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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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the State, for and during the term of one year; and that during said term, said Bank shall not be required to make any payment into the State Treasury on account of said tax.

[*This Act passed February 6, 1923.*]

CHAPTER CC.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Merrymeeting Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That David Stinson, James M^oLellan, Joseph O. Reed, Jonathan Hyde, Dwelly Turner, William Randall, junior, and Asa Palmer, with their associates and successors be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Merrymeeting Bridge; with power to erect and maintain a Bridge over the Androscoggin river, from land of James Crawford, in Brunswick, to that of Joseph O. Reed, in Topsham, and to purchase and hold such estate, real and personal, as may be necessary to carry the aforesaid object into complete effect; and with all other powers usually granted, or incident to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the property in said corporation shall be divided into five hundred shares; and every person engaging in writing to become proprietor of any share or shares in said corporation, shall be personally accountable to pay said corporation all sums assessed thereon, not exceeding fifteen dollars per share; but the Treasurer shall be authorized to sell at auction any share or shares, on which any assessment, although exceeding that sum, shall not be duly paid, after advertising the same in such manner as the proprietors may direct.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That David Stinson, James M^oLellan and William Randall, or either of them, be, and they hereby are, authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by advertisement published two weeks successively in the Maine Gazette, printed at Bath, setting forth the

time, place, and purposes of said meeting; at which meeting it shall be lawful for the members of said corporation, by a major vote of the persons present, to elect a Clerk, Treasurer, and any other needful officers; determine the mode of calling future meetings, and the manner of voting therein; and at the same or any future meeting, to make any by-laws for their regulation and government, not repugnant to the laws of the State.

Officers to be chosen.

Powers.

Toll established.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said proprietors may lawfully demand and receive at said bridge, of all persons passing the same, a toll not exceeding the following rates, to wit: For each foot passenger, two cents; each person and horse, six cents; each chaise or sulkey, twelve and a half cents; each sleigh drawn by two horses, twelve and a half cents; each coach, phaeton, chariot, or curricule, twenty-five cents; each wagon, cart, sled, or other carriage of burden, drawn by one or two beasts, and for each sleigh drawn by one horse, eight cents; and for each additional yoke of cattle in the same team, two cents; each wheelbarrow, hand-cart, or other vehicle, capable of carrying a like weight, with one person, three cents; neat cattle or horses, exclusive of those rode on, or harnessed, two cents each; sheep and swine, at the rate of eight cents the dozen; and to each team one person and no more, as a driver, may pass free of toll; and all persons who shall be actually on military duty shall be permitted to pass said bridge free of toll. And at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty, the gates shall be left open: *Provided, however*, That after the term of twenty years, from the commencement of taking such toll, the rate of toll shall be subject to the further regulation of the State.

Draws how to be kept and opened.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said proprietors shall build and keep open, over the main channels, convenient and sufficient draws or passage-ways for vessels of ten or more tons burthen, in Merry-meeting bay and Muddy river, respectively, and shall at all times raise the draws when requested for the passage of vessels as aforesaid, and shall keep

open passage-ways for rafts of at least thirty feet wide, by day and by night, through the same.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That said bridge shall be well built, at least twenty-one feet wide in the clear, and of good materials, well railed, and kept in good, safe, and passable repair; and at the place where said tolls are collected, the rates of toll aforesaid, and all others which may hereafter be granted, shall be fairly and legibly painted in large or capital letters, and kept constantly exposed to the view of passengers.

Construction of the bridge.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That said proprietors shall have power to erect and maintain a bridge across the inlet, called Muddy river, in Topsham, at such place as they may think will best commodate the passengers over the bridge first aforesaid.

Proprietors may erect bridge across Muddy river.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That unless said bridge shall be completed within six years next ensuing, this act shall be void.

[*This Act passed February 6, 1823.*]

CHAPTER CCI.

AN ACT to incorporate Anson Academy.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That there be, and hereby is established in the town of Anson, in the county of Somerset, an academy by the name of Anson Academy, for the education of youth, and for the purpose of promoting religion and morality; and that James Dinsmore, John Moor, Bezer Bryant, William Haskell, James Collins, Daniel Steward, jun. Andrew M'Faden, Levi H. Perkins, Joseph Moor, William W. Fuller, Lemuel Williams, Obed Wilson, David H. Raymond, Ward Spooner, Joel Fletcher, and their successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Trustees of Anson Academy; with power to prosecute and defend in all suits at law; to have a common seal, and to change the same; to make any

Persons incorporated.