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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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What considered sufficient passage way.

Proviso.

River Lock and Sluice Company, at the Mills on Eastern River, in Orland, in the county of Hancock, as it was on the first day of January now last past, shall be, and is hereby, made and constituted a sufficient passage or sluice-way for salmon, shad and alewives, to pass up said eastern river : *Provided*, Said company shall, from the tenth day of May, to the twentieth day of June, annually, cause the lower great gates, and upper small gates, in said sluice, to be kept open at all times, excepting when boats or rafts are passing the same; any thing in any of the Acts, to which this is in addition, to the contrary notwithstanding.

[*This Act passed February 23, 1825.*]

CHAPTER CCCXX.

AN ACT authorizing the town of Gilead to build a toll bridge over Wild River.

Town of Gilead authorized to erect a toll bridge, over Wild river.

Manner in which to be built.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That the town of Gilead, in the county of Oxford, be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to erect a toll bridge over Wild river, so called, in said town, on the post road leading from Lancaster to Bethel, through said town ; and the right of building and maintaining a toll bridge across said river, is hereby fully granted to said town of Gilead ; and the said bridge shall be built of durable materials, and well covered with plank or timber, suitable for such a bridge, with a railing on each side for the safety of passengers.

Town may raise money to erect said bridge & keep the same in repair.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said town, at any public legal meeting or meetings of the inhabitants, may, if they see fit, from time to time, vote to raise such sum or sums, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of building or repairing said bridge, and may direct the same to be assessed in money on the polls and rateable estate, real and

personal, of the inhabitants, resident and non-residents of their town, as other town charges are by law assessed, and the same to be committed to the collector of taxes for said town, to be collected and paid as other town charges are collected and paid; and in the same manner, as though said town had a population of eight hundred inhabitants; any law, or provision of law, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of remunerating said town in part, a toll be, and hereby is granted for the sole benefit of said town, according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot passenger, one cent; for each horse and rider, four cents; for each horse and chaise, chair or sulkey, drawn by one horse, ten cents; for each sleigh drawn by one horse, four cents; for each sleigh drawn by two horses, six cents; for each coach, phaeton or curricule, twenty cents; for each cart or waggon, sled or carriage of burthen, drawn by one or two beasts, six cents; for neat cattle or horses, other than those ridden, or in carriages or teams, one cent each; and for sheep and swine, half a cent each; and to each team one person only shall be allowed to pass free of toll: *Provided*, That at all times when the toll gatherer does not attend his duty, the gate shall be set open; and the toll shall commence on the day of opening the bridge for passengers, and shall continue for the benefit of said town; and the said town shall at all times keep at the place where the toll is collected, exposed to view, a sign, with the rates of toll legibly written thereon.

Rates of toll established.

When the toll gatherer does not attend, gate shall be open, &c.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That unless said bridge shall be erected and finished within the space of two years from the passing of this act, then this grant shall be void.

Bridge to be erected within a certain time.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Legislature of this State, shall have the right to grant any further powers, to alter, limit or annul any of the powers vested in said corporation, as shall be judged just or expedient.

Powers may be altered.

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