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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL

ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

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CHAPTER 473.

AN ACT requiring a Sluice way to be constructed on the Meduxnekeag Stream and for other purposes.

Approved March 4, 1834.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That within three months from the time of passing of this Act, it shall be the duty of the owner or owners of a mill-dam on the Meduxnekeag stream in the town of Houlton, commonly known and called by the name of Jay S. Putnam's mill-dam, to construct a sufficient sluice or passage way by or through said dam, to admit of the free passage of salmon and other kinds of fish through the same, and to be constructed of sound and durable materials and to keep the same in good repair.

Owner of mill-dam in the town of Houlton required to construct a sluice-way for passage of fish.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That no dam or other obstruction shall hereafter be erected on said stream above the dam described in the first section of this act, or upon any of the principal streams entering into the same, unless sufficient sluices or passage ways are constructed for the purposes as described in the first section as aforesaid; and in case any such obstructions should hereafter be erected and continued, without such sluices or passage-ways, it shall be lawful for the Agent of said town of Houlton or for any other person by his authority, to remove such obstructions—after having given reasonable notice to the person or persons who caused the same to be so erected and who shall thereupon neglect or refuse to provide sufficient sluices or passage ways as aforesaid.

No dams to be hereafter erected on the said stream without sufficient sluice-ways and in case such obstructions are erected they may be removed on giving reasonable notice.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the sluice or passage way as described in the first section of this act, shall be constructed under the direction of the Agent of the town of Houlton and shall be completed to his acceptance and in case the owner or owners of said dam shall not within the time limited by this Act, erect and complete such sluice or passage way, it shall be lawful for said Selectmen to

Sluice-way to be constructed under the direction of the agent of Houlton.

build and construct the same at the expense of the owner or owners of said dam, and to recover the amount thereof in any Court competent to try the same.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the sluice or passage ways on said Meduxnekeag stream as contemplated by this Act, shall be kept open and free for the passage of salmon and other kinds of fish, such parts of the year as the Selectmen of said town of Houlton for the time being shall order and direct, and they shall at all times have power to inspect the same and to establish such regulations in reference thereto as they may deem necessary and proper to effect the objects contemplated by this Act.

CHAPTER 474.

AN ACT to annex to the town of New Portland sundry Lots of land lying in New Vineyard.

Approved March 4, 1834.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That the following lots of land in the town of New Vineyard, to wit: lots numbered five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen in the North range of lots in said town be and hereby, with the inhabitants thereon, are set off from the town of New Vineyard and annexed to and made a part of New Portland—*Provided*, That all taxes heretofore legally assessed upon the inhabitants hereby annexed to New Portland, shall be paid to the town of New Vineyard in the same manner as if this Act had not passed. And *provided also*, that until a new State valuation be taken, the inhabitants with their polls and estates, included within the territory hereby set off and annexed to the town of New Portland, shall pay their just and equal proportion of all such State and County taxes as may be legally assessed upon them by the town of New Vineyard—and the Treasurer and Collector for the time being of said town, are

Certain lots of land annexed to town of New Portland.

Proviso.

Inhabitants of said territory to pay their proportion of taxes to New Vineyard till a new valuation.