

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

NINTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS

SESSION, COMMENCING JANUARY 7th, 1829.

Published agreeably to the Resolve of the 28th June, 1829.

Portland:

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1829.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the annual meetings of said corporation shall be holden at Eastport in the month of April, at which, as well as all other meetings seven members including either the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer shall form a quorum. And meetings may be directed at any other times by the President or the Corporation.

Annual meetings to be holden in April.

Quorum.

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.

Powers may be restricted, &c.



CHAP. 24.

AN ACT to annex part of the town of China to the town of Vassalborough.

Approved February 18, 1829.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That all that part of the south-west corner of the town of China, lying west of the three mile pond, so called, be, and the same hereby is set off from the town of China and annexed to the town of Vassalborough: *Provided*, That the inhabitants of, and owners of land in, the part thus set off, shall be held to pay all taxes legally assessed upon them by said town of China, prior to the passing of this Act.

Description of territory set off.

Inhabitants set off, holden to pay all assessments, &c. made prior to the passage of this act.

CHAP. 25.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Anson Bridge.

Approved February 18, 1829.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assem-*

Persons incorporated.

bled, That Benjamin Weston, Bezer Bryant, David Bronson, Benjamin Weston jr. and John Whorff, their associates and successors, be, and hereby are created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Anson Bridge; and by that name, may prosecute and defend suits at law; may have and use a common seal; may make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State; and may choose a clerk, treasurer, and any other officers proper for the management of their corporate business, by a majority of votes present, allowing one vote to each share, provided that no individual shall be entitled to more than ten votes on all his shares.

Powers to make by-laws and choose officers.

Restrictions as to voting by shares.

Where bridge shall be built

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Bridge shall be built across the Kennebec River, (between Madison and Anson) at some suitable place above Weston's ferry, so called, and within one hundred rods therefrom; and shall be made of good materials and of suitable height from the water, of the width of twenty five feet, at least, well covered with plank, or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of travellers.

Rates of toll.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll be, and hereby is granted for the benefit of said corporation, according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot passenger, two cents; one person and horse, six cents; single horse and cart, horse and sleigh, wagon or any such vehicle with one horse, twelve and a half cents; each horse and chaise or sulkey, seventeen cents; each gig drawn by one horse, twelve and a half cents; and for each additional horse, six cents; each team, including cart, wagon, sled or sleigh, drawn by two oxen, twenty two cents; and for each additional beast, two cents; four wheel carriages, with two horses, twenty five cents, and for every additional horse, six cents; neat cattle and beasts of burden, exclusive of those rode upon or in carriages or teams, two cents each; sheep and swine

at the rate of six and a quarter cents per dozen ; and to each team one person only shall be allowed as a driver to pass free of toll: *Provided however,* That no toll shall be exacted by said proprietors of any persons enrolled in the militia, for passing said bridge, going to or returning from military duty, either for themselves, their baggage or military apparatus, or of any persons going to or returning from public worship on the Lord's day. And at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty, at said bridge, the gate or gates shall be left open. And the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge for passengers, and may be collected in such manner as may be prescribed by said corporation. And at the place where said tolls are collected, the rates of toll shall be fairly and legibly painted on a board or sign, and kept constantly exposed to the view of passengers: *Provided however,* That after the term of ten years from the commencement of taking the toll hereby authorized, the rate thereof shall be subject to the further regulation of the Legislature.

Persons on Military duties, exempt from toll.

Gate to be open when toll-gatherer is absent.

Rates of toll to be painted on a sign.

Rates of toll subject to further regulation after 10 years.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if said corporation shall neglect or refuse, for the space of five years from the passing of this Act, to build and complete said bridge, then this grant shall be void.

This act to be void unless the bridge be built within 5 years.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of this corporation may be called at such time and place, as may be determined by a majority of the persons named in the first section of this Act, by publishing notice thereof in the Somerset Journal, seven days at least, previous to the time of such meeting.

First meeting how called.