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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL

ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

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CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Bethel Bridge.

Approved March 25, 1831.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Nathan F. Twitchell, William Frye, Ezra T. Russell, Barbour Bartlett, John Grover, Aaron Mason, Francis Barker, Moses Barker, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of the Bethel Bridge, with power by that name to sue and be sued; to have a common seal and change the same at pleasure; to ordain, establish and put in execution any by-laws and regulations for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State, and at any meeting duly called, to choose a Clerk and other officers, for managing the business of said corporation, by a vote of a majority of the members present, allowing one vote to each share: *Provided,* That no person shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Bridge shall be erected at Bethel, at or near Barker's Ferry, *from shore to shore,* across the Androscoggin river, of good and sufficient materials, and of suitable height from the water, of the width of twenty one feet, well covered with plank, or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side, for the safety of travellers; and said Bridge shall be so constructed, as to leave sufficient passage ways, for the transportation of timber, and the passage of boats and other water craft.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a toll be, and hereby is granted, for the sole benefit of said corporation, according to the rates following, to wit: for each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, four cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or waggon, drawn by one beast, eight

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cents; for each chaise, chair or sulkey, drawn by one beast, ten cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or waggon drawn by two beasts, twelve cents; and for each additional horse or any other beast of burden beyond two, in sleighs, sleds, carts or waggons, two cents each; for droves of neat cattle or horses, two cents each; and for sheep and swine, ten cents a dozen. And at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend to his duty at the 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 as shall be prescribed by said corporation.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That when the net income of said Bridge shall have fully reimbursed the expenses of building and keeping the same in repair, with twelve per cent. interest thereon, the same shall revert to the State.

Bridge to revert to the State, when.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That if the said corporation shall neglect or refuse, for the space of three years, from the passing of this Act, to build and complete said Bridge, then this Act shall be void.

Act void, if bridge not completed in three years.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That William Frye and Charles Russell, or either of them, may call a meeting of said corporation to be held in Bethel, by posting notifications thereof in two public places in said town of Bethel, seven days at least, before the time of said meeting.

First meeting, how notified.

CHAPTER 175.

AN ACT, in addition to an Act, to incorporate the Stillwater Canal Corporation.

Approved March 25, 1831.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That the term of four years, from and after the pas-