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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

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CHAPTER 563.

AN ACT incorporating the Somerset Ferry Company.

Approved March 11, 1835.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That William Hilton, John S. Tenney, Amos Townsend, Amasa Manley, Samuel Searle, John H. Sawyer, Augustus J. Rowe and John H. Webster, and their associates, successors and assigns, be and hereby are created a Corporation by the name of the Somerset Ferry Company, with power by that name to sue and be sued, have a common seal, and make by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this State, and to exercise the powers incident to similar corporations, and to maintain a Horse Ferry across the Kennebec River in Norridgwock at the place where the County Commissioners have licensed Henry Bickford, Jr. and Stephen Bowden to keep a Ferry; said Corporation being bound at all times, (when necessary, and the River not passable on the ice,) to have and keep suitable boats, apparatus and attendants for the safe, convenient and speedy transportation of passengers, with their teams, horses and carriages—*Provided however* that this Act shall cease to be in force, and be void, whenever the “Norridgwock Bridge Proprietors” shall erect a Bridge and finish the same across the Kennebec River at or near the place described in this Act, in virtue of their Act of incorporation passed February twenty-fifth eighteen hundred and thirty-four.

Names of persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

Powers, &c.

Corporation bound to keep suitable boats, apparatus and attendants.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That there is hereby granted to said Corporation a toll for said transportation, at the following rates—Each foot passenger two cents, person and horse six and a quarter cents, each horse or kine two cents, each waggon, cart, gig, sled or sleigh, drawn by one horse, eight cents, each chaise or other pleasure carriage drawn by one horse twelve and an half cents, each unloaded waggon or cart or sled drawn by two beasts twelve and an half cents, each loaded waggon, cart or sled

Rates of toll.

drawn by two beasts twenty cents; each unloaded waggon, cart or sled drawn by four beasts, twenty cents; each loaded waggon, cart or sled drawn by four beasts, twenty-five cents, each coach, hack or other pleasure carriage, drawn by two or more beasts twenty-five cents. All licensed ferrymen, all soldiers on foot, going to or coming from military trainings, elections or musters, all persons on foot going to or from religious meetings on the Sabbath, all legal voters going to or from elections or town meetings, and all who attend at funerals in the town of Norridgewock shall pass said ferry free of toll.

Certain persons allowed to pass free of toll.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation be and hereby is authorized and empowered to build, construct and maintain any piers, wharves, buildings or other conveniences necessary for maintaining said Ferry on the shores and landing places of the Kennebec River at such places as are now laid out and appropriated for the use of the Ferry over said river—*Provided*, that said Corporation shall pay the owner or owners of the land or privilege so occupied and improved such damage as shall be agreed upon, or the County Commissioners shall award.

Corporation allowed to build and maintain suitable piers, &c.

Proviso.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said Corporation shall pay to Henry Bickford Jr. and Stephen Bowden, or either of them, a just and fair compensation for any interest or right they or either of them now have, in any boats or other personal property owned by them, connected with or appertaining to the Ferry heretofore established, as aforesaid; and in case there should be any disagreement as to the value of such property or materials, the Court of County Commissioners for said County of Somerset, shall appraise the same after giving reasonable notice to the parties respectively interested, and such sum as said Commissioners shall decide said property to be worth shall be paid by this Corporation and be in full satisfaction for the same.

Corporation to pay to Bickford and Bowden, or either of them, a fair compensation for their boats, &c.

Value of Boats, &c.—how to be determined in case of disagreement.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That William Hilton, one of the present Ferrymen and named in the first section of this Act, may own the whole or any part of the stock

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of said Corporation—*Provided*, he shall furnish and deliver to said Corporation a good and sufficient bond within ten days after the first meeting of said Corporation, that he will comply with the provisions of this Act. Proviso.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That if said Ferry be not furnished with all necessary and convenient boats and apparatus and in operation in four months from the passing of this Act, the powers hereby granted shall be void. And said powers may at any time be enlarged, modified or annulled at the pleasure of the Legislature. Time allowed to finish Boats and apparatus.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That any two of the persons named in the first section of this Act, may call the first meeting of said Corporation, by giving such reasonable notice as they may deem proper, at which meeting all officers may be chosen and corporation business transacted. Manner of calling first meeting.

CHAPTER 564.

AN ACT to incorporate the Moosehead Lake Steam Navigation Company.

Approved March 12, 1835.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That Pearson Cogswell, Leonard Holmes, Asa B. Hogins, Samuel C. Fitzgerald, Isaac Child, Moses W. Burnham, Jonas Brown and John Merrill, their associates successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are incorporated and made a body politic by the name of the Moosehead Lake Steam Navigation Company, for the purpose of navigating the waters of Moosehead Lake with steam boats; and for this purpose shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, and requirements, contained in an Act, passed the eighth day of March, A. D. 1821, defining the general powers and duties of Manufacturing Corporations. And for the purposes aforesaid may own and manage real estate not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars and personal estate not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars. Names of persons incorporated.
Corporate name.
Powers and privileges.
Amount of real and personal estate.