between 4 the towns of Westport and Woolwich, to extend from 5 Ruckley's Point, so called, in said Westport, to McKenney's 6 shore in said Woolwich, of such width, and at such point 7 as they may consider most practicable; and said bridge 8 shall be built of good materials, and not less than sixteen 9 feet wide, with sufficient rails on each side for the safety 10 of passengers.

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SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be constructed with a good 2 and sufficient draw at some suitable place, which draw 3 shall not be less than twenty-five feet wide, with piers or 4 wharves so that vessels may conveniently pass; and said 5 town shall cause the said draw to be opened or hoisted at 6 all times, from sunrise to sunset, for the accommodation 7 of such vessels as may have occasion to pass through the 8 same, free of expense and without any unnecessary delay. 9 And said bridge shall be further constructed with a suit-10 able passway for rafts of logs and timber, open boats and 11 gondolas, to pass through, of at least seventy-five feet in 12 width.

SECT. 3. Said town is hereby authorized, after the 2 erection and completion of said bridge, to collect and 3 receive tolls for the passage over the same of passengers, 4 animals and vehicles, at rates not exceeding the rates 5 established by "An Act to incorporate the proprietors of 6 Westport bridge," approved July 26, 1847, whenever and 7 for such length of time, as in the judgment of the munici-8 pal officers of said town of Westport the same shall be 9 necessary to furnish means for the maintenance and repair 10 of said bridge.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 20,1895.

Reported by Mr. LAWRENCE of North Yarmouth, from Committee on Ways and Bridges, and ordered printed under joint rules. W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*.