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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Create the Kennebec Reservoir Company and
Define the Powers Thereof.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Archibald R. Graustein, H. DeForest Lock-

- 2 wood, George S. Williams, Waldo E. Pratt, Garrett
- 3 Schenck, W. E. Winchester, Fred C. Bagley and Walter
- 4 S. Wyman, their associates, successors and assigns are here-
- 5 by made a body corporate under the name of the Kennebec
- 6 Reservoir Company, with all the rights, powers and privi-
- 7 leges hereinafter named.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is authorized and empowered

2 to fix the amount of its capital stock, and the classes there-

- 3 of, and to increase the same from time to time, not exceed-4 ing, however, in the aggregate two million dollars.
- Sect. 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized and em-2 powered to build dams and other necessary works and 3 structures on Dead River, at or near the head of Long 4 Falls, near the southeasterly corner of township three, 5 range four, in the county of Somerset, for the purposes 6 of creating storage basins and reservoirs to retain and con-7 trol the waters of Dead River and the tributaries thereof, 8 thereby increasing and making more constant the flow of 9 water in the Kennebec river, for use at all seasons of the 10 year for manufacturing and power purposes on said Ken-II nebec river and for facilitating the driving of logs and lum-12 ber on Dead river. And in order to facilitate the driving 13 of logs and lumber down said Dead river without unneces-14 sary waste of water, said corporation is authorized to build 15 and maintain dams, side dams, sheer booms, remove rocks, 16 make embankments and other improvements on said Dead 17 river from the location of its reservoir dams to its union 18 with the Kennebec river.
- Sect. 4. Said corporation is authorized by means of its 2 said works to hold, store and retain said waters in any 3 reservoir or storage basin so created, and to discharge and 4 release the same and control the volume and flow thereof 5 for the uses and purposes and subject to the restrictions 6 aforesaid. It may make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the most advan-

8 tageous use thereof, and is authorized to contract with own-9 ers and users of water power benefited by said develop-10 ment for defraying the cost thereof in any manner which 11 may be agreed upon.

Sect. 5. Said corporation is authorized and empowered, 2 when subscriptions to its capital stock at least of three hun-3 dred thousand dollars have been made, to acquire by pur-4 chase or otherwise, or to take and hold, as for public uses, 5 all, but not less than all, dams, booms, piers, rafts and other 6 property used or useful in the driving or floating of logs 7 or lumber, which may at the time of such purchase or tak-8 ing, be located in or on any part of said Dead river, be-9 tween the mouth of Alder stream and the mouth of Dead 10 river, together with the dam at the outlet of Big Spencer II pond and such works and improvements in and on the out-12 let stream from said outlet to Dead river, belonging to the 13 Kennebec Log Driving Company or to any other corpora-14 tion authorized by law to drive on said section of Dead 15 river or on said outlet stream, including so much of the 16 franchise or franchises as relate to driving on said section 17 or on said outlet stream, and such owner or owners are 18 authorized and empowered to sell the same to it; provided, 19 however, that the acquisition of such franchise or fran-20 chises shall not impose any duties or burdens, or create 21 any conditions, limitations or restrictions inconsistent with 22 the franchises, rights and privileges elsewhere in this act 23 conferred upon this corporation. All proceedings in rela24 tion to said taking and the assessment of damages there-25 for shall be as provided in chapter sixty-one, sections 26 twelve to twenty-one, both inclusive, of the revised statutes; 27 provided, that the legality of such taking shall not be af-28 fected by an omission of this corporation to include in its 29 notice of taking mention of any specific item or items of 30 property, or of any such log driving corporation owner, 31 unless it be shown that such omission was made with fraud-32 ulent intent. Subject to the last preceding exception, any 33 notice of taking filed as provided by law, unless otherwise 34 expressly stated, shall be deemed to be notice of taking 35 all that this corporation is authorized by this section to 36 take, and all persons and corporations affected thereby 37 shall have the same rights and be subject to the same duties 38 as though they and the property so affected were fully de-39 scribed, and may be heard and enforce their rights accord-40 ingly.

