

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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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 Parsonsfield.

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 Parsonsfield, by vote of said Parish, at a legal meeting for that purpose, the whole number not exceeding five,

Persons
incorporated.

Powers and
privileges.

Officers to be
chosen annu-
ally.

Vacancies
how supplied.

Trustees to
sell ministerial
lands,

and place the
proceeds at
interest.

Income how
appropriated.

Trustees may
take and hold
estate for sup-
port of minis-
try.

be, and they and their successors hereby are, constituted a body corporate forever, by the name of the Trustees of the Congregational Ministerial Fund in Parsonsfield; with power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have a common seal, which they may change or alter; to make any by-laws, for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State. And said Trustees shall annually elect a Treasurer and Clerk, and the Treasurer shall give bond, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of his trust, and the Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties; and all vacancies, in said board, shall be filled, by said Parish, at a legal meeting for that purpose.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees, with the consent of said Parish, shall have power to sell and convey all the ministerial lands belonging to the Congregational Society, in said town of Parsonsfield, or any part thereof, or any lands that are or may have been granted to the use and support of a congregational minister in said town; and any deed duly executed by the Treasurer of said board, by direction of said Trustees, shall be good and effectual in law; and the proceeds of such sale shall be, as soon as may be, put at interest, and secured by mortgage of real estate, or by bond or note, with sufficient sureties, or invested in Bank stock or funded public securities. And the annual income of the funds aforesaid shall be appropriated as follows: one half to the use and support of a congregational minister in said town, and the other half to be added to the principal, constituting an accumulating fund, for the space of ten years; and at the expiration of said term, the whole of the interest accruing annually from said fund, shall be appropriated to the sole use and support of a congregational minister in said town forever. And said Trustees are further empowered to take, hold and possess any estate, real or personal, for the use of the congregational ministry in said town, the annual income whereof shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Trustees, at each annual meeting of said Parish, for the choice of Parish officers, shall exhibit a fair account of their proceedings, and a statement of the fund, and the receipts and expenditures thereon, and of the application thereof to the uses hereby required.

Trustees to render account annually to parish.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this act, may be enlarged, restrained or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature. And any one of the Trustees hereby created, may call the first meeting of said Board, by giving personal notice to all the others of the time and place of meeting, seven days at least prior to such meeting.

Powers restricted.

First meeting.

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

CHAPTER CCXXXIX.

AN ACT to incorporate Belfast Lodge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Jonathan P. Alden, Samuel Tyler, Samuel Jackson, Jr. William Tilden and Job White, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated into a body politic, by the name of Belfast Lodge ; with power to prosecute and defend suits at law ; to have a common seal, which they may change at pleasure ; 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 : and with all the powers and privileges usually granted to other societies, instituted for similar purposes.

Persons incorporated.

Powers and privileges.

Property to be holden.

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.