

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FOURTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1824.

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1824.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any Justice of the Peace, within said County, is hereby empowered to issue his warrant to some inhabitant of said town directing him to notify the inhabitants thereof, to meet at such time and place as he shall appoint, to choose such officers as other towns are empowered to choose at their annual town meetings.

First meeting.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said town of Brownville shall be entitled to vote in the choice of a Representative to the Legislature of this State, in the same class, and in the same manner as it was allowed and authorized to do, previous to the passing of this act, and shall continue a part of the class aforesaid until otherwise provided by law.

Town classed for choosing Representatives.

[*This Act passed February 3, 1824.*]

CHAPTER CCXXXVII.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Dover and Eliot Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Thomas Haven, Hunkin Penhallow, Caleb Emery, John Hammond and Stephen Jenkins, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Dover and Eliot Bridge; with power to erect a Bridge over the Piscataqua river from Eliot, near Gould's Point, so called, in Maine, to Dover, in New-Hampshire, so far as the jurisdiction of this State extends; and to purchase and hold such estate, real and personal, as may be necessary to carry the aforesaid object into complete effect; and with power to prosecute and defend suits at law, to have a common seal which they may alter at pleasure; and with all other powers usually granted or incident to similar corporations; and with power also to unite or join with any corporation that may be constituted in the State of New-Hampshire for the same purpose.

Persons incorporated.

Estate to be holden.

Powers and privileges.

Rates of toll
allowed.

SECT. 2. *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, viz: 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 one horse, eight cents; each sleigh, drawn by two horses, twelve and a half cents; each coach, phaeton, chariot or curricule, drawn by two horses, twenty-five cents; each wagon, cart, sled or other carriage of burden, drawn by one beast, eight cents, and if drawn by two beasts, ten cents, and two cents for every additional beast in the same team; neat cattle or horses, exclusive of those rode on or in teams, two cents each; sheep and swine, one cent each; and to each team one person only as a driver may pass 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 ten years from the commencement of taking such toll, the rate of toll shall be liable to be further regulated by the Legislature; And *Provided also*, That in no case, by virtue of this act or any act of the State of New-Hampshire for the purpose herein mentioned, shall the toll demanded exceed the rates above established. And the proprietors aforesaid shall at all times keep at the place, where the toll is collected, exposed to view, a sign or board, with the rates of toll legibly written thereon.

Gates to be
open when toll
gatherer is ab-
sent.

Rate of toll
liable to revi-
sion after ten
years.

Sign board to
be erected
with rates of
toll written
thereon.

Bridge to be
built of good
materials, &c.

Draw and
wharf or pier
how to be con-
structed.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Bridge shall be well built, of good materials, well railed and kept in good, safe and passable repair; and said Proprietors shall keep a convenient draw or passage way at least thirty-two feet wide, proper for the passing of vessels, and a suitable wharf or pier on each side of said Bridge, and adjoining said draw, sufficient for vessels to lie at; and said draw shall be lifted without delay and without toll, for all vessels to pass said Bridge; and said Bridge shall be so constructed that open boats and gondolas, and packets with masts not exceeding in height those,

which packets plying between Portsmouth and South Berwick now have, may pass under said Bridge in one place, exclusive of the draw, which passage way shall be of sufficient height and width for such boats, packets and gondolas to pass and repass with safety at all times of the tide, and two lamps shall be kept lighted over said passage way during the night time whenever said passage way is not obstructed by ice.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That Thomas Haven, Caleb Emery, John Hammond or any two of them are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the Corporation aforesaid, by advertisement published two weeks successively in the Portsmouth Journal and New-Hampshire Gazette, printed at Portsmouth, 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 members present, to elect a Clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty ; and any other officers necessary to the management of the concerns of said Corporation ; may determine the mode of calling future meetings, and the manner of voting therein ; and at the same, or any subsequent meeting, shall have power to make any by-laws, for their regulation and government, not repugnant to the laws of this State: *Provided, however*, That unless said Bridge shall be completed within six years after the passing of this Act, the same shall be void.

First meeting
how to be called.

Officers to be
chosen.

Bridge to be
completed
within 6 years.

[*This Act passed February 3, 1824.*]

CHAPTER CCXXXVIII.

AN ACT establishing a ministerial fund in Parsonsfeld.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Samuel Garland, Joseph Parsons and Asa Burnham, together with such others as may be joined with them, by the congregational Parish in Parsonsfeld, by vote of said Parish, at a legal meeting for that purpose, the whole number not exceeding five,

Persons
incorporated.