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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL
ACTS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE,
PASSED BY THE
FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE,
At its Session, held in January, 1834.

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1834.

Corporate name.	Calvin Copeland, their associates, successors and assigns be, and hereby are incorporated into a company by the name of the Bangor and Dexter Stage Company, for the purpose of establishing and continuing a line of Stages from
Powers, privileges, liabilities, &c.	Bangor to Dexter, with power to prosecute, and defend suits at law ; to have a common seal, make by laws for the management of the company, not inconsistent with the laws of the State ; take and hold any real and personal
Amount of capital stock.	estate, to an amount not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars at any one time, and generally to have, exercise and enjoy all the privileges, rights and powers, usually
First meeting—how called.	granted to similar corporations; and the said Stevens Davis may convene the first meeting of said corporation, first giving to his associates such notice as he may think suitable.

CHAPTER 409.

AN ACT to incorporate the Neguemkeag Mill Dam Company.

Approved February 1, 1834.

Names of persons incorporated.	SECT. 1. <i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,</i> That Thomas Carleton, Jacob Southwick, William Pruden, Abiel Getchell, Ebenezer Fry, George Carleton, Caleb Nichols, Nathaniel Doe, Goodloe H. Getchell, Alexander P. Baxter, Moses Purrington, William Redington and Daniel Marshall, with their associates, successors and assigns, be and they hereby
Corporate name.	are created a body corporate, by the name of the Neguemkeag Mill Dam Company, with power by that name
Powers, privileges, liabilities, &c.	to prosecute and defend suits at law and equity, to have and use a common seal, make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the State, have and hold estate, real, personal and mixed, to such an amount as may be necessary for the profitable
Amount of capital stock.	conducting of their affairs not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars, and have and exercise all the rights and privileges of a corporation.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation are hereby empowered to erect, maintain, repair and rebuild a Mill Dam upon the Kennebec River, in the town of Vassalborough, to extend from the East Bank of said River on lot numbered eighty nine in said town Westwardly, a distance not exceeding one hundred and fifty feet into said river; thence up the stream of said river about one hundred rods to the "Guide Rock" so called, and upon said dam to erect and keep up mills, factories and machinery at their pleasure. *Provided,* That the powers herein granted shall be void, unless said dam be completed within three years from the passage of this Act.

Empowered to erect Mill Dam over Kennebec river in the town of Vassalboro'.

And erect and maintain mills upon the same.

Provido.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation may from time to time choose all necessary officers, establish the mode of calling meetings, divide the Capital Stock into shares, determine the mode of conveying shares, levy assessments thereon and fix the method of enforcing payment thereof; and all questions and elections shall be decided by a majority of the votes given, each share being entitled to one vote, *Provided* the shares belonging to any one proprietor do not exceed one half the whole number of shares.

May choose officers, &c.

Divide capital stock into shares and levy assessments, &c.

Each share entitled to a vote. Provido.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if, by means of the dam or of any of the structures which may be erected by said corporation, the channel, called the East channel, shall be affected, either by narrowing the width of it, or by throwing the current of water upon the rocks westward of said channel, or otherwise, so as to prevent the passage of rafts and boats with a degree of safety and facility equal to that now realized, it shall be the duty of said corporation, by blowing away the rocks or otherwise, to keep open a channel way for said purposes as safe and easy as that now existing.

Corporation to keep open a safe and easy channel way for the passage of rafts and boats.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That after the erection of said dam, if any three or more of the mill-owners upon said river shall be of opinion that said corporation has neglected the requirements of the fourth section of this Act, they may make complaint thereof in writing to the Court of

Millowners may make complaint in writing to County Commissioners if provisions of this act are not complied with.

Commissioners on such complaint to view the premises and award costs to corporation if complaint is unfounded;

and to complainants if complaint is well founded, and prescribe to corporations improvements necessary to be made in the channel way.

Duty of corporation to make such improvement.

Proceedings to be had in case corporation neglect to make the prescribed improvements.

Lien created on the dam and use of the water flowed thereby for thirty days from the date of warrant of distress to secure its collection.

Mode of selling the same.

County Commissioners of the County of Kennebec. And the said Court, after notifying and hearing the parties with their witnesses, and after viewing the premises, shall adjudicate upon said complaint; and if they find the same to have been unfounded, they shall award reasonable costs to said corporation against said complainants. But if they find said complaint to have been well founded, they shall award reasonable costs to said complainants against said corporation, and shall in writing, prescribe to said corporation the character and extent of the improvement necessary to be made upon said channel way as above required, and the time in which the same shall be finished. And it shall be the duty of said corporation to make such improvement accordingly.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That if said corporation shall refuse or neglect to have the improvement, prescribed as aforesaid, made and completed within the time limited therefor, said Court, on application, may appoint a Committee of one or more suitable persons to enter into contracts for making and completing the same at the expense of said corporation. And said Court are hereby authorized to issue their warrant of distress against said corporation, for the collection of said expense, together with reasonable compensation to said Committee and other reasonable costs, to be enforced and collected as executions, issuing from courts of law, are enforced and collected.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That for securing the collection of said warrant of distress, a lien shall exist upon said dam and the use of the water flowed thereby, to continue after the date of said warrant the term of thirty days, within which the officer having said warrant, may seize said dam and right to use the water thereof, also the privileges and buildings erected thereon. And said officer having so seized the same, and having, in notifying, selling and conveying, proceeded in all respects as is required in selling on execution and equity of redeeming mortgaged real estate, the title of the purchaser shall be valid and not sub-

ject to be redeemed, notwithstanding any preceding or intermediate conveyances made by or under said corporation.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That Abiel Getchell and Jacob Southwick may call the first meeting of said corporation, by publishing the time and place thereof fourteen days previously in some newspaper printed in said county.

First meeting,
how notified.

CHAPTER 410.

AN ACT to incorporate the Odoms Ledge Fishing Company.

Approved February 1, 1834.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That Daniel Lancaster, Dean Skinner, James Staples, and Samuel Grant the second, with their associates, successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a company, by the name of the Odoms Ledge Fishing Company with the right and power to build, maintain and manage for their own use any wear or wears for the taking of Fish at Odoms Ledge in Penobscot river and said corporation shall continue for the term of ten years from the first day of March next, and shall have 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, and take and hold estate real and personal to such amount as may [be] necessary for the purpose aforesaid, and any two of the persons above named may call the first meeting of the corporation, on giving such notice as they may deem sufficient. *Provided however*, That this Act shall not be so construed as to exempt the corporators or any other person or persons from the operation of any laws now in force or which may hereafter be in force for the preservation of Fish in the waters of the Penobscot River and Bay.

Names of persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges, and liabilities.

First meeting—
how notified.

Proviso.