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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL

ACTS

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CHAPTER 183.

AN ACT to establish the Hancock Ferry Company.

Approved March 25, 1831.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That John Stratton, Martin Stratton, Joseph Stratton, with their associates and successors, be, and hereby are created a body politic and corporate by the name of the *Hancock Ferry Company*; with power by that name to sue and be sued; to have and use a common seal, and to 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 to exercise and enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to similar corporate bodies.

Persons incorporated.

Powers.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation be, and hereby are authorized to establish, set up and maintain a Ferry across the arm of the sea between the towns of Hancock and Sullivan, at the place where Sullivan Ferry is now established, with a boat or boats to be propelled by horse or steam power, sufficient for transporting passengers and travellers with their horses, carriages, carts, teams and cattle; and with such other boats as may be useful, safe and convenient for passing said arm of the sea in the night, or at any other time when the passage of said arm of the sea shall be considered dangerous for such steam or horse boats.

May establish ferry between Hancock and Sullivan.

Boats, how propelled.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a toll be, and hereby is granted and established for the sole benefit of the said corporation, according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot person ten cents; for each person and horse, thirty cents; for each chaise, sleigh or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by one horse, fifty cents; for each coach, chariot, sleigh, phaeton, or other

Rates of toll.

carriage of pleasure, drawn by two horses, eighty cents; for each coach, sleigh or other pleasure carriage drawn by four horses, one dollar; for each sled, sleigh, cart or other carriage of burthen drawn by one beast, forty cents; for each cart, waggon, sleigh or sled drawn by two beasts, fifty cents; and for each additional beast ten cents; for neat cattle or horses exclusive of those rode upon, or in teams or carriages, ten cents each; for sheep and swine two cents each; and to each team, one person and no more shall be allowed as a driver, to pass free of toll; elephants, one dollar each; and for all other animals and beasts of show or otherwise, not before enumerated, two cents each.

Duty of corporation.

Penalties for neglect and how recovered.

Special damages.

May build piers, wharves, &c.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall keep at all times, at the Ferry established as aforesaid, a good boat or boats, in good repair, suitable and convenient for the accommodation of travellers, their horses, carriages, carts, teams and cattle, and cause ready and due attendance on passengers, to be given on all occasions; and for every neglect of such attendance, said corporation shall forfeit and pay five dollars; and for every neglect in keeping such boat fifty dollars; each penalty to be recovered by action of debt in any Court of competent jurisdiction, to the use of any person who shall sue therefor; and said corporation shall be further liable to pay in an action on the case all such special damages as any person shall sustain by such neglect.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to build, erect and maintain any piers, railways, wharves, buildings or other conveniences, which shall be necessary for maintaining said Ferry on the shores and landing places of said arm of the sea in the towns of Hancock and Sullivan at such places as are now laid out for the use of the Ferry over said arm of the sea and at such

other places as the Court of Sessions, for the County of Hancock shall adjudge convenient and necessary: *Provided*, That said corporation shall pay the owner or owners of the land, or privilege so occupied and improved, such damages as the Court of Sessions aforesaid shall assess. Damages to owners of land.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That if said corporation shall refuse or neglect for the space of two years from the passing of this Act to set up and establish said Ferry agreeably to the provisions of the second section of this Act, then this grant shall be null and void. This Act void if ferry not established in 2 years.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That any one of the persons mentioned in the first section of this Act be, and hereby is authorized to determine the time and place of holding the first meeting of said corporation, by giving notice thereof in one of the newspapers printed in the County of Hancock, twenty days, at least before said meeting. First meeting, how called.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the Legislature may, at any time, enlarge, restrain or annul the powers granted by this Act. Powers reserved.

CHAPTER 184.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Middle Bridge at Calais.

Approved March 26, 1831.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That John Austin, John Barnard, Salmon Gates, William K. Barnard, Benjamin F. Waite, their associates and successors, be, and hereby are created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Middle Bridge Proprietors; and by that name may sue and be sued; and may have Persons incorporated. Powers granted.