The dams, booms, piers, rafts and other property, includ2 ing the dam at the outlet of Big Spencer pond and works
3 and improvements in the outlet thereof, described in this
4 section as the property of the Kennebec Log Driving Com5 pany, are meant to include all of the works and facilities
6 within the territory described herein which were formerly
7 owned and used by the Dead River Log Driving Company
8 and are now owned, used or controlled by the Kennebec
9 Log Driving Company with all additions thereto made or
10 acquired by or under the latter company.

Immediately construction is begun for said reservoir dam 2 or dams Kennebec Reservoir Company shall offer in writ-3 ing to pay Kennebec Log Driving Company for all its prop-4 erty and improvements existing or used on Dead River and 5 its tributaries, the amount of Kennebec Log Driving Com-6 pany's then existing indebtedness therefor to be shown by 7 the books of account of and certified by the auditor of 8 Kennebec Log Driving Company. If within thirty days of 9 receipt of said offer, Kennebec Log Driving Company shall 10 transmit in writing to Kennebec Reservoir Company its II acceptance thereof, together with statements of the afore-12 said indebtedness, and inventory of aforesaid property and 13 improvements with said statement and inventory certified 14 as true by its said auditor, Kennebec Reservoir Company 15 shall forthwith pay to Kennebec Log Driving Company as 16 full compensation for all of said property, including so 17 much of its franchise as is mentioned in this section a sum 18 equal to the amount of said indebtedness so certified and 19 interest thereon from the date of said written acceptance 20 by Kennebec Log Driving Company. If such offer is not 21 accepted in writing within thirty days after its receipt, said 22 Kennebec Reservoir Company shall take the whole of said 23 property and improvements of Kennebec Log Driving Com-24 pany aforesaid, and may exercise and enjoy the franchises 25 mentioned in the next section hereof to the exclusion of the 26 Dead River Log Driving Company and the Kennebec Log 27 Driving Company, paying them or either of them only for

28 the physical property and improvements, with no damages 29 for the franchises so taken, the assessment of damages for 30 the property and improvements so taken to be as provided 31 in chapter sixty-one, sections twelve to twenty-one inclusive 32 of the revised statutes.

Sect. 6. From and after the time when this corporation 2 shall have acquired by purchase or otherwise, as provided 3 in section five of this act, the properties and franchises 4 therein mentioned, or the Kennebec Log Driving Company 5 shall have failed to accept a written offer therefor as pro-6 vided in section five, and it has taken by purchase or other-7 wise that belonging to others than the Kennebec Log Driv-8 ing Company and the Dead River Log Driving Company, 9 it shall drive all logs, lumber and pulpwood that may be 10 offered to it within its limits in said Dead river below the 11 mouth of said Alder Stream which flows into the North 12 Branch and all logs, lumber and pulpwood which may be 13 offered and delivered to it at the dam at the foot of Big 14 Spencer pond, or in said outlet stream below the dam, in-15 cluding all area flowed by its dams as far as the same may 16 extend up the South Branch of Dead river, landing them 17 in Kennebec river within the limits of Kennebec Log Driv-18 ing Company; at which point they are to be taken up by 19 owners, or others having authority to receive them without 20 further obligation on the part of said Kennebec Reservoir 21 Company; provided, that said logs and lumber shall not be 22 turned over this corporation's reservoir dam against said

23 Kennebec Log Driving Company's protest that they cannot 24 then be safely discharged.

Sect. 7. This corporation shall be required to make one 2 drive per year. It shall be started from the mouth of 3 Alder stream seasonably but in no event later than June 4 first and from all other points seasonably for delivery as a 5 unit; and said drive shall be delivered into Kennebec river 6 at The Forks within the limits of Kennebec Log Driving 7 Company to be taken up by the Kennebec Log Driving 8 Company before or at the time the rear of the main Kenne-9 bec drive passes said point and in any event by July first 10 annually. It shall not be required to drive from any start-11 ing point any logs, lumber or pulpwood, which shall not be 12 there when the rear of its drive shall be seasonably started 13 from that point nor to drive the same season any logs which 14 shall not be delivered to it before the rear of its drive sea-15 sonably started passes the point of attempted delivery.

