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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 52.

AN ACT to incorporate the Bethel Bridge Company.

Approved February 29, 1836.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Nathan F. Twitchell, Barbour Bartlett, Timothy Hastings, Eli Twitchill, Jedediah Burbank, Ebenezer Eames, Seth Wight, Joel C. Virgin, James Walker, Robbins Brown, John Kimball, Seth B. Newell, Sumner Stearns, Thomas Stearns, George Chapman, with their associates, successors and assigns be and they are hereby created a Corporation by the name of the Bethel Bridge Company and by that name may sue and be sued, have and use a common seal, and at any meeting choose all officers necessary to manage their business, and make by laws for regulating their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State by a majority of the votes of the proprietors present, allowing one vote to each share—*Provided*, no person shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

Names of Corporators.

Corporate name.
Powers, &c.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said Bridge shall be erected across the Androscoggin River, at or near Barker's Ferry in Bethel in the County of Oxford, shall be constructed of good materials, of suitable height from the water, and not less than twenty feet wide, with suitable and sufficient covering and railing for the safety of passengers, and sufficient passage ways shall be left for the passage of Boats, Rafts, Logs and Timber.

Place of erection and manner of construction

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a toll be and hereby is granted and established for the benefit of said Corporation, according to the rates following, to wit, for every foot passenger two cents; for each horse and rider six cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or waggon drawn by one beast, ten cents; for each chaise, chair, or sulkey drawn by one beast sixteen cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or waggon drawn by two beasts fifteen cents; for each additional horse or any other beast of burden beyond two in sleighs, sleds, carts, or waggons three cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton, or curricule thirty cents; for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules, or asses two cents each, for

Rates of toll.

sheep and swine, six cents a dozen; for elephants, one dollar each; and for all other animals or beasts of show twenty five cents each; and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually travelling in any of said vehicles; but this exception shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll, and only one person as a driver to each team shall be allowed to pass free of toll; persons going to or returning from military duty, and persons going to and returning from any place of public worship on the sabbath, and persons going to and returning from funerals shall be allowed to pass said Bridge free of toll.

Certain persons to pass free of toll.

Rates of toll to be legibly printed and exposed to view, &c.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That at the place of collecting tolls said Corporation shall keep constantly exposed to view, a board or sign, upon which shall be plainly and legibly printed, the rates of toll aforesaid, and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the toll house, the gate or gates shall be left open, and the Bridge be toll free; and said toll shall commence on the day when said Bridge is first opened for passengers.

Time allowed to build Bridge.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That if said Corporation shall neglect or refuse for the space of four years from the passing of this Act, to build and complete said Bridge, then this Act shall be void and of no effect.

Mode of calling first meeting.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That any two persons abovenamed may call the first meeting of the Corporation by posting up notice of the time, purpose, and place thereof, in two public places in the towns of Bethel and Newry fourteen days before the the time of said meeting.

Chapter 53.

AN ACT to incorporate the Bluehill Granite Company.

Approved February 29, 1836.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That Pierson Cogswell, Jonas L. Sibley, William Palmer, Daniel Hazeltine, Abra-

Names of corporations.