

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION

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Purposes, powers and privileges. Yarmouth and Portland, with power by that name to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have and use a common seal; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State; and to take and hold any estate real and personal to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars; and to manage the same for their use and benefit for the purposes aforesaid, by gift, grant, bargain or sale or otherwise; and generally to have and exercise all the powers and privileges usually granted to other corporations for similar purposes: *Provided however*, That the powers granted by this Act, may be enlarged, restricted or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature.

May hold estate, &c.

Powers restricted

First meeting, how called, &c. **SECT. 2.** *Be it further enacted*, That the first meeting of the corporation aforesaid, may be called by Jacob G. Loring, at such time, place and manner, as he may deem expedient, giving reasonable notice thereof.

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 22, 1827.*]

CHAPTER CCCCLXXX.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of the Falls Sluice Way.

Persons incorporated. **SECT. 1.** *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Joseph Whitney, Neal D. Shaw, Elijah D. Green, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic by the name of the Proprietors of the Falls Sluice Way, with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal and to change the same at pleasure; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs not repugnant to the laws of the State, and with all the powers usually granted to such corporations, and may, at any meeting duly called, choose a Clerk and all other necessary officers, by a vote of a majority of the members present, allowing one vote to

Powers, &c.

Officers to be chosen.

each share: *Provided*, No person shall be entitled to more than three votes.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Proprietors hereby incorporated, shall have power to erect, support and maintain a sluiceway leading from the main dam on the river St. Croix, at Milltown, so called, in the town of Calais, on the outside and near the Columbus mill, so called, and extending to the foot or lower part of the Island on which the Mill Bridge is built; and in case it shall be necessary to carry the said sluice over lands of any person or persons, who may be unwilling to agree to the compensation offered by said corporation, the damages sustained by such person or persons, whose lands may be thus taken, shall be estimated or settled, in the manner prescribed by law, in the "Act defining the general powers and duties of Turnpike Corporations."

Proprietors may erect and maintain a sluice way on St. Croix river, &c.

Damages how ascertained.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll be, and is hereby granted and established, for the use of said corporation, upon all articles passing through said sluice way according to the rate following, to wit; for every thousand feet of boards, plank, or joist, board measure, two cents; for every thousand of laths and shingles, three cents; for every thousand of clapboards, six cents; for every thousand of staves, fourteen cents; for oar rafters, each thousand feet, six cents; and for logs, masts or timber, four cents a piece, or stick, and in that proportion for a greater or less number of any of said articles.

Toll established.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if the corporation aforesaid shall not within two years from the passage of this Act, make a good and sufficient sluice way, for the purposes aforesaid, then this Act shall be void.

This Act to be void unless the sluice way be made within two years.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That Joseph Whitney and Neal D. Shaw, may call the first meeting of said corporation, at such time and place as they may direct, by posting up notifica-

First meeting how called, &c.

tions thereof in said town of Calais, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 23, 1827.*]

CHAPTER CCCCLXXXI.

AN ACT to change the name of New Charlestown.

Name changed to Charlestown. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the town of New Charlestown, in the county of Penobscot, shall be called and known hereafter, by the name of Charlestown.

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 23, 1827.*]

CHAPTER CCCCLXXXII.

AN ACT ceding to the United States the jurisdiction of certain lands near the mouth of Piscataqua River.

Jurisdiction of certain lands at the mouth of Piscataqua river ceded. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That there be, and hereby is ceded to the United States, the jurisdiction of the ledge of rocks, called Whale's Back; and also the ledge of rocks called Wood Island, containing about acres, both being situated near the mouth of Piscataqua river, for the purpose of erecting a Light House and any other buildings thereon, which may be found expedient by the Government of the United States: *Provided however,* That this State shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over said territory, hereby ceded, for the purpose of executing and serving all civil and criminal process under the authority thereof.

Concurrent jurisdiction reserved.

[*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 23, 1827.*]