This corporation shall remove all growth on the area flowed 2 by it seasonably to prevent it from falling and being car3 ried away by the water and in any event within four years 4 of the commencement of said flowage. It shall keep the 5 area at the mouth of all tributaries flowing into its reservoir 6 and Dead river below reasonably clear for the entrance of 7 logs, lumber and pulpwood during the driving season, and 8 shall boom logs and lumber driven into it from said tribugitaries and to it offered for driving. Persons landing logs, 10 lumber or pulpwood within the flowed area for driving by

II this corporation shall deliver them within drivable waters 12 and boom the same. Drivable waters in this section are de-13 fined: in the reservoir, to be within the area within a con-14 tour line representing a twenty-five foot head on the reser-15 voir dam; on that part of Dead river and its branches above 16 the actual flowage of said reservoir at the time of said de-17 livery and extending up the North Branch to the mouth 18 of Alder Stream and up the South Branch to a point of the 19 same height as the crest of the reservoir dam, and on the 20 outlet stream from Big Spencer Pond to Dead river, and 21 on Dead river from the reservoir dam to the Kennebec 22 River and on Flagstaff Lake taken at its present level and 23 elevation, to be in each case the area heretofore considered 24 drivable waters for the landing of logs, lumber and pulp-25 wood as practiced by the Kennebec Log Driving Company. 26 This corporation shall erect and maintain monuments suit-27 able for the purpose and sufficient in number and place to 28 indicate to persons landing logs as above provided the area 29 within said contour line of a twenty-five foot head and the 30 said point so reached on the South Branch. One or more 31 persons, firms or corporations desiring this corporation to 32 drive not less than five thousand cords of logs, lumber or 33 pulpwood after the aforesaid annual drive has been made 34 by this corporation may give notice thereof to this corpo-35 ration in writing. This corporation may elect, in writing 36 to said persons, firms or corporations within twenty days 37 after receipt of said notice to make such drive itself, where38 upon it shall undertake and complete the same within the 39 limits and subject to the regulations governing said annual 40 drive, as far as the same are applicable, and receive the 41 same tolls therefor, or, if it does not so elect, the owners 42 may make the drive at their own expense. This corporation 43 shall make reasonable effort to land any such extra drive 44 or drives driven by it in the Kennebec river, at The Forks, 45 immediately after, and not before the regular drive of the 46 Kennebec Log Driving Company shall have passed over the 47 dam at Solon; and delivery by it to said Kennebec Log 48 Driving Company in Kennebec river at The Forks, shall 49 terminate its responsibility.

This corporation shall be responsible for sufficient water 2 to make the regular and one such extra drive annually, if 3 so much shall have flowed into its reservoir including Spen-4 cer Lake during the current year, and shall provide water 5 for such additional drives as may be made as aforesaid if it 6 then has it. This corporation shall receive and drive logs, 7 lumber and pulpwood to the reasonable satisfaction of the 8 Directors of the Kennebec Log Driving Company, consistent 9 with the foregoing provisions.

Sect. 8. This corporation is authorized and empowered 2 to collect and receive tolls for driving logs, lumber and 3 pulpwood within the area aforesaid, and parts thereof, at 4 the following rates per thousand board feet, viz:

Between the mouth of Alder stream and the point of flow-

2 age caused by this corporation's dam located at Long Falls,3 twenty-five cents;

From the point of delivery within the flowage area as de-2 fined in section seven, to The Forks, seventy-five cents; From said dam, or any point west of the mouth of Spencer 2 stream, to The Forks, fifty cents;

From the mouth of Spencer stream, or any point west of 2 the mouth of Enchanted stream, to The Forks, forty cents; From the mouth of Enchanted stream, or any point west 2 of the mouth of Salmon stream, to The Forks, thirty cents; From the mouth of Salmon stream, or any point east, to 2 The Forks, ten cents;

From the dam at the foot of Big Spencer pond or any 2 point in the outlet stream to Dead river (in addition to the 3 aforesaid tolls for driving on Dead river), thirty cents.

These tolls are to remain in force for a period of ten 2 years and thereafterward until revised in any manner pro3 vided by the legislature. The word "west" used in desig4 nating direction in this section means the course from the
5 mouth of Dead river towards its sources, notwithstanding
6 the actual direction at any given point. For the purpose of
7 this section two cords of pulpwood or wood cut in four8 foot lengths shall equal one thousand board feet.

