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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 DXLIV.

AN ACT relating to Cathance Bridge.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the towns of Bowdoinham and Topsham, in the county of Lincoln, by an appropriation made by each town, are hereby authorized to repair, rebuild, and forever maintain a free bridge across Cathance river, at the place where the bridge is now erected, on the road leading from Topsham to Bowdoinham village, with a suitable draw, or passage way for vessels.

Towns of Bowdoinham & Topsham, authorized to rebuild and maintain the Cathance Bridge.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Act authorizing John Patten and others, to maintain a free bridge over Cathance river, which passed March sixth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, is hereby repealed.

Former Act repealed.

[Approved by the Governor, February 20, 1828.]

## CHAPTER DXLV.

AN ACT to incorporate the York Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That James B. Thornton, Edward S. Moulton, Stephen Fairfield, John Spring, and Josiah Beard, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the York Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; with power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have a common seal, which they may change at pleasure; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State; to take and hold for charitable and benevolent uses, any real estate to the value of three thousand dollars, and any personal estate to the value of five thousand

Persons incorporated.

Powers, &c.

May hold estate, for certain uses.

dollars, and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same; and with all the powers and privileges, usually granted to other societies instituted for charitable and benevolent purposes.

First meeting  
how called.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of said corporation shall be held at such time and place, and be notified in such manner, as a majority of the persons herein named may direct.

Powers restricted.

SECT. 3. *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, February 20, 1828.*]

## CHAPTER DXLVI.

AN ACT to prevent the destruction of fish in the Cobscook river, in the town of Whiting.

Committee to be  
chosen;

to be sworn;

their duties, &c.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That, from and after the passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the town of Whiting, at their annual meeting, in the month of March or April, to choose a committee of three persons, inhabitants of said town, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty; and it shall be their duty to cause the necessary fish ways to be kept open in the waters of the Cobscook or Orange river, and its branches, in said town, for salmon, shad and alewives to ascend and descend the same; and to prosecute all breaches of the provisions of this Act which shall come to their knowledge.

Fishways to be  
made round or  
thro' every dam;  
to be kept open  
a certain period.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That there shall be a good and sufficient fish way made round or through every dam in and across said river or any of its branches, where said fish were ever known to pass, by the owners or occupants of any