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# PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

### SIXTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1826.

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civil and criminal processes, issued under the authority of this State, may be executed by any officer thereof, on each and any part of the tracts of land, and in any buildings, that may be erected on them, or either of them, in the same way and manner, as if the jurisdiction had not been ceded as aforesaid.

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 14, 1826.*]

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## CHAPTER CCCXCV.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Eastern River lower Bridge.

Persons incor-  
porated

for the purpose  
of building a  
Bridge over  
Eastern River.

Powers, &c.

Officers to be  
chosen.

Proviso.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That **Convers Lilly, James H. Patterson and George Houdlette**, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the “**Proprietors of Eastern River lower Bridge,**” for the purpose of building a Bridge over Eastern river, at Clancy’s ferry, so called, in Dresden, county of Lincoln; and with power, by their said corporate name, to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have and use a common seal; to make any by-laws, for the convenient management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and at any meeting, regularly notified and called, to choose a Clerk, Treasurer, and such other officers, as may be necessary for managing the business of said corporation, by a majority of votes of those present, allowing one vote to each share: *Provided however,* That no one individual of said corporation, shall be entitled to more than six votes; and that said corporation shall not annex any penalty to the breach of either of their by-laws, to an amount, beyond five dollars; and the first meeting of said corporation, may be called, at such time and place, as a majority of the persons herein named may direct.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said proprietors, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered, to erect and maintain a Bridge over Eastern river, at the place aforesaid, with a convenient draw, for the passage of vessels, at least twenty-eight feet wide, which draw shall be constructed with strong abutments, and on each side thereof, there shall be a pier, sufficient to secure all such vessels as may attempt to pass through said draw. And the said proprietors shall constantly, between sun-rising and sun-setting, keep some suitable person or persons, at the said Bridge, who shall raise the said draw, for any vessel that may be passing up or down the river aforesaid, without toll or expense; and in case any vessel shall be passing up or down the said river, in the night-time, it shall be the duty of the person or persons tending the said Bridge, upon request of the master or manager of said vessel, to raise the draw for the said vessel to pass through. And for the purpose of re-imbursing the said proprietors, the money to be by them expended, in building and supporting the Bridge hereby authorized:—

Location and construction of the Bridge.

Draw to be raised free of expense, &c.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a toll be, and hereby is granted and established, for the use of said corporation, according to the rates following, viz.: For each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each horse and chaise, chair or sulkey, twelve and a half cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton or other four wheeled carriage, for passengers, twenty-five cents; for each curriole, twenty cents; for each riding sleigh, drawn by one horse, ten cents; for such sleigh, drawn by two horses, seventeen cents; and for every additional horse, beyond two, three cents each; for each cart, sled, sleigh or other carriage of burden, drawn by one animal, ten cents; if drawn by two animals, seventeen cents; and if drawn by more than two animals, three cents for each one additional; for each horse without a rider, and for neat cattle,

Toll granted.

Rates.

three cents each ; for sheep and swine, nine cents per dozen ; and one person only, shall be allowed to each team, as a driver, to pass free of toll ; but all persons, belonging to the Militia of said town, when going to, or returning from any military parade or duty, and all persons going to, or returning from funerals and public worship, in said town, shall pass free of toll. And at all times, when the toll-gatherer shall not attend his duty, the gate or gates shall be left open : and the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of the said Bridge, for passengers, and shall continue for the term of seventy years, from said day ; and at the place where said toll shall be received, there shall be erected, and constantly exposed to view, a sign or board, with the rates of toll fairly and legibly written or painted thereon, in large and conspicuous letters.

Certain persons exempted.

Gates to be left open, when the gatherer shall not attend.

Commencement and continuance of the toll.

Sign to be exposed.

Materials of which the bridge shall be constructed, &c.

Property to revert to the State, in a certain time.

Act to be void, unless the Bridge be erected in a certain time.

Powers restricted

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Bridge shall be well built, with suitable materials, at least twenty-four feet wide, and well covered with planks or timber, with a sufficient railing on each side, and boarded up sixteen inches high, at least, from the flooring of said Bridge, for the safety of passengers traveling thereon ; and the same shall be kept in good, safe and passable repair, at all times ; and at the expiration of the term hereby granted to the proprietors of said Bridge, their property therein, shall be delivered up to the State.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That if the said proprietors shall neglect for the space of three years, from the passing of this Act, to build and finish said Bridge, this Act shall be null and void.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this Act, may be enlarged, restricted or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 15, 1826.*]