Sect. 9. Charges for driving logs, lumber and pulpwood 2 as aforesaid, shall be due and payable when the drive to 3 be made by this corporation is completed; and said corporation shall have a lien on all such logs and lumber which

5 it shall drive for the driving of the same as provided in 6 this act, which lien shall have precedence of all other claims 7 except liens reserved to the state and laborers' liens, shall 8 continue for three months after the logs or lumber shall 9 arrive at the place of destination for manufacture or sale, 10 and may be enforced by attachment.

The owners of logs, lumber or pulpwood to 2 be driven by this corporation shall, on or before the first 3 day of June in that year, file with the clerk of this corpora-4 tion a correct statement in writing, signed by a sworn sur-5 veyor, of all such logs, lumber and pulpwood intended for 6 the regular annual drive, of the number of feet, sound 7 scale, with the mark or marks thereon, together with the 8 place from which the logs are to be driven and their destinao tion. This corporation may adopt such statements as cor-To rect for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of tolls to II which it is entitled, or cause the same to be scaled. If any 12 owner fails to file such statement, the corporation shall give 13 such owner written notice of its intention to have his logs, 14 lumber or pulpwood estimated by a qualified and sworn 15 surveyor and unless such owner files such statement within 16 seven days after receiving such notice, said estimate may 17 be made by the corporation and shall be conclusive upon 18 such owner.

Whenever this corporation elects to make any later drive 2 as provided in section seven, the foregoing provisions as 3 to filing statements, and the effect thereof, and of failure 4 to do so, shall be applicable thereto, except that the same 5 be filed on or before the date of starting the drive.

Sect. 11. This corporation is authorized and empowered 2 to acquire by purchase from other corporations and indi-3 viduals who are authorized to drive logs or lumber on any 4 tributaries or on the Kennebec river, and such corporations 5 are authorized and empowered to sell and convey to it, any 6 part or all of their respective properties and franchises for 7 log-driving purposes; and to contract with such corpora-8 tions and individuals concerning their respective duties as 9 log-driving companies. Provided, however, that no acquisi-10 tion of the franchises of another corporation and merger II thereof with the franchise of this corporation in any man-12 ner under this or any other section of this act, shall be 13 deemed to qualify or restrict any franchise or other right 14 which this corporation otherwise acquires through this 15 charter or from any other source, but shall be deemed to 16 be additional thereto.

Sect. 12. Said corporation is authorized to acquire by 2 purchase, lease or otherwise such lands, properties and 3 rights, including any state, public or reserved lots, as it may 4 require; and when subscriptions to the capital stock thereof 5 to an amount of at least three hundred thousand dollars 6 have been made, it is authorized and empowered to take 7 and hold as for public uses, such lands, properties and 8 rights (not including state, public and reserved lots, or parts 9 thereof) as it may require for any of the aforesaid uses

10 and purposes, and such material as may be needed for 11 erecting and maintaining any of its dams and works, and 12 all proceedings in relation to said taking and the assess-13 ment of damages therefor shall be as provided in said 14 chapter sixty-one, sections twelve to twenty-one, both in-15 clusive, of the revised statutes. Said corporation is also 16 authorized and empowered, when subscriptions of the afore-17 said amount shall have been made to its capital stock, to 18 flow such lands as may be necessary to carry out the pur-19 poses of this act, and the damages therefor and for flow-20 age caused or authorized under any other section of this 21 act not otherwise expressly provided unless arranged by 22 mutual agreement, shall be ascertained and determined in 23 the manner prescribed in chapter ninety-seven of the re-24 vised statutes; provided, however, that the owner of any 25 land, the whole or a part of which is so flowed, may at 26 any time after the beginning of said flowage and before 27 final adjudication of his damages yearly or in gross, file 28 his petition in term time or vacation, in the supreme judicial 29 court in the county where said land lies, or if said land 30 lies in part in two counties, then, in either, electing to take 31 in place of said damages the amount provided in any writ-32 ten option within six years heretofore taken by the Central 33 Securities Corporation, or the Central Maine Power Com-34 pany, or any one of the incorporators in this act, or any 35 person in behalf of any of the same from the then owners 36 of said land; and upon proof of said option, the court shall

