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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

### FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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## CHAPTER CCCXXXVIII.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Mount Desert Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Nicholas Thomas, jun. Abraham Thomas, John Somes, jun. William W. Thoms, John Harding, John G. Dean, and Mark Shephard, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the proprietors of Mount Desert Bridge, for the purpose of building a bridge over the Mount Desert narrows, on the road leading from Eden to Trenton; with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal and to change the same; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may enjoy all the powers and privileges incident and belonging to similar corporations.

Persons incor-  
porated.

Powers and  
privileges.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said corporation be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to erect a bridge over said narrows, in the town of Eden and Trenton, and the right of building and maintaining a bridge across said narrows, is hereby fully granted to said corporation; and the said bridge shall be built of good and durable materials, and well covered with plank or timber, suitable for such a bridge, with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers.

Location and  
construction  
of the bridge.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a draw or hoist in said bridge, shall be constructed of the width of twenty six feet, with piers or wharves for vessels to pass conveniently; and the said proprietors shall cause the same to be hoisted or opened, for the accommodation of all such vessels as may have occasion to pass through the same free of expense, and without unnecessary delay; and the said bridge shall be so constructed, that open boats and gondolas can conveniently pass under said bridge.

Draw to be  
constructed;

and to be  
hoisted free of  
expense.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That a toll be, and hereby is, granted and established for the sole

benefit of the said corporation, according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot person, three cents; for each person and horse, twelve and an half cents; for each chaise, sleigh or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by one horse, thirty cents; for each coach, chariot, sleigh, phaeton or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by two horses, fifty cents; for each coach, sleigh or other pleasure carriage, drawn by four horses, seventy cents; for each sled, sleigh, cart or other carriage of burden, drawn by one beast, twenty five cents; for each cart, waggon, sleigh or sled, drawn by two beasts, thirty cents; and for each additional beast, five cents; for neat cattle or horses, exclusive of those ridden, or in teams or carriages, four cents; for sheep and swine, two cents each; and to each team one person and no more shall be allowed as a driver to pass free of toll. And at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty, the gate shall be left open; and the toll shall commence on the day of opening the bridge for passengers, and shall continue for the benefit of the corporation; and the proprietors shall erect, and at all times keep at the place where the toll is collected, exposed to view, a sign or board with the rates of toll fairly and legibly written thereon.

Toll established.

When toll gatherer shall not attend his duty, gate to be left open, &c.

Toll when to commence, &c.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That unless said bridge shall be erected and finished within the term of five years, from the passing of this act, then this grant shall be void.

Bridge to be erected within a certain time.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That Nicholas Thomas jun. or any Justice of the Peace, for the county of Hancock, be, and he hereby is authorized to fix the time and place of holding the first meeting of said corporation, and to notify the same.

First meeting by whom and how called.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the Legislature of this State, shall have power to grant any further privileges, alter, annul or restrain the same when the public good may require.

Powers may be altered.

[This Act passed February 24, 1825.]