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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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CHAPTER CCCXXIV.

AN ACT incorporating certain persons for the purpose of building a Bridge in the town of Calais.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That* Samuel Kelley, Jonas Dyer, jun. George Downes, James Boies, Amaziah Nash and Salmon Gates, with their associates, be, and they hereby are made a corporation, by the name of the proprietors of the Mill Bridge; and by that name, may sue and be sued; and may have a common seal and change the same at pleasure; and may make any by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may at any meeting, choose a clerk and any other officers for managing the business of said corporation, by a vote of a majority of the members present; allowing one vote to each share: *Provided*, No person shall be entitled to more than five votes.

Persons incor-
porated.

Powers, &c.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it futher enacted, That* the said bridge shall be erected and extended from the northly end of the road, running from the main road in Calais, to the stream, on which the grist mill now stands, over the sluice and across the island, to the southerly bank of the river *Saint Croix*, below the mills; and shall be built of good and sufficient materials, not less than twenty feet wide, with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers.

Location of
the bridge;

and how con-
structed.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted, That* a toll be, and hereby is granted for the sole benefit of said corporation, according to the rates following, viz. for each cart, waggon or sled drawn by oxen, six cents; for each cart, waggon or other vehicle, drawn by horses, four cents; And at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend to his duty, at the said bridge, the gate or gates shall be left open; and the said toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge, for the passage of teams; and shall continue for and during the term of fifty years, from the said day, and be collected as shall be prescribed by said corporation: *Provided*, The said corporation

Toll establish-
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Gates to be left
open when the
toll gatherer
shall not at-
tend his duty.

Proviso.

shall at all times, keep the said bridge in good and passable repair; and at the end of said term of fifty years, the said bridge shall be delivered over in good repair to, and for the use of this State: *Provided, nevertheless,* The Legislature may dissolve said corporation, whenever it shall appear, to their satisfaction, that the income arising from said toll, shall have fully compensated said corporation, for all monies they have expended in purchasing, repairing and taking care of said bridge, together with an interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. The property and ownership of said bridge shall thereupon be vested in said State, and be at their disposal: Also, that at the place where the toll shall be collected, there shall be erected by the said corporation, and constantly exposed to open view, a board or sign, upon which shall be written the rates of toll, and all the tollable articles, in large or capital letters.

Bridge to be erected within two years.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if the said corporation shall neglect or refuse, for the space of two years, from the passing of this act, to build and complete said bridge, then this act shall be void.

First meeting by whom and when called.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That Samuel Kelley, Jonas Dyer, jr. and George Downes, or either, may call a meeting of said corporation, to be holden in Calais aforesaid, by advertisement in the Eastport Sentinel, printed in Eastport, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

CHAPTER CCCXXV.

AN ACT to incorporate the Belfast Bank.

Persons incorporated.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Ralph C. Johnson, Alfred Johnson, Junior, Daniel Lane, Joseph Williamson, Hugh I. Anderson, Philip Morrill, William Avery, William White, William Crosby, Benjamin Hazeltine, John Angier, N. H. Bradbury, David Whittier, Hutson Bishop, and