37 decree the title to the land in said option described to this 38 corporation and shall order judgment for the petitioner and 39 against this corporation for the amount in said option 40 proven, and interest thereon from the date of filing said 41 petition; all proceedings under this proviso to be as in 42 equity. And except as herein provided said corporation 43 may have the benefit of chapter one hundred and ninety-44 six of public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one. The 45 provisions of this section shall not be construed to author-46 ize the taking of property or franchises described in sec-47 tion eleven otherwise than by purchase.

Provided, however, that this corporation shall not flow 2 out any part of the highway which leads from North New 3 Portland to Dead river and thence to Stratton until it shall 4 have constructed in place thereof, or of such parts as are 5 to be flowed, highways, or parts of highways connecting 6 the parts of the present highway not so to be flowed, rea-7 sonably safe and convenient, as follows: one leading from 8 a point south of the Ledge House, on said road from North 9 New Portland, where the reservoir begins, to Stratton, 10 passing east of Bigelow mountain; the other from the same II point and leading by the east side of the reservoir to a point 12 near the dam and thence on the dam or north thereof to 13 the opposite side of Dead river. This corporation may ac-14 quire by purchase, or take as for public uses, lands and 15 materials for the location and construction of such high-16 ways, and all proceedings in relation to said taking and

17 the assessment of damages therefor shall be as by law pro-18 vided for the taking of lands and materials for highways. 19 Such highways shall be constructed to the approval of the 20 county commissioners of the counties in which they, or the 21 respective parts of them, are situated. This corporation 22 shall give written notice to the clerks of the boards of coun-23 ty commissioners of Franklin and Somerset counties be-24 fore it proceeds to build such roads, and shall locate them 25 as directed by the joint action of said boards if it receives 26 such directions in writing within sixty days after the giv-27 ing of its notice as aforesaid; otherwise, the corporation 28 shall fix the location. The roads so constructed shall be 29 and become public highways, and all rights therein and du-30 ties and obligations in respect thereof shall be the same as 31 though said highways had been located, laid out and con-32 structed in manner provided in the general laws of the state. 33 Such construction shall work a discontinuance of the roads 34 and parts of roads so flowed with the same effect as if dis-35 tinued in the manner provided by statute, and shall consti-36 tute full settlement for all damages to the state or any sub-37 division thereof for flowing said existing highways; provid-38 ed, however, that this shall not be construed to release this 39 corporation from any legal liability to abutters for damages 40 caused by such flowage or changed location.

Sect. 13. The state of Maine does hereby lease, demise 2 and let unto said Reservoir Corporation the state, public 3 or reserved lots in said township three, range four, in which

4 the storage dams are to be located under section three of 5 this act, and also such state, public or reserved lots as are 6 flowed by the development hereinbefore provided for, to 7 have and to hold the same for the term of fifty years from 8 the date of filing by this corporation, in the office of the 9 secretary of state, its acceptance of this charter, which filing 10 shall be construed to be an acceptance by the corporation 11 of the terms of this lease, which are as follows:

- (a) The lessee shall pay therefor to the treasurer of the
 2 state an annual rental of twenty-five thousand dollars, pay3 able on or before the thirtieth day of June of each year.
 4 Said rental shall begin to accrue from the first day of July
 5 next following the acceptance of this charter, as aforesaid.
- (b) The state may retake the demised premises and all 2 of the structures, rights, privileges and other properties of 3 the lessee owned and used by it in the erection and operation 4 of its storage reservoir under this charter, at the termination of this lease, paying therefor the net investment therein, 6 which net investment shall not include any compensation 7 for the value of franchises granted under this act and shall 8 not exceed one-half the cost of dams then in existence plus 9 the cost of other property and rights so taken; or this 10 tenancy shall be renewed for such term and on such conditions as to rental, further options of renewal or retaking, 12 and all other conditions as may then be determined by the 13 legislature and accepted by the corporation. Provided, how-14 ever, that if the state shall not have notified the corporation

