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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

# LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, JANUARY, 1822.

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PORTLAND :

ABIJAH W. THAYER, PRINTER TO THE STATE,

1822.

Description of  
 the lands au-  
 thorized to be  
 sold ;

executor of the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Cole, late of Hollis, in the County of York, be, and he hereby is authorized to sell at public or private sale, to the best advantage, the whole of the homestead farm, and a wood lot of thirty-five acres, being the real estate of said Cole, deceased, with the buildings thereon standing, in said Hollis ; and to make and deliver good and sufficient deed or deeds of the same ; and after deducting all necessary incidental expenses, and the balance of his administration account, as settled and to be settled with the Judge of Probate, to vest the proceeds of such sale in good notes, secured by a mortgage, or in public securities ; the interest whereof to be applied in the same manner as the income of said farm and wood lot, as directed to be applied by the last Will and Testament of said Cole forever : *Provided* that the said Vaughan do first give bond with sufficient surety or sureties to the Judge of Probate for the County of York, for the time being, conditioned, that the said Vaughan shall comply in the sale of said estate, with the directions of the law regulating sales of land by Executors and Administrators for the payment of debts, and shall faithfully invest the proceeds of such sale, as aforesaid, and apply the interest thereof according to the true intent and meaning of the deviser, as declared in his last Will and Testament aforesaid.

proceeds to be  
 vested.

Interest to be  
 applied.

Proviso.

[This act passed February 5, 1822.]

## CHAPTER CXVII.

AN ACT incorporating the middle River Bridge and Turnpike Corporation in Machias.

Persons incor-  
 porated.

SECT. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That Samuel A. Morse, William A. Crocker, George S. Smith, John Holway, Jeremiah O' Brien, Harrison Thatcher, Ebenezer Inglee, Obadiah Hill, Joseph Fenno, William F. Penniman and Newell Witherbee, with their associates, be, and they hereby are made a corpora-

tion by the name of the proprietors of the Machias Bridge ; and by that name may sue and be sued, and may have a common seal, and change the same at pleasure ; and may make any by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this State ; and may at any meeting, choose a Clerk and any other officers for managing the business of said corporation, by a vote of a majority of the members present, allowing one vote to each share : *Provided*, no person shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

Powers, &amp;c.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said bridge shall be erected and extended from the shore near the house of Jacob Longfellow, and running east twenty-two degrees north to the east shore of said Middle River, and shall be built of good and sufficient materials, not less than twenty two feet wide, with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers.

Location and  
dimentions.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have the privilege of opening a road, three rods wide from the east end of said bridge, and running east twenty two degrees north to where it shall intersect the county road as it now runs near Bonney's brook, so called.

Road may be  
opened.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll, be, and hereby is granted for the sole benefit of said corporation according to the rates following, viz. for each foot passenger or one person passing said bridge, six cents ; one person and horse, twenty five cents ; single horse-cart, sled or sleigh, chaise, chair, sulky or waggon, thirty seven cents ; and for every additional beast, six cents ; each coach, chariot, phaeton or curricle, fifty cents ; neat cattle and horses, exclusive of those rode on or in carriages or in teams, six cents each ; sheep and swine, two cents each : and in all cases the same toll shall be paid for all carriages passing said bridge whether the same be loaded or not ; and to each team one person and no more shall be allowed as a driver to pass free of toll ; and all persons who shall actually be on military duty shall be permitted with their baggage to pass the said bridge free of toll ; and all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend his

Rates of toll.

Persons on  
military duty  
exempt.

duty at the said bridge, the gate or gates shall be left open; and the said toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge for passengers, and shall continue for and during the term of one hundred years from the said day, and be collected as shall be prescribed by said corporation: *Provided*, the said corporation, shall at all times keep the said bridge in good and passable repair, and at the end of said term of one hundred years the said bridge shall be delivered over in good repair to and for the use of this State; and also that at the place where the toll shall be collected, there shall be erected by said corporation and constantly exposed to open view, a board or sign upon which shall be written the rates of toll, and all the tollable articles in large or legible letters.

Period of the charter.  
 Proviso.  
 Act to be void unless erected within seven years.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That if the said corporation shall neglect or refuse for the space of seven years from the passing of this act, to build and complete said bridge, then this act shall be void.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That Samuel A Morse, George S. Smith, or either of them, may call a meeting of said corporation, to be holden in Machias aforesaid, by posting up notices in writing in two or more public places in said Machias, fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting.

[This Act passed February 5, 1822.]

## CHAPTER CXVIII.

AN ACT to incorporate the Maine Historical Society.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That William Allen, Albion K. Parris, Prentiss Mellen, William P. Preble, Ichabod Nichols, Edward Payson, Joshua Wingate, Jun. Stephen Longfellow, Jun. George Bradbury, Ashur Ware, Edward Russell, Benjamin Orr, Benjamin Hasey, William King, Daniel Rose, Benjamin Ames, Isaac Lincoln, Benjamin Vaughan, Nathan Weston, Jun. Daniel Cony, Robert H. Gardi-

Persons incorporated.