

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

THIRD LEGISLATURE,

AT THE SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1823.

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PORTLAND:

BY TODD AND SMITH.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1823.

and of the interest, or rents and profits accruing thereon, and shall exhibit their accounts and report their doings to both said towns, at their annual meetings for the choice of town officers: And said Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services out of said funds; but a reasonable compensation may be made them by said towns; and the interest or profits arising from the ministerial lands, or the proceeds of sales, may be annually applied to the support of the Gospel ministry; and the same arising from school lands may be annually applied for the support of public schools in said towns of Dixfield and Mexico, in proportion, as is established by the acts incorporating said towns; unless said Trustees shall order the annual interest to be added to the principal, and to be on interest, which they are hereby authorized to do, for a term of years not exceeding five, unless by the approbation of said towns.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Trustees shall be responsible to the towns of Dixfield and Mexico, for the faithful discharge of their duty, and liable to pay all damages, occasioned by their misconduct or negligence, to be recovered by action of the case in any Court proper to try the same; the damages so recovered, to be added to the funds respectively. Trustees re-
sponsibility.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That Silas Barnard be, and he hereby is authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation, at such time and place as he may direct, by notifying each Trustee of the time and place of meeting. First meeting.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained or repealed, at the pleasure of the Legislature. Restrictions.

[*This Act passed January 24, 1823.*]

CHAPTER CLXXII.

AN ACT to incorporate the proprietors of Lewiston Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That James Proprietors in-
corporated.

Powers, &c.

Lowell, Lang C. Wright, Pelatiah Smith, Jabez Merrill, and Daniel Briggs, with their associates, be, and they hereby are made a corporation by the name of the proprietors of Lewiston 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 the State; and may at any meeting, duly called, 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.

Bridge where to be erected,

manner and form.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Bridge shall be erected at Lewiston, near the foot of twenty mile falls, so called, from shore to shore, of good and sufficient materials, and of suitable height from the water, of the width of twenty-one feet, well covered with plank or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side, for the safety of passengers; and said Bridge shall be so constructed, as to leave sufficient passage ways for the transportation of timber, and the passage of boats and other water craft.

Toll rates.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll be, and hereby is granted for the sole benefit of said corporation, according to the following rates, viz: For each foot passenger, two cents; one person and horse, six cents; single horse-cart, sled or sleigh, ten cents; each team, including cart, wagon, sled or sleigh, drawn by more than one beast and not exceeding two, twelve cents; and for every additional beast above two, two cents; each single horse and chaise, chair or sulkey, sixteen cents; each coach, chariot, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two horses, thirty-five cents; and for every additional beast two cents; neat cattle, horses, mules or asses, exclusive of those rode on, or in carriages, two cents each; sheep and swine half a cent each; and to each team one person only 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 said Bridge free of toll; and at all times when the toll

gatherer shall not attend his duty at the said Bridge, the gate or gates shall be left open ; and the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said Bridge for passengers, and may be collected as shall be prescribed by said corporation.

Commencement of toll.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That when the net income of said Bridge shall have fully reimbursed the expenses of building and keeping the same in repair, with twelve per cent. interest thereon, the same shall revert to the State.

Bridge when to revert to State.

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

When to be built.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That James Lowell and Pelatiah Smith, or either of them, may call a meeting of said corporation, to be held in Danville or Lewiston, by posting notifications thereof in two public places in the towns of Danville, Minot and Lewiston, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting.

First meeting.

[*This Act passed January 27, 1823.*]

CHAPTER CLXXIII.

AN ACT to incorporate Harmony Lodge.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Reuben Nason, Daniel Thompson and Samuel Stephenson, and their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of Harmony Lodge ; with powers to sue and be sued ; to have a common seal and to change the same ; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State ; to take and hold, for benevolent uses, any real estate to the value of six thousand dollars, and any personal estate to the value of ten thousand dollars ; and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same ; and

Persons incorporated.

Powers and privileges.