15 in writing, through any agency designated by the governor 16 and council, of its intention so to take the same, not less 17 than one year before the expiration of the term hereof, and 18 the parties do not agree upon the terms of a renewal of 19 the tenancy at least six months before the expiration hereof, 20 this tenancy shall be deemed to be extended for the addi-21 tional term of twenty years, in all respects like this lease 22 except as to the amount of the annual rental; provided, 23 however, that if the corporation shall not have notified the 24 governor not more than five nor less than three years before 25 the expiration of any term of the date of expiration thereof, 26 the state may exercise its option to retake upon one year's 27 notice at any time within the then current term. Where 28 the parties are unable to agree upon the compensation to be 29 paid by the state upon taking over the property, or the rental 30 that shall be charged for any further term or terms, either 31 the corporation or the governor may apply by petition to any 32 justice of the supreme judicial court, in equity, for the 33 determination thereof in such manner as the court may deem 34 equitable and just, and said court is given equitable jurisdic-35 tion for such purpose. The foregoing provisions as to re-36 taking by the state and renewal of tenancy when the state 37 does not so retake shall apply automatically at the expira-38 tion of each succeeding twenty year term, it is although to

(c) The lessee shall file annually before the first day of 2 April with the state treasurer, a verified statement showing 3 the true balance sheet of the corporation as of the preced-

- 4 ing December thirty-first, and the profit and loss account 5 for the calendar year ending on that date. And the state 6 auditor shall at all reasonable times have access to the books 7 of the corporation for the purpose of investigating its financial affairs, and the accounts shall be kept in manner 9 satisfactory to the state auditor.
- (d) The lessee may allow water to be drawn from the 2 dam for the purpose of developing power and may sublet 3 any portion of the premises hereby demised for the con-4 struction and maintenance of canals, penstocks, power 5 plants, transmission lines and other structures for the gen-6 eration and transmission of power, and receive compensa-7 tion therefor, but no electric current generated on said 8 premises shall be transmitted outside of the state contrary 9 to the provisions of section one, chapter sixty of the re-10 vised statutes and acts amendatory thereof and additional 11 thereto.
 - (e) The state reserves to itself all rights to removal of 2 timber and grass and all other rights to use of the premises 3 hereby demised except in so far as such use will unreason-4 ably interfere with the use of said premises for the pur-5 poses of this lease.
 - (f) The right of the state to take over, maintain, and 2 operate all the property of this corporation at any time by 3 exercise of the power of eminent domain upon payment of 4 just compensation therefor is hereby expressly reserved.
 - (g) For purposes of taxation the improvements placed

2 upon the demised property by or under the corporation shall3 be deemed to be the property of the corporation.

- "Net Investment" as used in this act shall mean the 2 actual legitimate original cost thereof plus similar costs of 3 additions thereto and betterments thereof, minus the sum 4 of the following items properly allocated thereto, if and to 5 the extent that such items have been accumulated during 6 the period of this lease from earnings in excess of six per 7 centum per annum on such investment: (1) Unappropriated 8 surplus. Aggregate credit balances of current de-(2) 9 preciation accounts. (3) Aggregate appropriations of sur-10 plus or income held in amortization, sinking fund, or simi-II lar reserves, or expended for additions or used for the pur-12 poses for which such reserves were created. (4) The ag-13 gregate of dividends or other distribution of surplus in ex-14 cess of six per centum per annum on such investment. Pro-15 vided, however, that moneys advanced by the stockholders 16 for the purpose of paying indebtedness incurred for capital 17 purposes, and for which capital stock is issued at once or 18 from time to time, shall not be considered income or treated 19 as deductions in determining net investment, however the 20 amounts of such contributions may be fixed.
 - (i) The state may enter to remove the tenant for failure 2 to perform any of the terms or conditions of this lease.

