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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

EIGHTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS

SESSION HELD IN JANUARY, 1828.

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CHAPTER DXI.

AN ACT to divide the town of Edgecomb and incorporate that part thereof, known by the name of Jeremy Squam Island, as a town by the name of Westport.

Boundaries of
Westport.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the Island, constituting a part of the town of Edgecomb, in the county of Lincoln, known by the name of Jeremy Squam Island, with the inhabitants thereof be, and the same hereby is, incorporated into a town by the name of Westport.

Arrears of taxes to
be paid by West-
port.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the inhabitants of said town of Westport shall be holden to pay the arrears of all taxes which have been legally assessed on them, together with their proportion of all debts due from said town of Edgecomb, at the time this act shall take effect; and the said town of Westport shall be entitled to receive and hold their proportion of the debts and taxes due to said town of Edgecomb, when collected and paid to said town; and also their proportion of all the real and personal property of said town of Edgecomb, now owned in common by the inhabitants of said towns; said proportion to be ascertained by the last valuation of the respective towns.

Paupers how sup-
ported.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the inhabitants of said town of Westport shall be holden to pay their proportion towards the support of all paupers, actually chargeable upon the town of Edgecomb, when this act shall take effect; said proportion to be ascertained by the valuation aforesaid. And all persons who may, or shall hereafter, become chargeable as paupers, shall be considered as belonging to that town on whose territory they may have gained a legal settlement, and shall be supported by the same.

Collection of taxes
authorized.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the several collectors of taxes for the town of Edgecomb aforesaid, are hereby authorized and empowered to collect and pay all the taxes to them already

committed, agreeably to their several warrants, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the said town of Westport shall pay their said proportion of all such State and County taxes as already are, or may hereafter be assessed on the inhabitants of the town of Edgcomb until the Legislature shall lay a tax upon said town of Westport.

State and county taxes to be paid.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That said towns of Edgcomb and Westport shall constitute a district to elect one Representative to the Legislature of this State, till otherwise provided by law.

Edgcomb and Westport to constitute a district for the choice of Representative.

[Approved by the Governor, February 5, 1828.]

CHAPTER DXII.

AN ACT to establish the Old Town Canal.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Benjamin Fiske and William S. Bridge with their associates and successors be, and they hereby are, created a corporation by the name of the Proprietors of the Old Town Canal; with power to sue and be sued; to have a common seal and the same to change; to make any by-laws not repugnant to the laws of this State; and with all the powers, privileges and immunities incident to a corporation aggregate.

Persons incorporated.

Powers, &c.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Proprietors shall have power to lay out and make a Canal and locks on the east side of the Penobscot river at Old Town falls, for the passage of boats and lumber, commencing at said river about one hundred and twenty feet above the mills at said falls, thence proceeding about sixty rods to the river at the eddy, at the foot of the falls; said Proprietors using the waters of the

Proprietors authorized to make a Canal, &c. on the east side of Penobscot river, at Old town falls.