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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL

ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

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one half to the use of the poor of the town or plantation, wherein the offences shall have been committed, and the other half to the use of the person who shall sue therefor.

this Act are to be recovered &c.
How to be applied &c.

SECT. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That "An Act relating to Fish in East Machias waters," passed on the twenty first day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, and An Act entitled "An Act, additional to An Act relating to Fish in East Machias waters," passed the fifteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, be and the same hereby are repealed.

Former Acts repealed.

CHAPTER 321.

AN ACT to incorporate the Scowhegan Free Bridge.

Approved February 14, 1833.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Isaac Farrar, John Kimball, Edmund Pearson, Joseph Patten, Samuel Philbrick, Stephen Weston, John W. Weston, Andrew Morse, Joseph B. Webb, David H. Raymond, Ebenezer H. Neal, Eusebius Weston, and Samuel Farrar, with their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated into a Company by the name of the Proprietors of the Scowhegan Free Bridge, with power to prosecute and defend suits at law; use a common seal; make by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State; choose all necessary officers; and have and exercise all the rights and powers usually granted to Bridge Corporations, except the power of demanding and receiving tolls.

Names of persons incorporated.

Name of Corporation.

Powers &c.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation are authorized to purchase the toll bridge, across the Kennebec River at Scowhegan Falls, with all the rights, privileges, and immunities thereof, by paying to the proprietors thereof the value of said property, to be mutually agreed

Corporation authorized to purchase the toll bridge at Scowhegan Falls.

How the value thereof shall be ascertained.

upon by the parties, or appraised by persons mutually agreed upon, or, in case no such agreement can be had, the value, at which the same may be purchased as aforesaid, shall be appraised by three disinterested persons, appointed by the County Commissioners of the County of Kennebec; said appraisers giving to the parties notice of the time of their meeting to examine the property, and making to them a written award, for whose services compensation shall be made by the free bridge corporation. But such sale shall not take effect prior to the first day of October next after the time, at which it shall be agreed upon. After application made to the proprietors of the toll bridge for a sale thereof, said proprietors shall have two months, in which to give their answer; but said application may be made at any time after the passing of this Act. And after the value of said property shall have been ascertained by any of the modes aforesaid, said proprietors shall have two months, in which to decide whether they will sell. And if, within that time, they shall elect to sell and convey said property at said price, and shall give notice thereof, by publishing their said determination in a newspaper, printed in the County of Somerset, it shall be the duty of the said free bridge proprietors, within six months from said publication, to pay said appraised value, with interest thereon from the time of said publication, to such person as said toll bridge corporation shall, in said publication, designate, and for their use; and they shall thereupon be entitled to a conveyance of said property.

When sale shall take effect &c.

If proprietors of said toll bridge shall not in due season make known their consent to sell, the Proprietors incorporated by this Act are authorized to erect a bridge &c.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That, if the proprietors of said toll bridge shall not, within the time allowed as aforesaid for said purpose, make known their consent to sell said property, at the price, ascertained as aforesaid, the proprietors hereby incorporated, are hereby authorized to erect, maintain, rebuild and repair a bridge across said river, extending from the island in said river, at said falls, Southwardly to the Bloomfield shore and Northwardly to the Milburn shore. *Provided*, the same shall not be built within forty feet from said toll bridge on the north side of said island, or within five rods on the South side.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That no toll shall be demanded or received by the proprietors hereby incorporated, whether they purchase the said toll bridge or erect a new bridge as aforesaid. And any three of the persons above named may call the first meeting of said corporation, by publishing the time and place thereof two weeks successively in a newspaper printed in said County.

No toll shall be received.

First meeting—how to be called.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the town of Bloomfield, by vote in legal meeting, to accept that part of said bridge, which may be South of the middle of said island, and for the town of Milburn to accept that part thereof, which lies north of the middle line of said island. And the town, so accepting, shall have power to maintain and keep in repair the portion of said Bridge, so accepted, and, from time to time, to vote and raise all necessary sums of money therefor. *Provided*, that the town, so accepting shall be bound to maintain the portion of said bridge, accepted as aforesaid, and keep it in repair, safe, easy and convenient for travellers forever; and shall be subject to the same liabilities in relation thereto, that towns are subject to, in relation to public highways within their limits.

Bloomfield and Milburn may accept said bridge &c.

Proviso.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be void, unless the proprietors hereby incorporated shall have purchased said toll bridge, or erected a new one as aforesaid, within four years from the passing hereof, and unless said towns shall agree to accept the respective portions of said bridge, as above mentioned.

This Act to be void unless &c.

CHAPTER 322.

AN ACT for the preservation of the Rumford Bridge.

Approved February 14, 1833.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That if any person, after the first day of April next, shall willingly ride or drive any horse or horses, or drive any ox team, over or upon the

Forfeiture for riding or driving over said bridge faster than at a walk.