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PRIVATE ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

EIGHTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS

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same way and manner as if the jurisdiction had not been granted as aforesaid.

[Approved by the Governor, February 15, 1828.]

CHAPTER DXXIX.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of the Bangor Bridge.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Amos Patten, Thomas A. Hill, John Dole, Samuel L. Valentine, with their associates

Persons incorporated.

and successors are constituted a body politic, by the name of "The Bangor Bridge Company," with power to erect a Bridge over the Penobscot River, at any place more than forty rods above the mouth of Kenduskeag stream, from the town of Bangor to the town of Brewer, in the county of Penobscot. And said corporation shall have

Location of the bridge.

power to take and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary to carry said object into effect; to prosecute 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: *Provided,* That aid in the erection of said Bridge shall not be hereafter claimed from the State, by said corporation.

Powers &c.

Aid not to be hereafter claimed from the State.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Bridge shall be built of suitable materials, and be kept in good repair, and shall be at least twenty-six feet wide, with suitable railings on each side, for the safety of passengers; and said Bridge shall be made of sufficient height and with sufficient spaces between their piers or posts, to admit the convenient passage of boats and rafts under and through the same; and said proprietors shall build and keep a convenient and sufficient draw or passage way, at least thirty-four feet wide, at such

Construction of the Bridge.

Draw to be constructed.

place in said Bridge as will be proper for the passage of vessels, by day and by night, through the same; and a suitable wharf or pier, on each side of said Bridge, and adjoining said draw, sufficient for vessels to lie at: And said draw shall be lifted for all vessels without toll or pay, except for boats or vessels passing for pleasure; and all vessels intended to pass through said draw, shall be free of charge, at said wharf or pier, until suitable time shall offer for passing the same.

Draw to be hoisted free of toll, except for certain boats.

SECT. 2. *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, six cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by one beast, ten cents; for each chaise, chair or sulky drawn by one horse, sixteen cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon, constructed for the conveyance of merchandize, or other heavy articles, drawn by two beasts, twelve cents; for each coach, phaeton, or curricule drawn by two beasts, twenty-five cents; for each coach or other vehicle, drawn by four horses, thirty cents; and for additional horses or oxen beyond two, on sleds, sleighs, carts or wagons, two cents each; for droves of neat cattle or horses, two cents a head; for sheep, goats or swine, six 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 fifty years, then next ensuing: *Provided,* That all persons, passing said Bridge on

Toll established.

Rates.

Toll may be commuted.

— when to commence.

military duty, or actually going or returning from the same; and also all persons residing in either of said towns of Bangor or Brewer when passing said Bridge on the Sabbath, on their way to or from public worship, shall be exempt from toll: *Provided however*, That after the term of twenty years from the time of taking such toll, the rate of toll shall be subject to the further regulation of the State.

Certain exemptions.

Toll may be regulated, after a certain time.

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.

Rates of toll to be exposed to view.

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

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That any three of the persons before named, may call the first meeting of said proprietors, by publishing a notification thereof in any newspaper printed in said Bangor twenty 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 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.

First meeting by whom and how called.

Officers to be chosen &c.

Proviso.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That if said corporation shall neglect to build said Bridge for the space of five years from the passing of this Act, then this Act shall be void.

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

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1828.]