The state of Maine covenants that it has power to lease 2 the premises described in this section, to hold as herein pro-3 vided, and to make and keep, and cause to be kept, all agree-

4 ments herein stipulated by it to be done and caused to be 5 done; and this corporation, and those claiming under it 6 through any rights expressly granted or permitted to be 7 granted by this act, is hereby granted authority to prosecute 8 suits at law and in equity in the courts of this State against 9 the state of Maine, joining other parties if necessary, in the 10 same manner and with the same effect that such suits may II be begun and prosecuted between private suitors, for re-12 covery of compensation for damages suffered through fail-13 ure or inability of the state to keep said covenants and 14 agreements, and to obtain such relief as may be just and 15 equitable if the status of the state in respect of the premises 16 is changed. The supreme judicial court is hereby given 17 jurisdiction in equity for the purposes hereof, and any 18 judgment recovered in said actions at law or in equity shall 19 be payable from the state treasury on final process out of 20 money not otherwise appropriated; provided, that in suits 21 at law the evidence shall be taken out before a single justice 22 of the supreme judicial court and the case reported to the 23 law court for final determination.

Sect. 14. This corporation is empowered to authorize the 2 selectmen of any town, the assessors of any plantation or 3 organized township, and the selectmen of a town or asses-4 sors of a plantation or organized township adjoining any 5 unorganized township, to take up from any existing ceme- o tery in such town, plantation or organized township, or un- 7 organized township respectively, which will be flowed by

8 any of its dams, the bodies and remains of all deceased 9 persons buried therein, and all headstones and markers at 10 the graves therein, and remove said bodies and remains to II a new cemetery to be selected by said selectmen or assessors 12 and there decently inter the same, and properly reset such 13 headstones and markers over such dead bodies and remains. 14 Such new cemeteries shall be located with due regard to 15 the convenience of all the inhabitants of the respective com-16 munities in which they are located. Said selectmen and 17 assessors are in each case, within thirty days after being 18 so requested in writing by this corporation, to select the 19 place for a new cemetery and fix the bounds thereof, and 20 to proceed with reasonable diligence to cause the removal 21 of the bodies, remains, headstones and markers, as afore-22 said. If they fail to do so, this corporation is authorized 23 and empowered to make such selection or selections and 24 cause such removals to be made. All of the expenses in-25 curred in procuring the lands necessary for such cemeteries, 26 in clearing and fitting the ground and fencing the same, and 27 in the taking up and removal of all of the remains of all 28 deceased persons, and in the removal of said headstones and 29 markers, and the interment of said remains and resetting of 30 said headstones and markers shall be paid for by this cor-31 poration.

No claim shall be made against this corporation for not 2 complying with the terms herein set out unless the same 3 is made within sixty days after this corporation gives said 4 selectmen or assessors written notice that it has performed 5 its duties under this section. And nothing herein contained 6 shall be construed to limit or qualify the rights of flowage 7 conferred upon this corporation by any provision of this 8 act or which it may possess under any law of the state.

Sect. 15. Said corporation is authorized and empowered 2 to purchase, hold and sell its own stock in accordance with 3 the provisions relating thereto, which shall be provided for 4 in the by-laws, but it shall not purchase or hold said stock 5 except for the purpose of re-sale, or for a longer period of 6 time than one year; provided that said corporation may re-7 tire any part or any class of its capital stock or substitute 8 another class therefor in any manner provided in its by-9 laws and not inconsistent with the laws of the state.

Sect. 16. Said corporation may from time to time borrow 2 money for any lawful purpose and may issue bonds on such 3 terms as the stockholders may determine, secured by pledge 4 or mortgage of all the property, franchises, and income of 5 the corporation or any part thereof for the payment of the 6 sums so borrowed and interest thereon; provided, that the 7 total amount of bonds outstanding shall at no time exceed 8 twice the amount of capital stock paid in in cash.

Sect. 17. This corporation shall not generate, sell or dis-2 tribute electricity in any manner, and shall not dispose of 3 its property or franchises to any corporation which has 4 authority to do so; provided that this restriction shall not 5 affect any rights granted in section thirteen, sub-division 6 (d) of this act.

Sect. 18. The first meeting of this corporation shall be 2 called at Augusta by a notice signed by any two of the cor3 porators named in section one, setting forth the time, place 4 and purpose of the meeting. Such notice shall be mailed 5 to each of the corporators, postage paid, seven days at least 6 before the day of such meeting. Any corporator may be 7 represented at such meeting by proxy.

Meetings of the board of directors may be held, for any 2 purpose, within or without the state if the by-laws so pro-3 vide.