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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1825.

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vessels to lie at. And said draw shall be lifted for all vessels without toll or pay, except for boats or vessels passing for pleasure. And all vessels intending to pass through said draw, shall be free of charge at said wharf or pier, until a suitable time shall offer for passing the same. Draw to be lifted free of toll.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That said bridge shall be well built, at least twenty five feet in the clear, and of good materials, well railed, and kept in good, safe and passable repair. Dimensions of the bridge.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That unless said bridge shall be completed within six years next ensuing, this act shall be void. Bridge to be erected within a certain time.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers granted by this act, may be enlarged, restrained or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature. Powers &c. may be altered

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

CHAPTER CCCXXVIII.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Martin's Point Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Isaac Sturdivant, Ephraim Sturdivant, Thomas Brown, George Willis, George Turner, Joshua Merrill, Ephraim Merrill, Simeon Skillings, Philip Greeley, Seward Merrill and Charles Merrill, with their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby created a body corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Martin's Point Bridge; with power to erect and maintain a bridge across the Presumpscot river, at its mouth, from a place known and called by the name of Martin's Point, on the westerly side of said river, to a place called Merrill's point, on the easterly side thereof, and to the nearest convenient part of said Merrill's point; and to purchase and hold such estate, real and personal, as may be necessary to carry the aforesaid object into complete effect; and with all other powers usually granted, or incident, to similar corporations. Persons incorporated. Powers and privileges.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That Isaac Sturdivant, Ephraim Sturdivant, Thomas Brown, George Willis and George Turner, or any three of them, be, and they are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by advertisement, published two weeks successively, in each of the newspapers printed in Portland, setting forth the time, place and purposes of said meeting; at which meeting it shall be lawful for the members of said corporation, by the major vote of the persons present, to elect a clerk and any other needful officers; determine the mode of calling future meetings and the manner of voting therein; and at the same time, or any other meeting, to make any by-laws for their regulation and government, not repugnant to the laws of the State.

First meeting
by whom and
how called

at which may
elect officers,
&c.

SECT. 3. *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, one cent; each person and horse, four cents; each chaise or sulkey, drawn by one horse, six cents; each sleigh drawn by two horses, seven cents; each coach, phaeton, chariot or curricule, fourteen cents; each waggon, cart, sled or other carriage of burthen, drawn by one or two beasts, six cents; and for each sleigh drawn by one horse, four cents; and for each additional yoke of cattle, in the same team, one cent; each wheelbarrow, hand cart or other vehicle, capable of carrying a like weight, with one person, two cents; neat cattle or horses, exclusive of those rode on or harnessed, two cents each; sheep and swine, at the rate of six cents the dozen; and to each team one person and no more as a driver, may pass free of toll; and all persons who shall be actually on military duty, shall be permitted to pass said bridge free of toll.

Toll establish-
ed.

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

Toll may be
altered.

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 subject to the further regulation of the State.

SECT. 4. *Be it futher enacted,* That said proprietors shall build and keep a convenient and sufficient draw or passage way, at least thirty two feet wide, at some place in said bridge, proper for the passing of vessels by day and by night, through the same; 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 for all vessels without toll or pay, except for boats or vessels passing for pleasure; and all vessels intending to pass through said draw, shall be free of charge at said wharf or pier, until a suitable time shall offer for passing the same.

Draw or passage way to be built.

Draw to be lifted free of toll for all vessels except those passing for pleasure.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said bridge shall be well built, at least twenty five 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, &c.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That unless said bridge shall be completed within six years next ensuing, this act shall be void: *Provided,* That the Legislature of this State shall have power to grant any further powers, alter, or restrain any privileges herein granted, when the public good may require it.

Bridge shall be completed within a certain period.

Powers, &c. may be altered.

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

CHAPTER CCCXXIX.

AN ACT in addition to an "Act for the relief of School Districts in the towns of Freeman and Phillips."

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the School District, created by the act aforesaid, shall continue for the term of fifteen years; and the town officers of said towns of Freeman and Phillips, when requested by the proper officer of said united district, are hereby required to do and perform all the duties, in relation thereto, which by law they

Continuation of the District.