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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

SIXTYEIGHTH LEGISLATURE,

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Chapter 71.

AN ACT to renew the charter of the Kittery Point Bridge.

Approved March 4, 1836.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That William T. Gerrish, Richard Cutts, Joseph Dame, Darius Frisbee, John S. Lawrence, their associates successors, and assigns be and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic by the name of the Proprietors of the Kittery Point Bridge, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a Bridge over Spruce Creek, with power to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure, to make by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State, and may enjoy all the powers and privileges incident and belonging to similar corporations, and may at any meeting, choose a Clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and any other officers, that they may deem necessary for managing the business of said Corporation, by a vote of a majority of the members present, allowing one vote to each share, *Provided* no Proprietor shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

Names of Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers, &c.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Corporation be and they are hereby fully authorized and empowered to erect a Bridge over Spruce Creek any where between the old ferry way on the Eastern side of the Creek and the mouth of said Creek in the town of Kittery, and the right of building and maintaining a Bridge across said Creek is hereby fully granted to said Corporation, and the said Bridge shall be built of durable materials, not less than twenty feet in width, and well covered with plank or timber suitable for such a bridge, with railing on each side for the safety of passengers.

Location of the bridge.

Width, materials, &c.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a draw or hoist shall be constructed in said Bridge of the width of twenty six feet for vessels to pass, and a suitable wharf or pier on each side of said Bridge and adjoining said draw. And

Draw to be constructed, with a wharf or pier.

Draw to be opened, free from expense to those who pass.

the said proprietors shall cause the said draw to be hoisted or opened for such vessels as may have occasion to pass through the same, free of expense, and without unnecessary delay, and the said Bridge shall be so constructed, that gondolas and boats may pass under said Bridge at any time of tide with safety, and that part of the Bridge consisting of the draw shall be at least seventeen feet wide.

Rate of toll established.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of remunerating said Proprietors, a toll be and hereby is granted for the sole benefit of the said proprietors according to the following rates, to wit: for each foot passenger, one cent; for each person and horse eight cents; for each chaise, sleigh or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by one horse twelve and half cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton, sleigh or other pleasure carriage drawn by two horses, forty cents; for each pleasure carriage drawn by more than two horses, fifty cents; for each sled, sleigh, wagon or cart, or other carriage of burthen drawn by one horse, ten cents; for each cart, wagon, sled, sleigh or other carriage of burthen drawn by two horses or oxen, fifteen cents, and for each additional beast, three cents; for neat cattle or horses, exclusive of those rode on or in teams, or carriages, three cents; for sheep or swine one cent each; and to each team, one person only shall be allowed to pass free of toll; *Provided*, That all persons belonging to the town of Kittery, going to or returning from public worship on the Sabbath day, or going to and returning from funerals, or any person going to or returning from military duty shall be allowed to pass, free of toll; and at all times when the toll gatherer does not attend to his duty, the gate shall be set open; and the toll shall commence on the day of opening the Bridge for passengers; and the proprietors aforesaid, shall at all times keep exposed to public view, at the place where the toll is collected, a sign with the rates of toll legibly written thereon.

Proviso.

Gates to be left open when the toll gatherer does not attend.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That unless said Bridge shall be erected, and finished, within the space of two years from the passing of this Act, then this grant shall be void.

Bridge to be erected within two years.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That any three of the before named proprietors may, by posting up, notifications in two or more public places, in the Town of Kittery, call a meeting of said Proprietors to be holden at Kittery Point, at such convenient time and place as shall be mentioned in said notification, ten days at least before the time of said meeting.

Mode of calling first meeting.

Chapter 72.

AN ACT to incorporate the Maine Silk Culture and Manufacturing Company.

Approved March 4, 1836.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That Edward Savage, Alfred Redington, Johnson Lunt, Eben Fuller, William A. Drew, Ezekiel Holmes, Moses Tabor, Charles Williams, J. H. Hartwell, John Eveleth, Jacob Stanwood, Junr., Eben White, John Agry Junr., their associates, successors, and assigns be and they hereby are created a body corporate and politic by the name of the Maine Silk Culture and Manufacturing Company for the purpose of cultivating the Mulberry Tree, growing silk and manufacturing the same, to be located in the County of Kennebec on their own lands, to have and to hold personal and real estate to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and for these purposes, shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and requirements, contained in the several Acts of this State, defining the general powers and duties, incident to similar corporations, and also subject to an Act concerning corporations passed February sixteenth one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Names of corporator.

Corporate name.

May hold estate to the amount of \$50,000.

Powers and duties: