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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

### SIXTH LEGISLATURE,

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plaint before any Justice of the Peace in said town, (or in any town adjoining,) made by any one of the fish committee of said town of West Machias.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if, upon trial of any such complaint, it shall be found that the defendant is not guilty, judgment shall be rendered for the defendant, for his cost: And if the Justice, who may try the same, shall certify that the complainant had probable cause for believing that the defendant was guilty thereof, the said defendant's cost, and all other cost arising on said complaint, (except the complainant's fees as a witness) shall be refunded to the complainant by the town.

Proceedings upon complaint.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That any of the penalties, not over twenty dollars, mentioned in the Act to which this is additional, may be recovered in an action of debt, before any Justice of the Peace, in the County of Washington, whether the said Justice may reside in West Machias or not.

Penalties in former act, how recovered.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That at the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the town of West Machias, for the choice of town officers, there shall be chosen a committee of three or more persons, who shall have the same powers, within the said town, which the fish committee of Machias had, by virtue of the Act to which this is additional.

Committee to be chosen; and

their powers.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 10, 1826.]

## CHAPTER CCCXC.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of the Stillwater Bridge.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That John Bennock, Thomas A. Hill, and Mark Trafton, with their associates and successors, are constituted a body politic, by the

Persons incorporated.

Powers, &amp;c.

name of "The Proprietors of the Stillwater Bridge;" with power to erect a Bridge over the Stillwater river, in the town of Orono, near the ferry and islands at the mouth of said river. And said corporation shall have power to take and hold such personal and real estate, as may be necessary to carry said object into effect; to presecute and defend suits at law; to make by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this State; to have a common seal; and shall also have all other powers usually granted or incident to similar corporations.

Dimensions and construction of the Bridge.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Bridge shall be built of suitable materials, and kept in good repair, and shall be at least twenty-five feet wide, with suitable railings on each side for the safety of passengers, and a suitable side walk, on one side, for the accommodation of foot passengers; and said Bridge shall be made of a sufficient height, and with sufficient spaces between the piers or posts, to admit the convenient passage of boats and rafts under and through the same. And if said corporation shall not build said Bridge within three years, next coming, this Act shall be void.

Toll established.

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 foot passenger, one cent; for each horse and rider, three cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or waggon, drawn by one beast, six cents; for each chaise, chair or sulkey, drawn by one horse, eight cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or waggon, constructed for the conveyance of merchandize, or other heavy articles, drawn by two beasts, eight cents; for each coach, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two beasts, twelve cents; for each coach, or other vehicle, drawn by four horses, fourteen cents; and for additional horses or oxen beyond two, on sleds, sleighs, carts or waggons, one cent each; for droves of neat cattle

or horses, one cent a head; for sheep, goats or swine, four cents a dozen; and for each ox-team, one person may pass, free of toll, as driver; and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually travelling in any of the vehicles aforesaid, but this exemption shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of evading toll. And said tolls may be commuted by this corporation, with any person, town, or other corporation, by taking of him or them, a sum certain for any specified time, instead thereof. And the said tolls shall commence on the day when said Bridge is first opened for passengers, and continue for and during the term of thirty years, next ensuing, reserving to the Legislature the right, at any time after ten years, to revise and change the rates of toll, as to them shall appear reasonable: *Provided*, That all persons passing said Bridge on military duty, or actually going to, or returning from the same; and also all persons residing in said town of Orono, when passing said Bridge, on the Sabbath, on their way to, or from public worship, or in funeral processions, on that or any other day, shall be exempt from toll.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That at the place where the toll shall be collected, there shall be erected by said corporation, and constantly exposed to view, a board or sign, upon which shall be legibly printed, the rates of toll aforesaid. And when the toll gatherer shall not be at the toll house of said Bridge, the gate shall be left open, and the Bridge free of toll.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That any one of the persons before named, may call the first meeting of said proprietors, by publishing a notification thereof in the Penobscot Gazette, or posting the same at two public places in each of the towns of Bangor and Orono, ten days prior thereto; which meeting shall be holden at such convenient place, as shall be expressed in said notification. And at the first, or any future meeting, said proprietors may elect a Clerk, and

When to commence.

May be altered

Proviso

Rates of toll to be exposed to view.

Gate to be left open when the gatherer shall not be at the toll house.

First meeting, how called, &c.

Officers to be elected.

such other officers, as may be deemed necessary ; who shall hold their offices subject to the provisions of the by-laws : And at all meetings of the proprietors, each share in said corporation, shall be entitled to one vote, and absent members may vote by proxy : *Provided however*, That no member shall, in his own right, be entitled to more than thirty votes.

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 13, 1826.*]

## CHAPTER CCCXCI.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Ferry-Point Bridge.

**SECT. 1.** *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Joseph Whitney, Neal D. Shaw and Jacob Lord, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are made a corporation, by the name of the Proprietors of Ferry-Point Bridge ; and by that name may prosecute and defend suits at law ; may have and use a common seal ; may make any by-laws, for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the State, and may choose a Clerk, Treasurer and any other officers, proper for the management of their corporate business, by a majority of voters present, allowing one vote to each share, provided, that no individual shall be entitled to more than ten votes on his shares.

**SECT. 2.** *Be it further enacted,* That said Bridge shall be built across the river St. Croix, at Calais, from Ferry-point, so called, over the salt water falls, above the mills, to the centre of said river ; and said Bridge shall be made of good materials, and of suitable height from the water, of the width of twenty-four feet, 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 passage-ways for timber and mill logs, and the passage of boats, at least thirty feet wide.