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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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May hold estate, &c. the laws of this State; to take and hold any real estate, to the value of seven hundred dollars, and personal estate, to the value of twenty three hundred dollars; and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same; and with all the privileges usually granted to other corporations for similar purposes: *Provided*, That the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Powers &c. may be altered

First meeting by whom and how called.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That Simon Nowell may call the first meeting of said corporation at such time and place, as he may direct, giving seasonable notice to his associates of such time and place.

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

CHAPTER CCCXXXV.

AN ACT in addition to an Act, incorporating the Proprietors of the Free Meeting-house in Georgetown.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Benjamin Riggs, Michael Fisher, and Alexander Campbell, or either of them, be, and they hereby are empowered to call the first meeting of said proprietors, by posting up a notification thereof at the outer door of said meeting-house, seven days at least previous to the time of said meeting.

First meeting of the corporation by whom and how called.

Part of former act repealed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the fifth section of the act to which this is in addition, be, and the same hereby is repealed.

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

CHAPTER CCCXXXVI.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Canton Point Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Samuel Holland, Henry Hawkins, Ebenezer Ellis, Jeremiah Stevens, Martin Conant, John Stickney,

John Hearsey, Joseph Holland, Joel Howard, Abiathar Austin, John Kelsey, Asa Austin, Gideon Ellis, Joseph Holland, jr. William H. Bretton, Jacob Leach, Benjamin Hinkley and Josiah Bennet, with their associates, be, and they hereby are, created a corporation, by the name of the Proprietors of Canton 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 duly called, 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*, That no person shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

Persons incorporated.

Powers and privileges.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said bridge shall be erected over Androscoggin river, at Canton Point, so called, from shore to shore, of good and sufficient materials, and of suitable height from the water, from sixteen to twenty one feet in width, (at the discretion of said proprietors,) well covered with plank or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side, for the safety of passengers; and said bridge shall be so constructed as to leave sufficient passage ways, for the transportation of logs or timber, and the passage of boats and other water craft.

Location and construction of the bridge.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll be, and hereby is granted for the sole benefit of said corporation, according to the following rates, viz. for each foot passenger, two cents; one person and horse, six cents; single horse cart, sled or sleigh, ten cents; each team, including cart, waggon, sled or sleigh, drawn by two beasts, twelve and a half cents; and for every additional beast above two, two cents; each single horse and chaise, chair or sulkey, sixteen cents; each coach, chariot, phaeton or curricle, drawn by two horses, thirty five cents; and for every additional beast, two cents; neat cattle, horses, mules or asses, exclusive of those ridden or in carriages, two cents each; sheep and swine half a cent each; and to each team one person only shall be

Toll established.

allowed as a driver, to pass free of toll; and all persons, who shall actually be on military duty, shall be permitted, with their baggage, to pass said bridge free of toll; and at all times, when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty at said bridge, the gate or gates shall be left open; and the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge for passengers, to be collected as shall be prescribed by said corporation: *Provided*, That the rates of toll established by this act, shall be liable at any time to be altered by law; and the proprietors aforesaid 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.

Gates to be left open when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty.

Toll may be altered.

Bridge to be erected within a certain time.

First meeting by whom and how called.

Powers, &c. may be altered.

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

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That Joseph Holland and Joel Howard, or either of them, may call a meeting of said corporation, to be held at, or near said Canton Point, by posting notifications thereof in two public places in the town of Canton, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Legislature of this State, shall have power to grant any further powers, or alter or restrain the same, whenever the public good may require.

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

CHAPTER CCCXXXVII.

AN ACT for the preservation of fish in Piscataqua River.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That, from and after the passing of this act, if any person or persons shall fish in the Piscataqua river, or any of the branches thereof, within this State, below the Portsmouth Bridge, with a seine or net more than twelve rods in length; or if any person or persons

Fishing prohibited in certain cases.