

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1835.

Published agreeably to the Resolve of June 28, 1820.

AUGUSTA:

WILLIAM J. CONDON.....PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1835.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be and the same hereby are repealed.

CHAPTER 592.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of the Merrymeeting Bridge.

Approved March 21, 1835.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That William King, George F. Patten, Joseph Sewall, David C. Magoun, William Richardson, John Patten, Daniel Marston, Charles Clapp and Oliver Moses, with their associates and successors, be and they hereby are constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Merrymeeting Bridge, with power to erect and maintain a Bridge over the Androscoggin River, at or across Mustard's Island, so called, and from land in Brunswick to that on the opposite side in Topsham, and to purchase and hold such estate, real and personal, as may be necessary to carry into complete effect the object aforesaid, and with all other powers usually granted or incident to such Corporations.

Names of persons incorporated.

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges, and right to hold property.

Construction and location of bridge.

Rates of toll to be fairly and legibly printed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Bridge shall be well built of good materials, at least twenty four feet wide, well railed, and kept in good, safe and passable repair; and at the place where tolls are collected, the rates of toll shall be fairly and legibly printed in large or capital letters, and kept constantly exposed to the view of passengers.

Proprietors to keep and maintain a sufficient draw for passage of vessels, &c.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said Proprietors shall build and keep ready for opening, over the main channel and as nearly as may be at right angles to the same a sufficient draw for all vessels of ten or more tons burden and for Steam Boats passing up or down said river with all reasonable facility and convenience and shall at all times

raise said draw when requested for the passage of such vessels; and shall also keep open, under said Bridge, a sufficient passage way of at least seventy five feet wide, on the Eastern side of said Island, and another similar passage way of at least fifty feet wide on the Western side of said Island; each as nearly as may be at right angles to the channel and each for the passage of rafts up and down said river, and to be made and kept in the most convenient place therefor: and said passageways shall be of sufficient height for the passage of Gondolas ordinarily loaded with boards or other lumber under the same at common high water. Said Proprietors shall also keep a sufficient light suspended under the centre of the wide passage way aforesaid, during the night time, whenever the same shall be useful for rafts or gondolas, passing as aforesaid.

—and sufficient passage way for passage of rafts, &c.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said Proprietors shall be liable to the owners of saw mills, erected at the falls above said Bridge, before the erection of said Bridge, for damage, if any, thereto from back water occasioned by the erection of said Bridge, except the same shall be owing to freshets or unavoidable casualty.

Proprietors liable to owners of saw mills, &c., for damage.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the four first named Corporators, or any two of them, be authorized to call the first meeting of said Corporation by notice of the time and place thereof, published two weeks before said meeting in a newspaper printed in Bath; at which meeting it shall be lawful to choose a Clerk, Treasurer and such other officers as may be thought proper; to determine the mode of calling future meetings, and the manner of voting therein; and then, or at any future meeting, to make by-laws for their regulation and government, not repugnant to the laws of the State.

First meeting—how called—proceedings of, &c.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That said Proprietors may lawfully demand and receive, at said Bridge, of all persons passing the same, a toll not exceeding the following rates, namely, for each foot passenger two cents; each person and horse six cents; each chaise or sulkey drawn by one horse twelve and a half cents; each sleigh drawn

Rates of toll established.

by two horses, twelve and a half cents; each coach, phaeton, chariot or curricule, twenty five cents; each wagon, cart, sled, or other carriage of burden drawn by one or two beasts, and for each sleigh drawn by one horse, eight cents; and for each additional yoke of cattle or horse in the same team, two cents; neat cattle or horses, exclusive of those rode on, or harnessed, two cents each; sheep and swine at the rate of eight cents the dozen; elephants fifty cents each; other beasts of show, six cents each: and to each team, one person, and no more as a driver may pass free of toll: and all persons who shall be actually on military duty shall be permitted to pass free of toll.

CHAPTER 593.

AN ACT to provide for the sale and distribution of the Ministerial and School Lands in the Plantation of Argyle.

Approved March 21, 1835.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the Assessors, Plantation Clerk and Treasurer of the Plantation of Argyle in the County of Penobscot, for the time being, be, and they hereby are constituted and declared to be a body corporate and Trustees of the Ministerial and School Lands in said Plantation, so long as the same shall remain unincorporated; with power to prosecute and defend suits at law, to have a common seal to make any by-laws not repugnant to the laws of this State with all other powers incident by law to such Corporations and said Trustees shall annually elect a President, Clerk and Treasurer, and the Treasurer shall give bond with sufficient sureties in the opinion of the Trustees for the faithful discharge of his trust, and the Clerk shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Trustees aforesaid be and they are hereby vested with all the powers granted to and be subject to and perform all the duties required by law of Trustees of incorporated towns for similar purposes.

Assessors, Clerk and Treasurer of Argyle made body corporate.

Powers, privileges, &c.

To choose officers annually.

Treasurer to give bond, and Clerk to be sworn.

Duties and powers of said Trustees.