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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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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.

Powers.

by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State ; to take, hold and possess any real or personal estate, the annual income whereof, shall not exceed three thousand dollars, to be so applied, as most effectually to promote the design of the institution ; and to give and grant, and bargain and sell or lease the same ; and all deeds or conveyances thereof, signed by the Treasurer of said Trustees, and duly executed and acknowledged, by direction of said Trustees, and under the seal of said corporation, shall be good and valid in law.

Grants, &c. to Academy confirmed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all lands, monies or other property heretofore given, granted or subscribed for the purpose of erecting or establishing an academy, as aforesaid, or which shall hereafter be given, granted or assigned to the said Trustees, be, and they hereby are confirmed to the said Trustees and their successors, for the uses expressed in such gift, grant, subscription or assignment.

Number of Trustees.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the number of said Trustees, shall never exceed fifteen, nor be less than nine, seven of whom shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for doing business ; but a less number may adjourn from time to time ; and a majority of those present shall be sufficient to decide all questions, that may come before them ; except that a majority of all the Trustees shall be necessary to remove any member of, or to fill any vacancy in the board ; and the said board of Trustees shall have full power to remove from office any Trustee, who from age or any other cause, shall have become incapable of discharging the duties thereof and to fill all vacancies that may occur in said board, by death, resignation or otherwise, by written votes ; and said Trustees, for the time being, shall be visitors and governors of said institution ; and may elect such officers thereof, as they shall judge necessary, and fix the tenure of their respective offices.

Quorum.

Trustees how removed.

Vacancies how filled.

Officers to be chosen.

First meeting.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That James Dinsmore, be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to fix the time and place for holding the first meeting

of said Trustees, and to give them personal notice thereof in writing, three days prior to such meeting.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act, may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature. Powers may be restricted, &c.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That unless the said Trustees shall, within one year from the passing of this act, be in possession of funds or property for the use of said academy, or vested in a building for the same purpose, which together shall amount to at least fifteen hundred dollars, and have also commenced instruction in said institution within that time, the powers granted by this act, shall be null and void. Limitation

[*This Act passed February 8, 1823.*]

CHAPTER CCII.

AN ACT to incorporate Bethlehem Lodge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Benjamin Davis, Rufus C. Vose, Joseph Chandler, Frederick Wingate, Eben Fuller, Thomas W. Smith, Benjamin Swan, Edmund T. Bridge and William Dewey, with their associates and successors, be and they hereby are made a body corporate, by the name of Bethlehem Lodge; with power to sue, prosecute and defend; 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 charitable and benevolent uses, any real estate to the value of three thousand dollars, and any personal estate to the value of five thousand dollars; and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same; with all the privileges usually granted to other societies instituted for purposes of charity and beneficence. Persons incorporated: Powers and privileges.

SECT 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of said corporation shall be holden at such time and place, and be notified in such manner as a majority of the persons herein named may direct. First meeting.